ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION
Wednesday, December 18

"Christmas at Home: Meet Your Creche"
An Hour of Poetry and Song to Open our Hearts to the Christmas Spirit
led by Jack Shea

Please register at: bit.ly/AdventEve2019

See page 7 for more details.
This past week on Monday I volunteered to say Mass for the high school community of Marist, my alma mater. Having no full-time priest on staff, saying mass for Marist is something I do often during the course of the school year. Usually, when I go to say mass, the “theme” or occasion is pretty clear: Mass of the Holy Spirit, All Saints Day, Catholic Schools Week, etc… But this time around, because we are in December and getting closer to semester exams and break, the mass had all sorts of twists and turns and multiple themes, if you will. It probably isn’t something you’d see coming out of the liturgical playbook of the Vatican and I’m certain that “Mother Church” would have questioned our liturgical focus, but we were trying to celebrate Advent, Immaculate Conception, and Christmas all in one! And what a chore it turned out to be! Despite our good intentions and best efforts, Advent, The Immaculate Conception, and Christmas, I discovered, are not meant to be celebrated all at the same time. It was kind of a liturgical frenzy, to put it mildly. But unfortunately, that was the one-and-only day Marist had for the celebration of mass before going on Christmas break. Oh, don’t get me wrong. We did more than survive. We actually had a really nice liturgical gathering and I hope the students walked away with something.

But the lesson I walked away with is that we have to wait. The mystery of God doesn’t all happen at once. It takes time; it takes awareness, and it takes patience. Pushing it all together and trying to “force” the celebration of Christmas while we are still in the midst of Advent just doesn’t do justice to either of these realities. And despite being told every year that Advent is about waiting, let’s face it, we don’t like to wait! No one likes being put on hold; no one likes long lines; no one likes delayed flights, and no one certainly enjoys waiting for hours in bumper to bumper traffic. Just get me there, now!

The advent character of John The Baptist reminds us that we have to do some work first. We have to straighten things out internally and externally in our lives. We have to make smooth some of the rough patches in our lives, whatever those might be. We have to be transparent with ourselves and take ownership of our past hiccups and the ways we’ve messed up in life. This all takes time. Timothy Radcliffe OP recently wrote: “Every one of us has in our center a void—for love, for health, and ultimately for God. We hunger for more. But our faith may sometimes transform that experience of harsh lack into expectant happiness.”

I am mindful of so many people right now who just want their hearts to be healed and to feel joyful again… many of whom have lost significant loved ones in recent weeks and months. The void of someone’s absence can never be filled, yet we seek peace… But it just takes time. We have to wait. I remember someone once told me a story (I presume fictional) about a guy who died and he was buried with a spoon in his hands. At the wake, mourners came forward and after noticing the spoon positioned in the hands of the deceased, they began to inquire with the family: what’s up with the spoon? The family told them: our dad believed that life was the main meal where we use the fork and knife, but the best part of the meal is dessert… everyone loves dessert… so, therefore, he requested that when he dies he wanted to be buried with a spoon because the best is yet to come!

Before eternal life, I know and believe that we have plenty of dessert moments now. Holy moments where the mystery of God is revealed to us. We open our eyes and our hearts now and we wait… and when they come, we can do nothing else but to celebrate and rejoice. Happy Gaudete (Joy) Sunday!

Have a good week ahead.

Father Tom Hurley

By Fr. Tom Hurley
Sunday, December 15
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 a “Prophet.”

**Third Sunday of Advent | December 15, 2019 | Prophet**

A prophet is described as an individual regarded as being in contact with a divine being. A person who speaks for God: to guide people, by divine inspiration, serving as an intermediary with humanity by delivering messages or teachings from God. I would like to suggest that our presiders serve our community as prophets.

Other definitions include forecaster, futurist, predictor, and possessing magical powers. I prefer visionary, where prophets are defined in an action perspective as those who bring God to others. That’s our path to build the world of God as we envision it for ourselves and others.

Each week as we gather to celebrate Mass we are called to action; called to see God in others and through actions and words bring God to others.

May this Advent bring us heightened awareness of the prophets in our lives, both those who have come before us and those now present. And may we be open to the divine grace and spirit that may be calling us to be prophets for our families, friends, colleagues and communities.

**Joe Harzich** is a business transformation leader with SAP, hospitality volunteer at OSP and resides in West Lakeview.

Growing up in a devout Catholic family and having attended Catholic grade school, for many years I thought the word prophet was reserved for those who had special powers and an exclusive connection to God; that the title prophet was reserved for someone who had that rare connection to the Divine. Today, I still believe there are people, both who have gone before us and some who are alive today, who indeed have a unique and loving connection to the Divine.

And yet, I also believe we can all be prophets in our own special ways. Within my core of believing, I know God has specifically created each of us just to be who we are. On my last Beloved Retreat, I was deeply reminded though we may be one individual within a large flock, God raises and empowers each of us if we are open. We each will experience situations where our gifts are what the world needs, where our prophetic voice or actions will shine.

**Joan Noe** is a wife, mother and grandmother living in Westmont. Joan spent her career in Catholic health care working in nursing, administration and mission services.

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# WEAREOSP: December 2019

Do you have a photo to share? Email Leanne at leannek@oldstpats.org.

Old St. Patrick's volunteers preparing to serve a meal at My Brother's Kitchen in North Lawndale. (left)

A HUGE thank you to our maintenance team this holiday season for ALL they do to make Christmas wonderful for all of us. (above)

In Memoriam to John Murtagh - our best Santa ever! We will forever be grateful for your incredible spirit and hold you in our hearts this holiday season.

- Beth Marek, OSP and UIC Peds (left)

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### EVENT | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | CONTACT
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You Are Not Alone Holiday Brunch | Sunday, December 15 | 10:45 am | 711 W. Monroe, Room 21 | Heather Saylor heather.w.saylor@gmail.com
Giving Tree Wrapping Party | Sunday, December 15 | 6 - 8 pm | Hughes Hall | Beth Marek elizabethm@oldstpats.org
Annual Homeless Persons’ Memorial | Tuesday, December 17 | 6:30 pm | Old St. Patrick’s Church | 312-226-9184 ispretreats.org
Advent Evening of Reflection | Wednesday, December 18 | See Page 7 | | Bob Kolatorowicz bobk@oldstpats.org
Young Adult Bible Study | Sunday, December 22 | 3:45 - 5 pm | 711 W. Monroe | bit.ly/YAbiblestudyOSP
Fourth Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 22 | | | oldstpats.org
Christmas Eve | Tuesday, December 24 | See page 5 for Mass times | | oldstpats.org
Christmas Day | Wednesday, December 25 | See page 5 for Mass times | | oldstpats.org
CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE
All are welcome to join Old St. Patrick’s Church for our Christmas and New Year’s Masses!

Christmas Eve | Tuesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Mass
625 W. Adams | 3 pm & 5 pm

Mass with Children’s Christmas Pageant
OSP Church | 3 pm & 5 pm

Christmas Eve Mass
FXW Gymnasium | 3 pm

Celtic Candlelight Christmas Eve Mass
Hughes Hall | 3 pm

Midnight Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 25 | 12 am | OSP Church
*Doors open at 10:30 pm. Prelude Concert featuring OSP music begins at 11:15 pm.
*Livestream available

December 31, 2019

New Year’s Day Mass
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
OSP Church | 10:00 am

Christmas Day | Wednesday, Dec. 25

Masses in OSP Church
7, 8, 9:30, & 11:15 am

Feast of St. Stephen | Thursday, Dec. 26
Church & Offices CLOSED

Vigil for Solemnity, Mary Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31, 2019
OSP Church | 5:30 pm

New Year’s Day Mass
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
OSP Church | 10:00 am

For more information, please visit
www.oldstpats.org/christmas

PARKING AVAILABILITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY:

• ParkOne Surface Lots at 623 W Monroe (Lots 2&3) and 718 W. Monroe (Lot 1) will be free to park starting at 1 pm on the 24th and up until 1 pm on the 25th.

• 625 W. Adams Parking Garage: On December 24 there is free parking for the 3 pm and 5 pm masses. There will be an OSP attendant at the gates to scan in cars beginning around 2 pm and ending around 6:30 pm. The gates will be open at 10:30 pm ahead of midnight Mass. On December 25 the gates will be raised as they would on a typical Sunday.
CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING

Advent is a time of reflection and gratitude as we await the blessing of Christ’s birth. As you reflect on the many blessings you have received this year, we hope you will consider making a year-end or Christmas gift in gratitude.

GIVE ONLINE

The easiest way for you to make your gift to Old St. Pat’s is via credit or debit card. Simply visit oldstpats.org/giving or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page with your smartphone and follow the prompts to give through our secure payment processor.

- Make a one-time, year-end gift (designate Christmas Collection from the drop-down menu).
- Create a regular, recurring gift for the coming year (designate Sunday Giving Commitment 2020 from the drop-down menu).

BRING YOUR GIFT TO MASS

You may drop your Christmas gift in the offering basket during mass or mail to Old St. Pat’s. Please write Christmas Collection on the memo line and send to:

Old St. Pat’s
711 W. Monroe St.
Chicago, IL 60661

PLANNED GIFTS

Include Old St. Pat’s in your year-end tax planning with a gift of appreciated stock, charitable annuity, or as a beneficiary of your IRA/retirement plan or life insurance policy. Please discuss your charitable giving goals with your attorney, financial planner or accountant.

OLD ST. PAT’S PRESERVATION TRUST

Old St. Pat’s Church is a sacred Chicago landmark. Dedicated on Christmas night in 1856, it features awe-inspiring Celtic artistry on its walls, ceiling, floors, and pews. The Preservation Trust was established to protect and preserve this holy gem so future generations can continue to encounter the mysteries of God through our worship and liturgies. To make a contribution to the Trust, simply select Preservation Trust from the drop-down menu online, or indicate your wishes when sending your check or making a planned gift.

Thank you for your generosity this Advent season and throughout the year!

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:

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 secure gift.

Careasy.org/old-st-patrick’s-church

#1 holiday hack:

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

Select Old St. Patrick’s Church as your organization
GIVING TREE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who have taken an ornament from the Giving Tree this year and included a person in need on their Christmas List.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of the Outreach Wrapping Party, today, December 15, from 6 - 8 pm in 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!

An Advent Evening of Reflection
Wednesday, December 18 | Church and Hughes Hall, 700 W. Adams Street

Please join us for a very special and prayerful evening of reflection on the themes of the season. The evening begins in the Church with a Reconciliation Service that includes the opportunity for individual sacramental reconciliation. You are then invited to join us for a buffet dinner in Hughes Hall. Following our meal, we are most pleased to welcome renowned author, theologian, and storyteller Jack Shea as he leads us through new and inspiring reflections on the joys, challenges, and deepest meanings of Christmas.

"Christmas at Home: Meet Your Creche"
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led by Jack Shea

5:30 pm Reconciliation Service in the Church
6:15 pm Buffet Dinner in Hughes Hall | 7:00 pm Presentation in Hughes Hall

We hope you will join us for the entire evening, but please feel welcome to join us for any part of the evening. Registration and payment is required only for the buffet dinner.

Please register at: bit.ly/AdventEve2019

Dinner buffet: $12 per person | Cash bar Some free seating will be available for guests attending the presentation only (no dinner). And, of course, no registration is required for the Reconciliation Service. Free parking is available in the 625 W. Adams parking garage after 5 pm.
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

BELOVED RETREAT
February 21-23 | St. Mary’s of the Lake in Mundelein

Beloved Retreat . . .
The Perfect Christmas Present . . .
Just in time for Valentine’s Day!

Christmas is joyfully and appropriately associated with Gifts. And Valentine’s Day is Joyfully and appropriately associated with Love.

And so, how about Giving someone (or yourself) a Christmas Gift that will be ‘Delievered’ right around Valentine’s Day. The retreat will be held on the beautiful campus of St. Mary’s of the Lake in Mundelein — February 21st to the 23rd.

The sole, or perhaps, Soul purpose of the retreat is to remind us who we really are — Which is Loved — Baptized. This sounds so simple, and in our heart of hearts we know that it is both crucial and anything but simple. Please consider this gift!

See oldstpats.org/beloved for details regarding the retreat and how to sign up.
2020 CHICAGO ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE
Saturday March 14, 2020

Old St. Pat's and the Chicago Plumbers Local 130 UA are excited to announced the 2020 Grand Marshal...

Fr. Thomas Hurley of Old St. Patrick's Church

You won’t want to miss this year’s parade – the kick off to our 175th Anniversary year!

To celebrate, we’re planning a post-parade family-friendly party at Old St. Pat’s.

Details to come early in the new year!

Please visit www.chicagostpatricksdayparade.org for more information on the parade.

HARMONY, HOPE, & HEALING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 2019

PRESENTS

Daley Center Noontime Concert
12:00pm | Daley Center Plaza (inside) | 50 W. Washington

AND

Homeless Persons’ Memorial
They will not go unremembered.
Old St. Patrick’s Church | 700 W. Adams
Prelude Concert – 6:00pm | Memorial – 6:30pm

HarmonyHopeandHealing.org
for more information call our office at 312-466-0267

Memorial presented in conjunction with Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Franciscan Outreach, Old St. Pat’s & the Ignatian Spirituality Project

As we reflect this Advent season, we are grateful for you! The Old St. Pat’s family has been partnering with Harmony, Hope & Healing for over 13 years, helping us share the gift of music with individuals and families experiencing homelessness, addiction, incarceration and isolation across the Chicagoland area.

We are delighted to be singing and praying with you at 11:15 am mass today!

If you’re interested in singing in the choir, email sophie@harmonyhopeandhealing.org.
JOIN OUR 2020 SIAMSA NA NGAEL CHOIR!

Come and join our concert choir and be part of our annual Siamsa na nGael now in its 24th year. We will be commemorating the end of World War II 75 years ago from a Chicago and Irish perspective, centering around the only African American naval ship in the United States Navy, commissioned through the efforts of some Chicagoans and stationed in Derry, Northern Ireland.

The program of song, dance, story, and slide – created and written by Bill Fraher and Mary Pat Kelly – will tell the story of the USS Mason crew and their time in Northern Ireland and the radical hospitality they experienced. Joining the concert choir will again be the Metropolis Symphony Orchestra; Irish trad band; soloists Gavin Coyle, Rodrick Dixon, Catherine O’Connell; After School Matters Choir; and a few more surprises. “If You’re Irish, Come Into The Parlour” and “Anchors Aweigh.”

**Auditions and first rehearsal will be on Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 7 - 9 pm in Old St. Patrick’s Hughes Hall.**

The rehearsal schedule is as follows: January 9, 14, 23, 28, 30 | February 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27 | March 3, 5, 10

All the above rehearsals will be in Hughes Hall from 7 - 9 pm. The March 11 rehearsal will be at 4 pm at Chicago’s Symphony Center on Michigan Avenue. Contact Bill Fraher, Director of Concert Choirs, at billf@oldstpats.org for more information.

Members of OSP Next & OSP Music Ministry announce the 9th annual:

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE:**

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets every other Sunday, from 10:45 am - 12:30 pm

711 W. Monroe, Room 21

Please join us today, December 15, for a holiday brunch! This will be the only YANA meeting this month as we will not meet on the 30th.

This is a networking group for men and women who are separated or divorced. "You Are Not Alone" is a chance to talk with other men and women who are separated or divorced. This group meets to discuss topics of importance to those seeking to heal during and after one of life's most difficult transitions. This is not a group of professional counselors, but a group of your peers who have been there and simply wish to listen and offer encouragement.

For more information, please contact Heather at heather.w.saylor@gmail.com

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**BROADWAY on Adams**

Join us in our space at 625 W Adams on

Thursday, January 30th
Friday, January 31st
Saturday, February 1st

for an evening of hors d’oeuvres, drinks, and live music

Tickets for **Broadway on Adams** go on sale in mid-January at oldstpats.org
ENCORE: FOR THOSE 50 AND BETTER
Inspiring Mind & Spirit Through Learning, Service & Fun

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

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW!
Pictured below are just a handful of moments from Encore events this year. We went on many bike rides, hosted an Encore Cafe with Rick Kogan, attended the Mother Jones Exhibit opening, and at our last visit to Hope House, we toured the community art center at the adjacent firehouse. We are looking forward to another busy and event-filled year in 2020!
Human Dignity and Solidarity — Immigration Ministry

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS

PROMOTING A CHURCH AND WORLD FOR ALL

Feast of the Epiphany | January 5, 2020 | 5:15 p.m.

Holy Name Cathedral
735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611
(Free parking at Loyola Self-Park located at 20 West Chicago Avenue)

For more information, please contact Miguel Salazar at msalazar@archchicago.org or 312.534.8509, Michael Warrell at mwarrell@archchicago.org or 312.524.8044 or visit catholicsandimmigrants.org

North Lawndale WORKS

Removing barriers to employment for North Lawndale neighbors.

Coming to Old St. Patrick's in 2020.
The First Friday Club of Chicago

Welcomes

Rev. Charles T. Rubey  
Founder & Director of LOSS  
(Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide)  
A Ministry of Catholic Charities  
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Suicide: The Aftermath

“Nothing is ever the same once one has experienced the death of a loved one from suicide. Nothing”

Friday, January 10, 2020  
Noon - 1:15pm
The Union League Club of Chicago*  
65 West Jackson Blvd

Reserve Your Seat Today  
Register & Pay by Credit Card at  
www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/events

Questions?
Please Contact: Judy Murphy @ 312-466-9610 or  
ffcc@firstfridayclubchicago.org

*ULC Dress Code: Business Attire/collared shirt
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/eIWLGc to access the OSPNext calendar and/or add it to your own personal calendar.

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

Come and join us for our final Bible Study of the year. We are a coed group seeking to gain greater spiritual insight and understanding through studying and discussing weekly scripture. We have been 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

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

Tuesday, January 14  
9 am - 12 pm  
(Every Second Tuesday)  
Contact: Jim Holbrook  
jamesholbrookjr@yahoo.com  
or 773-237-2625
CHOIR DIRECTED BY BILL FraHER

THE AUDITORIUM THEATRE PRESENTS

TOO HOT TO HANDEL

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

TWO HOt TO HANDEL

January 18
7:30PM

January 19
3PM

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HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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50 E Ida B Wells Dr | Chicago, IL

Not available on previously purchased tickets or in price level 5. | Photos by Kristie Kahns.
“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”  
- Mt 11:10-11

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Mass Remembrances:
7:00 am  Hayden Cheng
8:00 am  Lillian M. Ryan (†)
11:15 am Joe Duffy
5:00 pm  Ezra Meadows
Mass Remembrance:  Leonard Ronald Sanker (†)

Friday, December 20, 2019
Readings: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 100b]/Lk 1:26-38
Mass Remembrance:  Leonard Ronald Sanker (†)

Saturday, December 21, 2019
Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Book of Patrick:  Geraldine Donovan, Martha Fields, Michael J. Fogarty, Lewis Michael Fritzsche, Richard Giardina, Patricia Green, Dolores D. Gustafson, James E. Hanlon, Sr., Dr. Richard Herzig, Grant Wordsworth Law, Frank C. Piech, Myrna Campos & Jose Tobias, Joan Woodrow, James Jones

Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Saint Hildegard of Bingen
Saint of the Day for December 17
Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman?

Born into a noble family, she was instructed for ten years by the holy woman Blessed Jutta. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her Scivias (Know the Ways). Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. Her Book of the Merits of Life and Book of Divine Works followed. She wrote over 300 letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology, and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

Hildegard’s visions caused her to see humans as “living sparks” of God’s love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun. Sin destroyed the original harmony of creation; Christ’s redeeming death and resurrection opened up new possibilities. Virtuous living reduces the estrangement from God and others that sin causes.

Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. This unity was not apparent to many of her contemporaries.

Hildegard was no stranger to controversy. The monks near her original foundation protested vigorously when she moved her monastery to Bingen, overlooking the Rhine River. She confronted Emperor Frederick Barbarossa for supporting at least three antipopes. Hildegard challenged the Cathars, who rejected the Catholic Church claiming to follow a more pure Christianity.

Between 1152 and 1162, Hildegard often preached in the Rhineland. Her monastery was placed under interdict because she had permitted the burial of a young man who had been excommunicated. She insisted that he had been reconciled with the Church and had received its sacraments before death. Hildegard protested bitterly when the local bishop forbade the celebration of or reception of the Eucharist at the Bingen monastery, a sanction that was lifted only a few months before her death.

In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI. Her Liturgical Feast Day is September 17.
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 Banns

May the winds of heaven dance between you.

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

II. DECEMBER 21, 2019
NO WEDDINGS

II. DECEMBER 28, 2019
NO WEDDINGS

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