

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

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OUR MISSION

We are the Church, alive with Christ, a diverse community rooted in faith, celebrating a liturgy of life. We are prayerfully responsive to the Spirit of the living Gospel, freely and fully ministering to all.

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OCTOBER 11, 2026

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 8:15am, 10am & 12pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 9am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:15pm - 4pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8am - 4:30pm

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02 PASTOR'S LETTER

October 11, 2026/Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is so cool to get an invitation to something. It is also cool to see and RSVP required on it. Which as a little bit of trivia, does anyone know the etymology of RSVP? It is from the French *Respondex s'il vous plait*, which just means respond please. Now when you get one of these fancy invitations in the mail, with either a piece to mail back or a number to call or an email nowadays, you have three options. You can respond eagerly. Wow this will be a great occasion, of course I will be there, sign me up right away. You can decline the invitation; either for a conflict that something is already scheduled that day or just plain lack of interest in attending. The third option is to put it on that stack of mail on the table that is now over a foot high, we all know what we are talking about. There it will be lost in the shuffle and probably found a month or two after the event has passed. You end up kicking yourself, dang it, I should have remembered I would have really liked to attend.

We have all been invited to the kingdom of heaven. God is waiting for our RSVP response. Which one of the three options will we take with that invite? Will we accept eagerly? Will we say no? Will we forget about it until it is too late? Our Gospel today talks of the great feast that was thrown. The people invited declined for whatever reasons. Perhaps some did not want to attend; they were busy that day and had other commitments. Are we too busy to answer God's rsvp in our life? Do we have other commitments that keep us from attending that party? Are worse yet, are those who put God's invitation aside and forgot about it. Oh I will get around to that someday. I will get around to being a Christian someday. There are probably way more people in that category. I'll respond someday.

However, there is perhaps the worst of them all. The person who shows up but does not really want to be there. That is the point of the man who did not have a wedding garment. He was going through the motions. He accepted the invitation but did not really want to go. He showed up out of dress code. The bad part is that wedding garments were usually given out at the door, kind of like a coat check so he obviously did not care. He went along for the ride but he was only making a half-hearted attempt. I think that is even more tempting. I see it all the time in so many of the young people I work with. They are going through the motions without any real thought or concern to it.

Many are called; few are chosen. The bad part is that it is self-selection. We all got the invites. Every single one of us is invited. God is waiting for us to send in the rsvp. Will you accept enthusiastically? Will you say no? Will you ignore and forget about it. Or will you show up hesitantly, not really wanting to be there. The choice is yours.

Work around the building continues. The hallways and lobby have been painted. The work in the basement is progressing. A foundation crack has been found behind the basement wall that was causing moisture and mold. That is being repaired and the mold mitigated. The roof work is ready to begin. The repairs and updates to the building and grounds never end. Thank you for all your love and support for our wonderful parish.



**REV. JEFF SMIALEK,
O.CARM., PASTOR**

***Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
... Pray for us!
Fr. Jeff***



Readings for the week of October 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

4:30pm Bonifacio de Ocampo (Family)

Ismael Sandoval-4th Anniv. (Family)

Dolores Janisch-5th Anniv. (Family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:15am Penny & Jerry Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Donald Lechner (Germaine)

10:00am Jack Geraghty (Carr Family)

Johnny Abraham (Family)

Len O'Kelly (McInerney Family)

Gary Matts (Family)

Mary Jo Desmond (Family)

Wladyslawa Wapiennik (Family)

Noon Filonila Tolentino (Family)

Matthew Bier (McMahon Family)

Kowalski Family-living (Family)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am Concepcion Pabellon (Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00am Therese Donatello (Family)

Kitty Foss (Mary Ceh)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00am Peg Grimes (Pat Monahan)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00am Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Oldrich Frank Novoty (Jane Husak)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00am Charlene Anton (Family)

Jim Mocarski (BJ & Jim Holmes)

Rosemarie Kern (Family)

Thresia Philip (Family)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00am Raymond Randolph (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Donald Antikauskas (Wife Evelyn)

Lou McClelland (Eugene Munin)

CG Philip (Family)



MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES
FALL CONFERENCE

Intimacy with God: *From Freezing to Freedom*

Join us as we dig deeply into the potential intimacy that awaits us as we face God who loves us as beloved daughters and sons.



The writings of **Ignatius of Loyola** will guide the opening discussion through his "Principle and Foundation." As we experience God's divine spark and belovedness within us,



Teresa of Avila, the great mystic, will help us explore self-knowledge – "the more you know yourself, the more you know God." We will journey through the rooms of her famous "Interior Castle," and begin to realize that **we are the castle** in need of exploration with God at the interior of our existence.



In closing, **John of the Cross** will accompany our journey into the yearnings and longings that are painful, but wait longingly for God's divine love.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

9:30-NOON

Offices of
MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES
located in Ascension of Our Lord Parish
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

\$30
PER PERSON

Register online
www.mayslakeministries.org

or by phone at
630-852-9000



Fr. Paul Henson, O. Carm. is from Los Angeles, CA. He joined the Carmelites in 1995 and made solemn vows in 2001. After ordination, Fr. Paul was assigned to Crespi Carmelite High School in 2002. Following his ordination, Fr. Paul has ministered as a high school teacher and principal, vocation ministry, leadership ministry in his province, speaker, retreat planner, and pastor. He has allowed St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux to be instrumental companions and guides in his Carmelite life. Most recently, Fr. Paul was granted an extended sabbatical to study Spiritual Direction at Loyola University in Chicago. He has experienced the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the Carmelite 30-day, an extensive study of St. John of the Cross, and most recently Fr. Richard Rohr.

Deepen your relationship. Discover your true self. Experience God's love.



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
CLOTHING DRIVE
October 17 & October 18

✓ CLOTHING

✓ SHOES

✓ BELTS & PURSES

✓ ACCESSORIES

✓ TOYS

✓ SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS & BOOKS

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DONATIONS

Welcome
WELCOME TO
THE OLMC
FAMILY!
TIM & NANCY
LAROCQUE



Together in Loss

Join our grief support ministry for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Our next gathering will be

Saturday, October 17th | 10-11:30am



MONTH OF THE ROSARY
JOIN US IN PRAYER

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and meditate on the life of Christ.

All are invited to pray the Rosary in the Chapel Every Wednesday 7 p.m.

04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Activities of the Week

Participate in the Banquet of the Lord by attending Sunday Eucharist together as a family. Talk to the family about preparing our hearts for the Eucharist. What can we do to be better prepared for the liturgy celebration? Arrive at church a few minutes early to prepare for this special Eucharistic meal.

Together with your family, discuss the phrase “Many are invited but few are chosen.” This week do one thing as a family to help others, thereby making this world a better place for someone else.

Do you have a friend or neighbor that transportation to Sunday Mass? Invite that person to join your family for the liturgy.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

Question for Youth: Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus’ parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

TRICK OR TREAT WITH THE SAINTS

**Sunday, November 1
2:00-4:00 PM in the halls of RE**

Come on out and decorate a door as we celebrate with the Saints. Please call the RE office for more information and to reserve a door for decorating.



Is there a Doctor in the House?

A Carmelite Saint you should know-Saint Teresa of Avila. Her feast day is celebrated on October 15, and she is the first woman to receive the honor of being called a “Doctor of the Church.” She was intelligent, hardworking, prayerful and holy. She wrote many books on spirituality. In *The Way of Perfection*, she offers practical guidance for those seeking to grow in holiness. Her masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*, describes the soul as a castle with many dwelling places, leading ultimately to union with God at its center. Through these works, she teaches that prayer is not reserved for a few, but is the path by which every soul can encounter the living God.



Important Dates:

CHRISTOS-Welcome!

Our first session will be on
Saturday, October 17 at 3:00 PM
We are still looking for people to help us
with our program. Contact the RE office if
you would like to volunteer.
We meet about every other week.

Family Mass-October 18 at 10:00
We still need a few readers and gift
bearers. Call the RE office if you are
interested.

Family Faith:

“Revelation: God Made Known”
Tuesday, October 20th 7:00pm-
Lower Level

Service Opportunity: **Riverwalk clean up-**

Our Care for Creation committee needs
help on Saturday, October 24. Call the RE
office for details.

Trick or Treat with the Saints
Sunday, November 1st 2:00PM-RE
Classrooms

YOUTH MINISTRY

October Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meeting 10/18

Pumpkin Painting 10/18 1:00 - 3:00

Join us for a Youth Group favorite:
Pumpkin Painting! Scan the QR to
RSVP.



Service Opportunities!

High Schoolers looking for service opportunities, we have many available. Scan the QR to sign up for one or multiple events.

October:

- 10/17 & 10/18 - Fall Clothing Drive
- 10/25 - Burr Ridge Senior Living visit

November:

- 11/1 - Trunk or Treat with the Saints
- 11/8 - Burr Ridge Senior Living visit
- 11/21 - Thanksgiving Food Drive



OCIA CORNER



Upcoming Important Date:

On **October 18th**, we will celebrate the combined **Rites of Entrance & Welcoming** at our 10 am Mass. **The Rite of Entrance** is the first formal step for those preparing for baptism. **The Rite of Welcoming** is a public welcoming of baptized adults seeking to complete their Christian Initiation.

This is a beautiful moment of faith, one that belongs to the whole parish, as we acknowledge and welcome them into our community.

If you are or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or would like to complete their Sacraments, please reach out to Jen (jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org) for more information.

06 SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OLMC Giving Report - General Fund

Date	Church Collection	Online Giving	Total
10/5/2026	\$12,873.75	\$6,331.00	\$19,204.75
9/28/2026	\$12,116.00	\$4,330.00	\$16,446.00
Total			\$35,650.75
8/31/26-9/21/26 TOTAL			
\$74,395.81			

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Living the Spirituality
of John of the Cross
in the **21st Century**

YOUNG ADULT men & women in their 20's & 30's
WEEKEND RETREAT
Holy Hill, Wisconsin
October 30 - November 1

Hosted by **CARMELITE INSTITUTE OF THE NORTH AMERICA**

Fr. Michael Joseph Davis, OCD

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
life is precious - defend it

Fall Campaign
September 23rd- November 1st

Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2026 **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 8AM to 6PM from September 23rd to November 1st, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

KNIGHTS Columbus

Be a Knight. **ANSWER the Call**. Make a Difference.

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. Put your faith into action this summer.

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

Dear Catholic Men,

You are invited to the Ceremony of Admission for the Knights of Columbus, focusing on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

What We Do: Help people, change lives, & have fun

How We Do It: Through various spiritual and social programs

Benefits for You: Fraternal and spiritual enrichment, opportunities to give back and support your parish, chance to change your life

Our Initiation Exemplifications occur on the second Tuesday of each month at our Hall, with the next one on October 13. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM, followed by the exemplification at 7 PM and a meeting at 7:30 PM. Candidates should arrive by 6:45 PM and are welcome to join for dinner. Everyone is invited to witness this now open ceremony. For more information, contact Membership Director Bill Schelli at schellikofc@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC IMPACT
NETWORKING GROUP

Evening Networking Social

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy

240 Oakbrook Center
Oak Brook, IL 60523

Join Catholic Impact Networking Group for an evening where Catholic values and business come together. Professionals and entrepreneurs are invited to make meaningful connections rooted in faith, purpose, and service.

Enjoy generous appetizers and fellowship in a warm, faith-centered setting.

For more information, call Joe Kenny
630-334-2858

Our parish community is blessed to celebrate the **Institution of the Rite of Acolyte** on **Friday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m.** The Diaconate Class Candidates of 2027, currently in formation, will receive this important rite as a significant step toward ordained service. **Bishop Dennis E. Spies** will serve as the celebrant.

For men preparing for Holy Orders, the Institution of The Rite of Acolyte is more than a liturgical role. This is an important step in their journey toward ordained service. It is a significant milestone of formation, deepening their commitment to Christ and His Church through devoted service to the Eucharist. This Rite fosters a greater love for the Sacred Liturgy and strengthens their preparation for ordained ministry.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in prayer and support here at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Friday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m.** Please keep our Diaconate Candidates and their families in your prayers as they continue their journey toward ordained ministry. We thank them for their generous response to God's call and ask the Lord to bless and guide them in the years ahead. May God abundantly bless them and their families.

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
Revelation of the Father

Fall Semester - September 19 - December 19

OLMC | 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. | All men are welcome.

The Revelation of the Father encourages men to embrace leadership by reflecting God's heart in their own. It emphasizes heroic love, faithful commitment, and spiritual fatherhood. This renewal aims to restore men, strengthen marriages, and build families, transforming them into builders of a Christian civilization. **Join us for food, fellowship, and faith to explore this message.**

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