

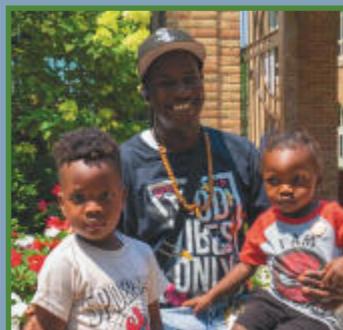


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Old St. Patrick's Bulletin

A Catholic Community in Chicago's West Loop

Thank you for joining us last Sunday
at the Brunch on the Block!



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Just a Thought | *Sunday, July 25, 2021*
Fr. Ken Simpson

Dear people of Old St. Pat's,

It is a very exciting time at Old Saint Patrick's!

We continue to reverberate from the wonderful celebration of Sunday's Mass and the Welcome Back Brunch on the Block. Thank you to all who participated, supported and made it happen.

This event also reminds us that it is time to look a bit more into the future as to what we are welcoming and what will be back. Wisely, many have been referring to the "next reality", as we are in a very dynamic period as a parish and a culture, we know there will not be a singular new reality.

For one thing, as new concerns rise about Coronavirus variants infecting much of our country, we know that all decisions are subject to new instructions as to safe practices.

So what is "next" in very concrete terms of the life of OSP?

Mass times

The Sunday Mass schedule will return to the pre-pandemic lineup on September 12.

The familiar 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 (sometimes two at that time) 11:15, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm will first of all allow for a touch of the familiar, both in timing and the programming that has surrounded those Masses.

That being said, we will be watching attendance at all our Masses all year so that a possible 'next' mass schedule can be determined. Nothing rash and nothing without deliberation and consultation. We will need to consider our realistic next.

Such discernment will be guided by many factors in addition to Mass attendance, including a realistic assessment of how much we are asking of our priests who regularly preside here. We are extraordinarily gifted to have priests of such exceptional generosity; we also recognize that each of them has additional responsibilities outside of OSP. We intend to respect their time while acknowledging the broader reality of scarcity of ordained leaders. Even Fr. McGrath tells me he's not planning to bring a full squad of Jesuits with him.

This reality also relates to the ability to offer multiple daily Masses in addition to funerals, weddings, and other special occasions.

Part of our considerations for the future will include a more neighborhood view of other churches where Eucharist and Reconciliation are offered to a mobile population.

And of course, all our liturgies are celebrated so exquisitely, beautifully and prayerfully due to the exceptional work of our dedicated staff and volunteers performing the numerous ministries required at every liturgy. All are necessary and all are part of any such decision.

Livestream Masses and Zoom Programing

The 9:30 am and the 5:00 pm OSP Masses will be Livestreamed.

The 'next reality' will be livestreaming the Sunday Mass at Old St. Pat's – whatever may be taking place in that context as a part of the life of the parish.

There are innumerable stories of how the livestream Mass has sustained people during the shutdown and shut-in experience of the COVID restrictions and continues to sustain many. OSP was uniquely prepared and intentionally decided to fill such a need. **OSP has been Livestreaming Mass every Sunday since 2015.** As there were already instincts about livestreaming before church doors were closed, why would we walk that back? **Yet we also have much yet to learn** about the effect of the normalization of worshipping, learning, and sharing virtually! The Eucharist, the experience of communion, is meant to be celebrated in each other's physical presence. It is part of our understanding and embrace of the mystery of the Incarnation. At the same time we are aware of wonderful connections that have been made in ways we would never have imagined.

The staff is currently considering how we can continue to offer ministries that have proved to be (even surprisingly) effective over Zoom. The "next reality" will be hybrid in many cases. While other experiences are best in person. More to come as we experiment and determine the best use of our resources.

It is truly an exciting time. Old St. Pat's continues to determine what is next and is committed to listen, learn, and lead in reading the signs of the times and sharing a way to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and all God's children.

Gratefully,
Fr. Ken Simpson
Administrator





Awakenings: Sunday, July 24, 2021

By Bernadette Gibson | Director of Pastoral Care

THE MEAL THAT IS MEANT TO BE SHARED IS MEANT TO BRING EVERYONE TO THE TABLE

My husband Gary loves to cook. We love to entertain, make food for people, and share a meal. But I must admit... I do **not** like leftovers. Never have. Leftovers are just not my jam. Fortunately for me Gary will happily consume whatever leftovers are in the fridge if it means he doesn't have to buy lunch the next day.

Recently I have been reading Tish Harrison Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. In her book she shares, "Food has so much to teach us about nourishment, and as a culture we struggle with what it means to be not simply fed, but profoundly and holistically nourished." These last 18 months of the pandemic have caused me to reflect on the Eucharist. Rooted in our Christian faith is the experience of being truly nourished in body and soul through this humble and holy food.

To truly appreciate the Gospel of Jesus feeding the five thousand, we must take a minute to understand the context. Two significant events took place that prompted Jesus to withdraw from Capernaum and sail over to Bethsaida. Matthew, Mark, and John record that some time before our story, Jesus had sent the disciples out to every surrounding village to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to heal the sick and cast out demons, and to prepare people to meet Jesus. The disciples were tired. The second significant event that happened just before our story takes place is the execution of John the Baptist. I think we can assume that part of the reason Jesus is withdrawing with His disciples is out of grief following the unjust execution of a man whom they all loved and admired very much. Clearly the intent of Jesus and His disciples was to escape... to hunker down... to retreat from the crowds and demands of ministry, to rest, and to process their grief. If ever there was a time that they felt justified to "take care of our own," it was on this day.

But things did not go as planned. When He went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them. The problem is this: the followers of Jesus are emotionally strung out and their only desire is to have Jesus for themselves and find solace in being with Him and being together. Some of the disciples were clearly frustrated and perhaps annoyed by the presence and the needs of this crowd. And like the disciples we can feel justifiably selfish about our needs...our losses...our safety...our self-preservation...and we can simply ask Jesus to "send them away."

Jesus assumes that He and His church will minister to the

needs of the shepherdless sheep. Jesus didn't tell the disciples to launch a fundraiser to feed the crowd, he told them to get started with what they had.

The disciple Andrew asks for those in the crowd to volunteer whatever leftovers they have with them to see what was available to feed the 5000. Amazingly, the only person to step forward and to sacrifice his own meal so that others might eat...is a child. We can assume this child is not wealthy; not overly educated; but this boy has been listening to Jesus, and his heart is moved to bring what he has. Andrew asks the question that we all ask when faced with such incredible need and limited resources, "What is this in our hands as compared to the needs of so many?" Jesus will bless what has been given to Him, and distribute that which He has been blessed...and that's where the miracle begins!



The miracle was that everyone had all they needed, and there was even a surplus. What if Jesus knew that He did not need to manufacture bread and fish when, in fact, all the food that was necessary was already in our possession? What if the true miracle here is the way Jesus powerfully moved the hearts of people from fear to hearts of generosity? Scarcity can serve as both a reminder of our dependence on one another and an opportunity for generosity that creates community. The familiar scenes of long lines of cars waiting for food assistance this past year have been tragic in a land of plenty but also reassuring that there were people able and willing to provide for others. Scarcity becomes a feast with leftovers as Jesus invites the crowd to imitate a child who offered his meagre provisions to others. Jesus' Empathy is not faceless; it is not a glance. Empathy is about making a human connection. Our call to action is to feed because the meal changes us, and the company and community we participate in during the meal changes us. The Meal that is meant to be shared – is meant to bring everyone to the table. Tish Harrison Warren shares "in this alternative economy of the true bread of life, we are turned inside out so that we are no longer people marked by scarcity, jockeying for our own good, but are new people, truly nourished, and therefore able to extend nourishment to others. The economy of the Eucharist is true abundance. There is enough for me, not in spite of others, but because we receive Christ together as a community."



SUMMER PRAYER | *Contemplativecommunity.org*

The season of summer brings with it the experience of freedom, play and gratitude. Surprisingly, these are also the fruits of a regular prayer/meditation practice. If you are desiring to allow your relationship with the Holy One to come into full bloom this summer, we invite you to pray with us. There are daily online chapels that meet Monday-Saturday for Centering Prayer, spiritual enrichment and faith sharing. You are welcome to join us whenever you are able.

Visit oldstpats.org/contemplative-community for the chapel schedule.

Sue reflects on her experience in the online contemplative chapel:

Connection has been a large part of our community. People have the opportunity to join from anywhere. What a gift! I was surprised that such strong connections could be made on Zoom with people I did not know prior to the chapel. When we share, we speak from "I" statements. I was raised in a family (and era) where it was not acceptable to begin statements with "I", nor to talk about myself. I do believe it is an important part of our chapel experience as it prevents advice giving and preaching, while it helps keep the focus on me and what is happening in my relationship with God.

Sharing does not always come easy. My heart sometimes starts beating very quickly as I anticipate sharing. Like any new experience, little by little sharing comes easier and I get braver. I appreciate the silence between the sharing and the fact that no one is obligated to share. Many days I am struck by how a word or phrase from the chapel reading becomes important to my experience later in the day. It adds to the beauty of contemplation.

The variety of poetry, songs, visuals, and readings by various authors has kept the chapel new and vibrant! Many new songs have been added to my playlist and many authors to my list of books to read. I keep brief notes on most chapel days. (obviously very optional). One that immediately pops into my mind is the acronym ... WAIT... why am I talking? So appropriate on many occasions!

The chapel has enlarged my heart. I can now share my heart with joy and sorrow at the same time... there's plenty of room. In more and more situations I'm cognizant of the fact that life is not about me. Contemplation has opened my heart to love more, starting in my own home. My time in the chapel has helped me to pause, to pause before reacting or speaking and has certainly helped me to feel more centered during times of stress.

I love that our community holds our spoken and unspoken requests in prayer. We support each other in a nonjudgmental way, and it just feels safe.

A DAY OF CENTERING PRAYER: COME TO THE QUIET

Morton Arboretum | Monday, August 16 | 8 am - 4 pm Facilitator: Al Gustafson



Enjoy a day of Silence among nature with your fellow contemplatives. The day will include structured sitting and walking meditation periods, unstructured time to be "among the trees", and a delicious breakfast and lunch. Our day begins and ends with fellowship and conversation.

For more info and to register use this link: bit.ly/centeringprayeraugust16

THE PLAN EVOLVES FURTHER

The North Lawndale Employment Network (NLEN) has transformed a former bank building into a beautiful, full service community hub at the corner of Homan Avenue and Roosevelt Road. The open house for the multimillion dollar campus will be Thursday, August 26 from 11 am to 4 pm.



Old St. Patrick's has partnered with this 21 year old non-profit organization through the North Lawndale Works initiative. Old St. Pat's volunteers and donors support NLEN's mission to assist job seekers as they break through barriers to employment and join the workforce. NLEN's clients attend classes, receive hands-on training and mentoring, and access jobs through partner employers and other opportunities. NLEN's social enterprise, called Sweet Beginnings, is one such opportunity that features urban bee farms. The farms harvest honey used in the popular honey-infused skin care products and food items under the Beelove brand. The brand is available in many local supermarkets and beauty supply stores.



The new campus features: the Worker Bee Café, a large, bright community event room adjoined by an outdoor peace garden, a rooftop apiary (bee farm), production space for Sweet Beginnings, a Wintrust Bank branch with indoor and drive-thru services, classrooms, a computer lab, office space and ample parking.

This development means a tremendous amount to the North

Lawndale neighborhood and to Old St. Pat's as well. The campus is not only a matter of good taste and beautiful aesthetics, it also helps shape people's ideas about the community and what they can accomplish in the world.

Learn more about Old St. Pat's Church's support of NLEN through the North Lawndale Works initiative at oldstpats.org/nlw.

Next Week: *"The Essence of Transformative Kinship"*

Kinship Mission:



Through the Kinship Initiative, people of North Lawndale and Old St. Patrick's Church walk alongside one another in friendship, sharing our talents and resources to secure justice, opportunity and the transformation of our communities.



GIVING TO OSP

Thank you!

oldstpats.org/giving



We are humbled by your amazing generosity over the past sixteen months!

When we abruptly shut down in March 2020, we were worried. Would we be able to fully engage as a virtual community? Would we be able to meet the growing needs of the most vulnerable throughout our City? Would we be able to minister to our people in necessary and meaningful ways? Would we be able to host joyful virtual events?

Then, when we began to reopen ever so slowly, we asked: how will we ensure the safety of those in our church and on our campus? How will we help people celebrate the sacraments in life-affirming and transformative ways?

As the months dragged on, we wondered whether fatigue would set in. Will our community keep showing up? Will they continue to support us? Will we be able to continue God's work?

The answer to all of these questions was a resounding yes. The reason: YOU! Because of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we grew in unexpected and significant ways and welcomed new community members near and far along the way.

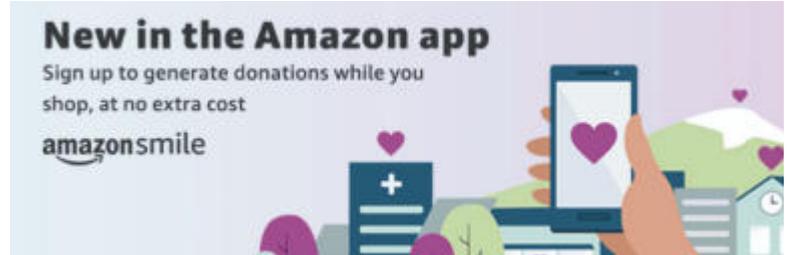
Undoubtedly, the road ahead is uncertain and surely rocky.

Yet together, we are emerging stronger than ever, and are committed to leading a movement of change within the Catholic church, marked by radical inclusivity, exquisite worship and transformative kinship.

Thank you.

Text to Give

Please text **"OLDSTPATS"** to (833) 245-7641 and follow the prompts to make a gift through our secure giving platform, Pushpay.



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GREEN NOTES FROM OSP GREEN TEAM:

Water in a Time of Drought Plus a Piping Plover Update

The water that is delivered to the public... requires a lot of electricity to withdraw, treat and distribute. Please consider that all the water you use is precious and expensive drinking water. – Friends of the Fox River

Water is one of the key resources that makes life possible for countless plants and animals, including ourselves, that inhabit our common home; it is important and sacramental in many religions, including the Catholic faith. What can we do to recognize how precious and sacred water is, and to conserve water for all of Earth's inhabitants? This year, the Chicago region experienced a significant drought in May and June. In our home landscapes, there are things we can do to treasure our precious water resources; these actions can even become acts of faith.



- Plant native plants which are adapted to handle periodic drought. Many gardeners who plant only native plants don't water at all. Out in our natural areas, our native plants look lush now, even though no one is watering them.
- Take into account rainfall and temperature in your neighborhood when deciding when and how much to water. Water on the plants' schedule by noting repeated drooping and cracked soil, signs of drought stress. When you do water, water deeply and thoroughly, once or twice a week. Deep watering encourages root growth, which helps plants adapt to drought.
- The best time to water is early morning, when rising temperatures quickly dry off leaves, reducing the chance of powdery mildew and other diseases. Watering in the heat of mid-day means water evaporates without reaching plant roots. When soil is cracked, water gently at first to allow soil to re-hydrate so it can absorb additional water effectively.
- Choose how to water your lawn in a drought. If you want your lawn to look green, water 1 inch per week. If you are ok with your lawn going dormant, water ½ inch every few weeks. Your turf will green up again when normal rains resume because you have kept your lawn's crown alive.

More on Chicago's Piping Plovers, Monty and Rose



Chicago's love affair with our Great Lakes Piping Plovers, Monty and Rose, continues. After losing their first four eggs to a hungry skunk, Monty and Rose rebounded and built a new nest in a different spot at Montrose Harbor; here Rose laid four more eggs. Three chicks hatched from this second nest on July 7-8. When the parents stopped incubating the 4th egg on July 9, Park District and Fish and Wildlife personnel took it to Lincoln Park Zoo to be incubated. On July 10, the fourth chick hatched at the zoo; it appeared strong, healthy and vocal, and so was returned to the parents that same day. Monty and Rose immediately accepted the chick, and were observed sheltering it during the day. All four chicks, including the youngest, continue to do well, scurrying across the beach searching for insects to eat, and sheltering under Mom and Dad when needed.

Once about 800 pairs of Great Lakes piping plovers nested along sandy beaches on all five Great Lakes. By 1990, only 13 pairs remained, all of them nesting around Lake Michigan. Today there are over 70 pairs again nesting on all five of the Great Lakes. By giving these birds space, by restricting human activity around nests, we ensure these birds will continue to thrive in our common home. You can follow the latest on the world of Monty and Rose at www.chicagopipingplovers.org



OSP Green Team Needs You

Are you inspired by the message of Laudato Si? Want to be a faithful steward of our common home? OSP Green Team shares your passion. To learn more, contact Kayla Jackson at (312) 798-2399 or kaylaj@oldstpat.org.



**Encore Invites You to Come Cruise with Us
Sunday, September 12!**

**The Chicago Architecture Foundation Center
River Cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady**

For more than 25 years, the Chicago Architecture Center's expertly trained docent volunteers have led the river cruise, sharing fascinating stories behind more than 50 buildings along the Chicago River. Hear how Chicago grew from a small settlement into one of the world's largest cities in less than 100 years. In just 90 minutes, you'll get the best overview of Chicago's architecture and its history.



Please join us on Sunday, September 12 for the 1:00 pm cruise!

Departure point is 401 N. Michigan Ave.

Participants will make their own arrangements for transportation to the boat.

Validated parking is \$15 for four hours at 111 E. Wacker which is directly across the street from the dock (just down a staircase on the northeast corner of Michigan/Wacker). Validation cards can be obtained from the bartender on the boat.

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your cruise departure time. Allow extra time for traffic and parking in summer. Cruise guests board 15 minutes before departure time.

Cost of tickets: \$41 per person

Reservations and payment must be received no later than August 1.

Please register and pay at: bit.ly/encorerivercruise

Tickets are nonrefundable. Your ticket(s) will be held for you at the boat dock by an Encore representative. Tour departs rain or shine. In addition to the upper deck where, of course, all the buildings can be seen at full advantage, there is a lower deck in case of inclement weather. There is an audio system so that people on that deck get all the descriptions. The tour does have ponchos if it's raining and people want to stay on the upper deck.

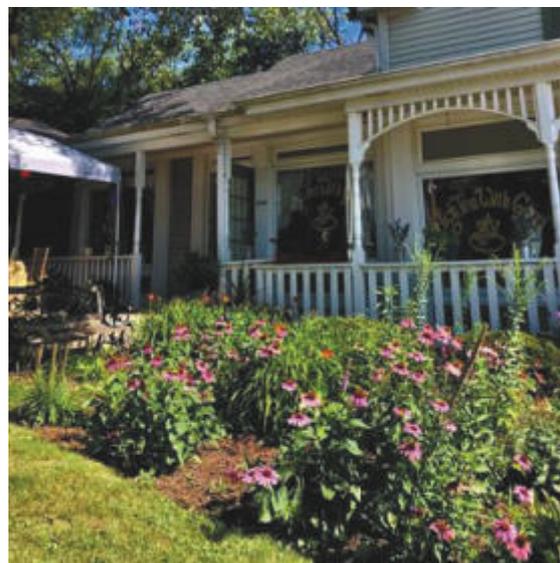
There is a bar on board from which beverages and small snacks (chips, brownies, cookies) can be purchased. Passengers can bring their own beverages/snacks as well – no alcohol. Anyone who is a Chicago Architecture Center member, and wishes to purchase a ticket using member benefits can do so through this website: architecture.org/join-give/join/membership

SAVE THE DATE!

Afternoon tea at Geri's Tearoom | Saturday, November 20, 2021

Encore is planning an Afternoon tea at Geri's Tearoom in Long Grove along with an off site cafe on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

Our speaker would be, if she is available, Barbara Mahany. She is a nationally known journalist from the front pages of the Chicago Tribune and author. Her book is *The Stillness of Winter*, a walk through the winter months of December through February.



Evenings with **Encore**



Going back a little over one year to the very beginning days of the pandemic, the Encore leadership team recognized the anxiety and isolation that many (if not all) of us were experiencing. Wanting to continue our community-building mission during this unusual time, we tapped into Zoom and created "Evenings with Encore!"

Meeting weekly, each Zoom gathering offers an opportunity to hear from interesting people presenting on a broad spectrum of topics; everything from Chicago history to spirituality to performances by musicians and actors. And to keep the conversations and connections going, we sought to enable those informal conversations that usually take place at tables following in-person programs. So, we open up Zoom breakout rooms after each presentation for those who want to linger a little longer and call these fifteen minute conversations, "After Words."

To receive more information and registration information for upcoming speakers' series events, please sign up for Encore emails at bit.ly/ospencore-email

Upcoming Evenings:

Thursday, August 26

*"Notes for Peace": Jon Weber, Director of School and Family Programs
The Negaunee Music Institute at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra*

"I think music is one of the most powerful tools on the planet to process anything. Music reaches us on a soul level, and in this particular case, music is used to heal a grieving heart" - Meagan McNeal, Notes for Peace vocalist

Launched in March 2017, "Notes for Peace," a project of the Negaunee Music Institute at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, empowers parents who have lost children to gun violence to create original songs of tribute. With guidance from guest teaching artists from the U.K.-based Irene Taylor Trust, the Civic Orchestra Fellows, and professional vocalists, parents compose and professionally record their music, which is then featured alongside family photos and lyrics on the website notesforpeace.org. During the presentation, Mr. Weber will discuss the Notes for Peace program, its development, as well as its remarkable healing and heart touching results.

Thursday, September 9

*"Blowin' in the Wind: New Solutions for Architectural Sway:
Claudia Winkler, Chicago Architecture Center docent.*

Claudia Winkler has consulted with the architects and engineers on several of the high-rise buildings in Chicago. Her expertise centers on the technology used to accommodate the inevitable building sway from Chicago's winds. This powerpoint presentation titled, "Blowin in the Wind: New Solutions for Architectural Sway", will feature a relatively new high-rise office building along the Chicago River as well as the new St. Regis (previously named the Vista). It should prove to be an enlightening look into the creation of our city's most iconic architecture.

COMING IN OCTOBER (DTD)

The Return of Live Storytelling!

Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of true personal stories, in the tradition of The Moth, from some of the best storytellers Chicago has to offer. The stories will share the heartbreaking, the hilarious, and everything in between. You'll feel like you have joined friends to share life experiences over drinks. Yes, a cash bar will be available.

We can't wait to welcome you for this second in what we hope will be an annual storytelling event presented by Encore for all ages. Watch the bulletin for more details coming in August.



IVC Volunteer Inspires Young Adults to Share their Unique Gifts At OSP

After retiring from 46 years of teaching Advanced Placement English and serving as the Director of Midwest Admissions for an East Coast college, Maureen Kennedy Barney found herself asking, "What's next?" No stranger to service, the words she had found second nature since her student days at Boston College simply took on a full time focus: Men and Women for Others.

Since 2015, Maureen Kennedy Barney has been volunteering as part of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. A member of Old St Pat's, serves with the Trinity Volunteer Corps, a program that serves adults with disabilities inspiring them to express their unique talents and gifts as they inspire and live out the mission of Old St Pat's.

"As members of a faith community, we draw our strength from the Gospel and from one another," says Maureen. She describes her part of the ministry as one she heard so clearly defined by Father Hurley many years ago...the ministry of presence. "To be a presence in the life of another is sometimes simply all we are called to be...sometimes being present is all we can be...sometimes it is all we need to be." It is important for not only the adults we serve in TVC but also for their parents and caregivers to know that we are there for them...for each of them, she shared."



Since the onset of the COVID pandemic, today, someone like Maureen refused to let the isolation halt the efforts to empower the adults in her care with that feeling, that sense of purpose and belonging through continuing their work to help others.

Wanting to do something to combat the isolation her group was feeling, Maureen innovated and launched a series of events, projects and interactive gatherings that took place on Zoom, in members' driveways, with assignments arriving in TVC members mailboxes or at their front doors. Coordinating with the Outreach Ministry at OSP, she found herself unloading the back of her Volvo with the food items the group would prepare weekly to ease the hunger of those who find nourishment at the door of the Jack Wall Mission Center or from the doors of the church on a Sunday morning. As NBC's Making a Difference Series learned, "There was a story in many a driveway as the food assembly never ceased...the need for an extra scarf, or hat or bulky mittens allowed the food bags to role out without a hitch. Emerald Ball, Deck the Hall Christmas Concert and other virtual events had the TVC imprint. Valentine Cheer cards to shut ins, birthday greetings to the residents of the city shelters and the thousands of cutouts for

Giving Tree and St. Patrick's Day that carried a message...a way of letting those who were alone but never forgotten carried the message that is IVC and TVC and OSP: YOU BELONG AND WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER.

As we begin the next normal, Maureen says we all will be strengthened by lessons we've learned during these challenging days. "We'll remember the joy of being both the giver and the receiver; we'll look forward to meeting for work days and to assisting with the many projects that make us a community... and we'll be starting very soon to prepare the over 4000 gift tags that will be back for Christmas 2021. Above all, we look forward to being together, to seeing one another and to continuing to be part of what Ignatian, Trinity and Old St. Pat's epitomizes...those words in action from many years ago: MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS!"

We Need YOU! About IVC Chicago

IVC Chicago began in September 2001 with 12 volunteers — including retirees from all walks of life including a fire chief, postal worker, nurse and corporate executive — who rolled up their sleeves to volunteer in a hospital, as a prison chaplain, teacher's aides and GED instructors at service agencies throughout the Chicago area.

Today, we have almost 60 volunteers working with more than 30 partner agencies (on-site and virtually) in roles ranging from tutoring refugees and immigrants, providing ministry at prisons, healthcare and food for women and children's services and serving the homeless, along with the elderly and disabled.

A typical volunteer is "someone who is committed to serving others and reflecting on God's presence and power in their volunteer service and all aspects of their life, says Maura Rogan, Chicago IVC director.

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer? Call us at: 312-961-6206 and/or sign up for one of our information sessions. For more information go to: www.ivcusa.org/chicago

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES: A Faith Journey

Sunday, July 25, 2021



We have two different Faith Journeys that reflect on today's Gospel...



Today's Gospel reading is the familiar story of the loaves and fishes. There are two views of that day's events: The first is that a miracle occurred when Jesus increased the crowd's small amount of food. The second is that the miracle happened when people shared their food. Which story speaks to you? In both accounts all were fed and no one was left hungry. Could this happen today? Yes! When we open our hearts to share, everyone's needs are met and there is no scarcity. All of our neighbors, particularly our immigrants and refugee brothers and sisters, need us to have open hearts and minds. This Gospel calls us to share our "loaves and fishes" with our neighbors. Let's work to end hunger today! Will you help our sisters and brothers?

Bread.org/hunger
Chicagosfoodbank.org

"When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?'" – John 6:5-9

Today's Gospel connects intimately with much of the current attitude surrounding immigrants and refugees here in the United States: We have a lot of 'Philips' who say, "There are too many of them, and if they come in, there won't be enough for us – we don't have enough for them," and truly, the numbers of immigrants and refugees in need worldwide are staggering and overwhelming. But Jesus is testing us here, too. As our friend Fr. Greg Boyle likes to remind us: "There is no us and them – just us." Our challenge instead is to take Andrew's approach: "Well, we don't have everything that's needed, but we have something to offer to start..." We are called to offer what we have, with faith that Jesus will find a way for our gifts to multiply so that all may be satisfied, not just with bread, but with safety and security in order to be able to live the kinds of lives that God intended us for.

WEEKDAY MASSES



We are now hosting 7 am and 12:10 pm Masses on Wednesdays. The 12:10 pm Mass will be livestreamed. We are also offering an opportunity for Reconciliation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (when Mass starts) in the church each week on Wednesdays.

SUMMER SUNSET 8 PM MASS

OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
700 W. ADAMS ST.

The graphic features a stylized white sun with rays rising over a horizon, set against a background of a sunset sky with orange and red tones. The text is in white and pink.

visit us at oldstpats.org

PARTNERS REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31, 2021

Registration for the 2021-2022 Partners Religious Education (Pre-K through 8th Grade) and Foundations (9th-12th) (*Foundations Registration remains open past July 31*)

It is our hope that classes will be in person in the fall, but we need to get our directives from the Archdiocese. As soon as a decision is made, it will be communicated to all who have registered. Class will be held on Sunday mornings. Exact time is to be determined. Class dates are listed below.

PARTNERS CLASS DATES FOR 2021-2022:

Sept. 12 & 26 | Oct. 3 & 17 | Nov. 7 & 21 | Dec. 5 & 19 | Jan. 9 & 23 | Feb. 6 & 13 | Mar. 6 & 20 | Apr. 3 & 24

- Only 3 absences are allowed in any Partners grade level, sacraments included.
- The Archdiocese has changed the requirements for Confirmation which is now a TWO YEAR process. The preparation begins in the Fall of 7th grade and Confirmation will take place in the Spring of their 8th-grade year.
- All children registering for First Communion must have one year of religious education. If that has not been met, please sign your child up for 1st grade.

To register please visit: bit.ly/osppartners2021. Please log in to myOSP to access the form.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are registering more than one child, please use the discount code "additionalchild" for the 2nd, 3rd or 4th child.

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For almost 30 years, Old St. Pat's has hosted the Family School, an interfaith religious cooperative education program that teaches Judaism and Catholicism, welcoming students from Jewish-Christian families in Kindergarten through 8th grade. All classes are parent-taught and meet approximately twice a month on Sunday mornings in the Francis Xavier Warde School. For more information, contact chicagointerfaithfamilyschool@gmail.com.



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Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:10, 12

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Readings: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Mass Remembrances:

8:00 am Thomas Boehner (†)
Aiden Michael Riley of Prairie Village, KS (†)
Maureen Osterhout (†)

10:00 am Eugene E. Ryan, Sr. (†)
Catherine Therese "Terry" Trapp (†)
Charlotte A. Deslippe (†)
Brian Frank
Dr. Petras Kisielius
Mary Ellen Mooney (†)
Mary Clarizio (†)
Brian Knight (†)

5:00 pm Corazon "Cora" Enriquez (†)
Annabelle Sheehan (†)
Bill Tierney

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Monday, July 26, 2021

Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Mass Remembrances: Jean Kennedy Jones (†)

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Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Readings: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Book of Patrick: Kevin Patrick Conlon, Chester E. Smith, Frank & Jane Crowe, Kevin Edward Hughes, Bonnie Mandolini, Steven Rooney, Agnes P. Hayes, Katherine DeVries, Emilia M. Maleski, Theresa and Harry Sosnowski, Ernest Witt, Jon O'Connor, Nicole and Patrick Kuehnle, Robert John Kuehnle, Maureen & Terry Gilhooly, Richard H. Driehaus

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Readings: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Mass Remembrances: Jean Kennedy Jones (†)

Book of Patrick: Loretta E. Behof, Peter & Anne Connolly, Charles & Geraldine Hayes, Edward Borger, Susan A. Payne, Dolores and John Grabowski, Patrick Parks, Marie Vanderford, Sue Smith, Callahan Shannon Hennessy

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Book of Patrick: Edward Duch, Fr. Patrick McGrath, S.J., Joe Doran, Rose Cecilia Grogan, Amy T. Johannes, Joanne Furdenberg Cooney, Bernice Levato, Marie Vanderford, Joseph Corcoran, Kenneth Roy Murphy, James Martin Mitchell, Maria Hofmaier

Friday, July 30, 2021

Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Mass Intentions: Keavy Ruth Nenninger (†)

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Saturday, July 31, 2021

Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Book of Patrick: Mareve Driscoll, Edward K. Grant, William Thompson, Dr. Thomas J. Ginley, William Crot, Madeline C. Riley, Dorothy and Eugene Callahan, Mary Sue Faust, James and Mary Margaret Roach, Genevieve and Richard Hardy, Mary McCoy, Cliff Pazik, James Barron Truax, Billy Broeski, Mario D. Conte

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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Women and Men of Faith



Saint James

Saint of the Day for July 25

Saint James' Story

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. "When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the *Letter of James* and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

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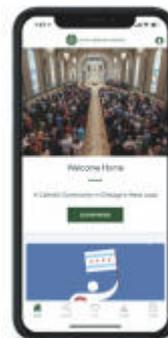
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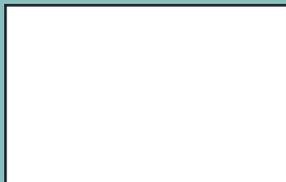
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