If one of you were to ask me who my favorite teacher was in the seminary I would, hands down, say: Jack Shea. No doubt about it. I was so fortunate to have had two classes with Jack when he was on the faculty of Mundelein. Jack Shea will, undoubtedly, go down in history as one of the foremost theologians and spiritual writers of our time. Several years ago, in the late 90s, Jack began writing a four-book series entitled *The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers*. It’s one of my “go-to’s” every week as I prepare a homily. As I like to tell people, I’ve never had an original thought in my life! All my ideas are stolen from Jack Shea!

All that being said, as we launch into Advent today on this First Sunday, I would really like to encourage everyone to consider coming together on **Wednesday, December 18** for our Advent Evening of Reflection with Jack Shea. This is not the first time Jack Shea has done this program. In fact, I enjoy this evening so much that I almost demand that we keep asking him to come back for an encore performance. And the reason I’m pushing it more this year is because I really would like the people of Old St. Pat’s who have never heard Jack, especially our young adults, to check it out. The evening format is usually Jack giving four or five short reflections that are broken up with a musical interlude of some Christmas or Advent carols. Jack normally uses short stories, poetry, and his wise preaching to crack open the mysteries of the Christmas stories like we’ve never heard them before. I can’t say enough good things about this delightful evening. So, that’s my sales pitch and I hope you’ll mark the calendar and give yourself an evening to relax and enjoy some spiritual wisdom.

The other part of my invitation for something to experience during Advent also happens on that same evening of Wednesday, December 18 and that’s our **Evening of Reconciliation**. Unfortunately, the most under-utilized sacrament in the church is reconciliation and yet it’s perhaps the most glorious and refreshing of them all! I keep thinking of the many images from the gospels when Jesus is about seeking the lost and wanting to give new life to the weary. Most days, I find myself squarely in that category. And I don’t think I’m alone. There’s nothing better than hearing the words: “you are forgiven” and hearing the wisdom of one who stands in the person of Christ who tells me “it’s okay, all is good, let’s start over and try again.” Clearing our minds and hearts just before Christmas through the gift of God’s mercy and grace is like treating ourselves to a spiritual spa day! On December 18 at 5:30, just before Jack Shea’s presentation, I invite you to participate in this Advent Reconciliation liturgy. I was able to get just about all the clergy who help at Old St. Pat’s to be here on that night. Of course, it took some coaxing by me promising them all dinner afterward to get the priests to commit! But it worked! We are blessed with the best priests in the Catholic Church who are the most compassionate, pastoral people I’ve ever met. They are here for us.

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving weekend.

Father Tom Hurley
During Advent we have asked some of our church members, friends, and staff to respond on a one-word prompt. The word prompts reflect some of the themes we will be hearing in the Sunday Gospels.

**Awake... Repent ... Prophet**

This Sunday, we’ve asked our writers to share their thoughts on what it is to be “Awake.”

**First Sunday of Advent | December 1, 2019 | Awake**

I heard it said once that you can only connect the dots in life looking backwards. At age 65, having been married for nearly 40 years, watched 4 children grow up who brought 5 grandchildren into our family, my life is full of dots. The older I get, the more I believe that God is the connector of the dots, especially the big ones. For example, a dot connected when our granddaughter Addie, who has a physical disability received her first wheelchair. She received her chair in the exact space that was used by my wife and I when we worked at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago some 30 years earlier. Another dot connected around adoption. Having grown up with an adopted sister, my wife and I also chose to adopt a child only to find that our adopted son and my adopted sister both have the same birthdays. Are these connections just coincidences? I don’t think so. Sometimes God makes his actions so obvious even those of us who will never be Jeopardy champions can see it.

As I move through my senior years, I notice God’s hand in my life more than ever. My hearing and eyes may not be the best, but sense of God is improving. God is not just coming sometime in the future, He is already here.

**Paul Zellner and his wife Carol reside in Downers Grove surrounded by their 5 grandchildren.**

Paul is is a retired recruiter who enjoys OSP Men's ministry, running, sailing and especially being with family.

Every day is a challenge for us to make sure we have enough food, know what tasks need to be accomplished and make use of various forms of technology to help us get through the day. We are so often hamsters on a wheel in our cage, running and running. Occasionally we stop in our wheel and peer out at the world. Our lives fly by like a fleeting moment. What is important in our Christian life? As disciples of Christ, we are called to go beyond ourselves and our communities and minister to others. It takes preparation, commitment and perseverance to step out of our comfort zone. It is about providing help to people who are lost and cannot find their way. It is not just about believing our faith, but rather includes actions that communicates our values. It is not enough to read and know scriptures about Christ’s life, we must wake up and live it. This is the preparation for Jesus’ return. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come.” II Corinthians 5:17

**Pat Sullivan is an OSP intern from the Catholic Theological Union, involved in OSP’s North Lawndale Kinship Initiative. Pat is working towards completing her Master’s in Pastoral Studies.**

As a child, I always wanted to stay up late to be awake for things like the countdown on New Year’s Eve, scary movies and marathon slumber parties. I didn’t want to miss anything.

I see now that I don’t have to deprive myself of sleep to be awake. Being awake means paying attention and developing genuine presence in my daily routine. Jesus invites us to be awake in this way.

I strive to accept that invitation by recognizing that God is in it all. When I am awake I can see my connection to others and the beautiful gift of creation that is everywhere. I need to close my eyes in prayer and meditation to keep the eyes of my heart open. Staying awake is a work in progress. I need the vigilance described in today’s gospel so that I am prepared to see the God that is already here, everywhere, all the time. I guess I still don’t want to miss anything!

**Kathy Powers is a Physician Assistant at Stroger Hospital. She has been involved in the Kinship Initiative, Just Faith and Gay+ for several years.**
EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | CONTACT
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Gay + Gathering | Sunday, December 1 | 6:15 - 7:45 pm | 718 W. Adams Ministry Center | gayplus@oldstpats.org
Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, December 3 | See below for details! | bit.ly/ospgivingtuesday
First Friday Club with Fr. Ed Foley | Friday, December 6 | 12 pm - 1:15 pm | The Union League Club | firstfridayclubchicago.org/events
OSP Book Club | Sunday, December 8 | 9:30 - 11 am | 711 W. Monroe - Library | Eileen Sutter ehsutter@gmail.com
After Five - Christmas Movie Night | Sunday, December 8 | 6 - 7:45 pm | Hughes Hall | ospnext@oldstpats.org
Zoo Lights Night | Friday, December 13 | 6 - 9 pm | Lincoln Park Zoo | ospnext@oldstpats.org
Annual Homeless Persons’ Memorial | Tuesday, December 17 | 6:30 pm | Old St. Patrick’s Church | 312-226-9184 ispretreats.org
An Advent Evening of Reflection | Wednesday, December 18 | See Page 8 | Bob Kolatorowicz bok@oldstpats.org

**GIVING TO OSP**

Sunday Giving comprises 96% of Old St. Pat’s operating budget. Everything we do here – from liturgy and music to educating our youngest members to our Kinship Initiative in North Lawndale to Pastoral Care to our transformative RCIA experience to Encore, Gay+, the Men’s Group, OSP Next, etc. – is made possible by your generous support of Sunday Giving. To make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift, please visit oldstpats.org/giving or scan the QR code below.

**OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:**

1. **Text to Give**
   - Text "Give" to (312) 535-0118 or scan the QR code using your phone camera, then follow the prompts to make a one-time or recurring gift.

2. **Careasy.org/old-st-patricks-church**

**GIVING TUESDAY IS DECEMBER 3**

Giving Tuesday is a movement to create an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. Please consider helping your Chicagoland neighbors by supporting Old St. Pat’s Outreach.

Your donations could provide:
- A Christmas turkey or ham for a hungry family in Chicago ($25)
- A warm winter coat for a Career Transitions Center client ($50)
- Two pairs of gym shoes for our Special Olympics athletes at Thornridge High School ($100)
- An electronic device for an isolated senior to connect them with the outside world ($150)
- Diapers for infants and toddlers at Children’s Place ($200)
- Meals for residents of the Boulevard

Please go to bit.ly/ospgivingtuesday to make a donation. Thank you for your support!
The parish Immigrant & Refugee Rights Committee wants to bring you an update on the refugee families we are hosting. It is quite a diverse group. We asked them all to give us their first impressions/recollections of the US and/or Chicago.

The Ramos family –Ferney, Maria, Luis –are from Colombia, the first family referred to us by Catholic Charities. They shared that they knew absolutely nothing about Chicago, and very little about the US. They arrived in September and were shocked by their first winter that followed. In spite of that, their son, Luis, pictured to the left at a keyboard, has declared “he wants to stay here forever.” They also shared their surprise when they walked into a local bank and saw a black man with dreadlocks working there. “In Colombia, only white people work in banks.”

The Anuar Family. Spokesperson for this family, Azimah, the mother, described how much they missed their parents and the rest of their family when they first arrived from Myanmar, via Malaysia. Finding their way around the city was difficult. She said, “We kept getting lost, which was scary.” She noted that weekends were most difficult when they could not reach their caseworker. “When we met the people from Old St. Pat’s, they said to call them any time. That was a big help and a big relief.” It was OSP that took Azimah to get a library card. She is pictured to the right, card in hand.

Emile & Gaspira. These brothers were originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), but grew up in a refugee camp in Rwanda, before finally getting permission to emigrate to the US. Gaspira, pictured here, recalled that when he and his brother first arrived in Chicago, he did not feel well. It was February in Chicago, and therefore, quite cold. “Rwanda is hot in February!” he said. Besides adjusting to the weather, “we missed our family!”

The Alrefaai Family. This is our latest and largest family. They did not come to us from Catholic Charities, but through Kate Bergin, who heard about our committee, and came in search of some support for the family she was trying to help on her own. Dayla Alrefaai recalled: “It was winter when we arrived. It was cold, and all of the people were speaking English; we did not understand what they were saying or where we were... but over the course of a few weeks and months, we experienced the kindness of many people. My husband, Ziad, is starting a new job delivering freight. It is low pay and difficult hours right now, but hopefully, it will lead to a better job... I believe that God has blessed us.”

If you are interested in joining our committee, our next meeting is December 2 at 6:30 pm at 711 W. Monroe. If you would like to support this ministry, you can donate at osp.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving and select “Immigrant and Refugee Fund” from the drop down.

Submitted by Maureen Hellwig
Join the Old St. Patrick’s Outreach group in making Christmas merrier for the thousands of men, women, and children who benefit from the many Outreach programs supported by Old St. Patrick’s and staffed by numerous Old St. Pat’s Volunteers.

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree and include a person in need on your Christmas list. Unwrapped gifts, with the Giving Tree ornament firmly attached, may be brought to the Giving Tree truck in front of the church on any Sunday through December 15, or to the Fr. Jack Wall Mission Center, 711 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, during the week.

The deadline for gifts to be contributed is Sunday, December 15. Contributions of wrapping paper and tape would be appreciated. This year, we will gladly accept cash donations if you would like us to shop for you! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of the Outreach Wrapping Party from 6 - 8 pm on Sunday, December 15 in the Hughes Hall (following 5 pm Mass). What a great way to get into the holiday spirit as you help those in need. Meet new friends while enjoying Christmas cheer and refreshments! If you have any questions about the Giving Tree or wrapping party, contact Donna Kamuda at dgkamosp1@gmail.com, 312.636.9848 or Beth Marek at elizabethm@oldstpats.org, 312.831.9361.
PRAYER FOR WORLD AIDS DAY | DECEMBER 1

God of Promise, today we are mindful of our sisters and brothers suffering with HIV and AIDS. We ask your healing presence on millions of people living with the disease today; particularly the children who are infected or who have been orphaned by the disease. Make of us a safe haven for those who are abandoned, discriminated against and rejected on account of their illness. Inspire us to speak out for a just distribution of health care and medical aid in this country and for generosity in sharing our resources with those struggling under the weight of this epidemic overseas.

As we begin our Advent celebration of waiting in hope for the birth of your Son, let us remember those across the world who wait in hope for a cure. Amen.

- Catholic Health Association of the United States

AN INVITATION FROM GAY+ TODAY, DECEMBER 1!

Old St. Patrick’s Gay+ (Gay Plus) invites you to an informal gathering closely following the 5 pm Mass (6:15 -7:45 pm) on Sunday, December 1. All are welcome to join us for an opportunity to meet and greet each other and learn more about Gay+ at Old St. Pat’s!

Mindful that it is also World AIDS Day, we will also have information about current efforts to eradicate AIDS / HIV in our country and around the world. We’ll gather in the Old St. Pat’s Ministry Center (the former rectory) at 718 W. Adams Street. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you then!

HOMELESS PERSONS’ MEMORIAL

In the shadow of the Magnificent Mile...
Our brothers and sisters without homes...
Are losing the struggle for their lives.
They will not go unremembered.
Please join us.

December 17, 2019
6:30 PM
Old St. Patrick’s Church
700 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL

For more information: 312-226-9184 or www.ispretreats.org
Facebook: Chicago Homeless Memorial
XIV ANNUAL POSADA
SEEKING IMMIGRATION REFORM

Join us to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers who — as the Holy Family sought a place to stay — are seeking legislative shelter, “Posada.”

Friday, December 13, 2019
7 – 9 a.m.
101 West Congress Parkway / Ida B. Wells Parkway

The route will begin at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (71 West Van Buren Street) and continue to DePaul University Loop Campus (1 East Jackson Boulevard), Federal Plaza and St. Peter’s (110 West Madison Street).

For more information, please contact Mauro Pineda at 312.534.8103 or mpineda@archchicago.org.

Old St. Pat’s is invited to join in unity with our immigrant sisters and brothers in song and prayer at the Immigration Ministry’s 14th Annual Posada on Friday, December 13, 2019, 7 to 9 am at 101 West Ida B. Wells Parkway (formerly known as West Congress Parkway). Posada is a Mexican tradition that invites people to walk in prayer with Mary and Joseph as they seek shelter. The route will make stops at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, DePaul University Loop Campus, Federal Plaza, and will conclude at St. Peter’s in the Loop. A small reception of light refreshments will follow.
THE JOHN BUCIAK / OLD ST. PAT'S / AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
A HUGE SUCCESS – THANKS TO YOU!

On Sunday, November 10, Old St. Pat’s held its 23rd annual Blood Drive. We collected 127 pints! That is 18 more than last year! We paid special honor to all of our Veterans by sharing God’s gift of life with others most in need.

More than 150 people joined us to donate or volunteer this year. We had donors from across the street to many communities across the city. We had a record number of non-St. Pat’s members come to join us. We showed them a warm welcome and wonderful hospitality, thanks to our volunteers.

We would like to thank everyone involved in the annual Blood Drive, especially our generous donors who are indeed the perfect example of a living Christ in a difficult world.

We also would like to thank our volunteers Mary, Sharon, Alison, Mike, and Tom who helped make the day run so smoothly. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality. They were extremely hard working and gave part of their Sunday to make our donors feel welcome by giving heart-filled hospitality. Special thanks to Sharon Jozsa who flew in from Michigan and was our welcoming blood drop.

Our appreciation to the FXW School who so kindly let us use their gym for our blood drive so we would be able to offer a very suitable space and a date of the 2nd Sunday in November to our loyal donors. We take our hats off to Bill Jacobs of PIECE on North Ave for supplying their award-winning pizza so our donors could have a healthy post-donation meal.

Also, many thanks to Larry Duncan of FFC, Formula Fitness Clubs, for donating free passes to everyone.

These wonderful photos were taken by Daniel Pels. He is a true professional. Thanks for capturing the true spirit of the day with your camera.

In addition, I would like to personally acknowledge with heart-filled thanks the Old St. Pat’s staff who helped support the Blood Drive this year especially Beth and Leanne. Also the hard-working Maintenance Crew headed up by Ray who was ready to go on an early Sunday morning. We could never have a successful Blood Drive without them!

Please save the date of Sunday, November 8, 2020 for our 24th Annual Blood Drive. Meanwhile, we encourage you to donate a pint of blood as often as every 56 days.

Throughout the year, we encourage you to look for a Blood Drive near your home or office by entering your zip code at www.redcrossblood.org. Remember that the Red Cross is the only nationwide non-profit blood bank.

Save the date of Wednesday, January 15 For Great Chicago Blood Drive. There will be 4 locations: Downtown Chicago at the Mart, Vernon Hills, IL, Muster, IN and the Drake Oakbrook. Details and appointment scheduling can be found at: www.redcrossblood.org

Many people will have new life because of your willingness to share a pint of blood. This is one of the greatest gifts one can give. My father, John, told me that when God gives you a gift, the best thing you can do is share it with others.

Thanks for sharing God’s gift of life with others most in need.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas Season and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

May God bless our donors, volunteers, sponsors, and the canines.

Mark Buciak, Volunteer Blood Drive Director | mark.buciak@rcn.com • 773.307.0033

visit us at oldstpats.org
Celebrating November as National Adoption Awareness Month
Adoption - Life's Loving Choice

The Old St. Pat’s Adoption Group expresses sincerest thanks to our Guest Presenters at this year’s Adoption Journey Information Fair

* Gift of Adoption, Ngozi Okorafor  
* HelpUsAdopt.org, Karen Sperber  
* Noonday Collection, Jennifer Oltrogge  
* Sheila Maloney, Attorney at Law  
* Foster to Adopt, Susan Tomilo  
* On Your Feet Foundation, Birthmothers Monica Tsikretsis and Rebeckah Gray  
* Domestic and International Adoption: Joni & Bob Acamovic, Erin & Tom Swanborn, Joe & Bethany Beyer, Cynthia and Ed St. Peter

For more information on the Adoption Journey, contact: Cynthia & Ed St. Peter
MyOSP – Adoption Group Osp.ccbchurch.com

RING IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AS YOU VOLUNTEER FOR DECK THE HALL!
December 5 - 7 | Old St. Patrick’s Church

Volunteers are still needed for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You may even get a chance to catch the show (standing room only). All volunteer positions are for the dessert and cocktail reception following the concert. Visit bit.ly/volunteerforDTH to register.

OSP BOOK CLUB - DECEMBER
Sunday, December 8 | 9:30 - 11 am | 711 W. Monroe - Library

For the month of December, we are reading The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abraham.

The OSP Book Club typically meets the second Sunday of each month, September to June, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. This allows people to attend the 8 am or 11:15 am mass, and to attend book club. We gather in the library on the third floor of the 711 Building. For more information, contact Eileen Sutter at ehsutter@gmail.com
ENCORE IDEAS FEST – SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, January 19, 2020 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | 711 W. Monroe Street Cost: $15

An afternoon to explore the possibilities and latest ideas around living a fulfilling and healthy life with the prospect of increased longevity. Featuring several speakers and workshops.

“Disrupt Aging. Be Resilient”
- Mary Kay Slowikowski

"Bonus Life - Living a New Adult Life Stage”
- Kate Coughlin

“Laughing Wellness”
- Sherry Avila

Register at: bit.ly/ideasfest2020

DAY OF REFLECTION

We had 70 in attendance for our annual Day of Reflection on November 16 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, facilitated by Al Gustafson.

Thank you to all who came and made it a wonderful day.

HOPE HOUSE

On a recent visit to Hope House, Encore volunteers tour the adjacent Firehouse, a community art center in North Lawndale. This non-profit is committed to working with young adults and interrupting the cycle of violence through the power of the arts.
“Most Christians think that Advent is preparation for the ‘birth of Jesus,’ but we cannot prepare for a past event. It is also not simply the preparation for his annual ‘birthday.’ Rather, this season is an intense rehearsal of what Christian living is supposed to be each day: paying attention to the sacred revelations and surprising Incarnations that the Holy One springs on us each day. Every day of our lives ... every moment of our lives is a potential ‘divine ambush.’ Advent is a four week intensive that each year re-certifies us ... recalibrates Christians for detecting God’s unpredictable yet constant reincarnating in the world.”

Join Us For More Speakers at the Podium...

January 10
Rev. Father Charles Rubey,
Founder & Director of Catholic Charities’ LOSS (LOVING OUTREACH to SURVIVORS of SUICIDE)

The First Friday Club of Chicago’s Mission is to provide a forum for men and women to make connections between work, faith, values and issues that affect their daily lives.
Hello everyone. My name is Brassil Moran and this year I was a leader for the Frosh/Soph retreat. Retreat means a lot of things to me. It means relaxing, disconnecting, getting to know new people, and getting to know God. Being a leader gave me a unique experience in the impact retreat can have. We spent many weeks staying late after our Foundations meeting to prepare every aspect of the retreat, from downtime activities to individual speeches. While it was hard work, it was so worth it once we got to the retreat.

One of the most surreal moments of the retreat was when the first participants started to arrive, and all the leaders, teens, and adults, looked at each other because we couldn’t believe this was actually happening. If you aren’t familiar with Foundations retreats, they last from Friday night to Sunday night. Ours took place at Bair Lake Bible Camp in Michigan. It’s a time for teens to disconnect with the outside world and spend three days connecting with God and each other. From the moment we arrived I knew this was a special retreat - you could feel it in the room. Throughout the actual retreat, there were a few special moments that stuck out to me the most. One of these is our small group meetings - eight kids in a room talking about life, being honest with one another, full transparency. Being so open and honest with strangers can be very hard, but everyone knew how much of a safe space retreat was and seeing them open up was such a beautiful thing.

The next moment was when we were all surprised with letters from important people in our lives. Even the leaders didn’t know about these, so getting a wonderful letter affirming me was such a wonderful surprise. There were lots of joyful tears as everyone felt so loved at that moment. I could talk about details of retreat for hours (mostly because I planned them all), but I want to end this by talking about how retreat makes me feel. I always leave a retreat feeling refreshed and renewed. It allows me to explore my faith and talk about difficult topics in a place where I know everyone understands what I am going through. Apart from Worktour, a retreat is the best thing you can do as a Foundations teen. It reminds me why waking up early on Sundays instead of sleeping in is worth it. It reminds me why choosing to be an active member of my faith community is worth it. I give all the thanks to Coco for giving me the privilege to be a leader and to show everyone else why this is worth it.
OSP Next is the community for Young Adults at Old St. Pat’s! There’s no “signing up” - if you’re here, you’re part of the community!

Simply join us anytime for one of the events or opportunities listed. Email OSPnext@oldstpats.org with any questions.

Want to stay up to date with OSPNext events? We’ve made it even easier for you!

Go to goo.gl/elWLGA to access the OSPNext calendar and/or add it to your own personal calendar.

AFTER FIVE
Sunday, December 8 | 6 pm - 7:45 pm | Hughes Hall

Join us in December as we celebrate the holidays with a good old-fashioned Christmas movie! We’ll have pizza, popcorn... and of course some fun beverages, too.

These 2nd-Sunday-of-the-month gatherings are meant to bring young adults (20’s and 30’s) together for conversation, community, and fun. No RSVP necessary - newcomers are especially welcome!

OSP NEXT ZOO LIGHTS NIGHT
Friday, December 13 | 6 - 9 pm | Lincoln Park Zoo

Save the date for Zoo Lights Night! More information is coming soon.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP
Sundays through December 22 | 3:45 - 5 pm | 711 W. Monroe

Come join Bible Study through Old St. Pat’s! We are a coed group seeking to gain greater spiritual insight and understanding through studying and discussing weekly scripture. We will be reading the Sunday Gospels leading up to and progressing through Advent. Since our group meets right before 5 pm Mass, this is a great opportunity to focus on the upcoming Gospel and engage with the homily. If you are interested in deepening your faith in a supportive environment before this Christmas season, this is the place for you.

We hope that you’re able to join us! Register here: bit.ly/YAbiblestudyOSP
It's time for this year's All's I Want for Christmas Raffle! There are lots of great prizes like… airline tickets to Ireland, a Windy City Weekend with a two-night stay at the beautiful Hilton Chicago, a Chicago Cubs Game and Dinner, and an Old St. Pat’s Special events package.

Tickets are 6/$100 and 1/$20. Please visit bit.ly/DTH-2019 to purchase tickets!

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY AND OUTREACH Help Stamp Out Hunger in Chicago
We have been partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository here at OSP for over 25 years. By volunteering at GCFD, our Outreach Partners (Su Casa, The Boulevard, and House of Mary and Joseph Shelter) receive food credits for their programs.

These food credits help feed the residents while providing nutritional food items too.

UPCOMING DATES:
Saturday, December 14
8:30 am - 11:15 am
(Every second Saturday)
Contact: Mary Beth Riley
mbriley07@yahoo.com
or 630-655-9447

Tuesday, December 3
9 am - 12 pm
(Every Second Tuesday)
Contact: Jim Holbrook
jamesholbrookjr@yahoo.com or 773-237-2625

SPEAKER: Darrell Windle & Dave Samber
Presenting Sponsors

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH SPONSORS

To purchase tickets, please visit bit.ly/DTH-2019.
The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” - Lk 23:35-37

Reflection

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding Saint Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season, and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.

Parish Counselor: if you or someone you know is in need of counseling services, please contact Old St. Patrick’s Parish Counselor, Sarah Thompson at sarah@oldstpats.org or 773-234-9630.
Mass Schedule

Sunday
7 am, 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm, and 8 pm

Monday – Friday (Daily Mass)
7 am and 12:10 pm

Church is open for Personal Prayer:
Monday – Friday: 7 am – 1 pm

Reconciliation
Fridays at 11:45 am, or upon request.

Liturgical Ministry
If you feel called to serve as a Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister or Lector for one of our Sunday liturgies, please contact Tom Micinski at tmicinski@oldstpats.org.

The Baptismal Program & Schedule
To schedule a baptism, please contact baptisms@oldstpats.org.

Nursery Service
Nursery service is available during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Frances Xavier Warde School building. Enter the school on Des Plaines Street.

Low-gluten Host
Old St. Pat’s has low-gluten hosts available for those members who, for health reasons, could not receive regular Communion hosts. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host, please contact Tom Micinski at tmicinski@oldstpats.org.

Sign-Language Interpreter
Upon request, a sign language interpreter can be available at the 11:15 am or 5 pm Mass on Sundays, as well as for holidays and holy days of obligation. It would be most appreciative if you would give us 5 days of advance notice. To request access to a sign language interpreter at Mass, please contact liturgy@oldstpats.org.

Old St. Patrick’s Website
Be sure to visit our website, www.oldstpats.org, for the most up-to-date information.

Livestream Services
Our 5 pm Mass is available LIVE online every Sunday. To join us, visit livestream.com/oldstpats. Questions? Contact Leanne Kelly at leannek@oldstpats.org.

Go to bit.ly/worshipaid to follow along with a worship aid PDF.

Feedback
A new opportunity for feedback is now online so you can quickly share thoughts about your experience of liturgy here at Old St. Pat’s. Go to oldstpats.org/feedback to contribute!

Wedding Schedule
If you are engaged and would like to inquire about a possible wedding date at Old St. Patrick’s, please complete the wedding inquiry form and send to weddings@oldstpats.org

For general wedding information, please refer to Sacraments/Marriage at www.oldstpats.org.

Wedding Banns

May the winds of heaven dance between you.

I. NOVEMBER 30, 2019
NO WEDDINGS

II. DECEMBER 7, 2019
NO WEDDINGS

III. DECEMBER 14, 2019
Renee TeVogt & Christopher Blain
Ali Wehmer & Christopher Sedlak

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For your convenience, we are providing information to make parking easily accessible for everyone who visits Old St. Pat’s. Please continue to check back on the parking availability in these lots. We will continue to have updated information for you. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

**SUNDAYS**

Parking structure at 625 W Adams: Free parking available from 12 am – 12 am on Sundays. Please be sure to pull a complimentary ticket from the OSP branded parking box as you pull in to the lot. There are 400 spots available.

Parking Lots 2 & 3: Free parking is available in these lots from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays.

Parking Lot 1: Free parking is available in these lots from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays.

**WEEKNIGHTS (AFTER 6 PM)**

Our parking structure at 625 W. Adams is available from 6 pm - 11:59 pm, early arrival or extended time charged at posted rates. There are 100 free spots available.

Please be sure to pull a ticket from the OSP branded parking box as you pull in to the lot.

All outdoor surface lots are paid parking only during the week.

**SATURDAYS (Wedding Parking)**

Parking structure at 625 W. Adams: 200 free spaces are open for Wedding guests. Please pull a ticket from the OSP branded box. Lot gates open for OSP guests during ceremonies; please be considerate of guests arriving for later ceremonies. The entrance for the garage is on Desplaines street.

Please refer to oldstpats.org/parking for more detailed parking information.