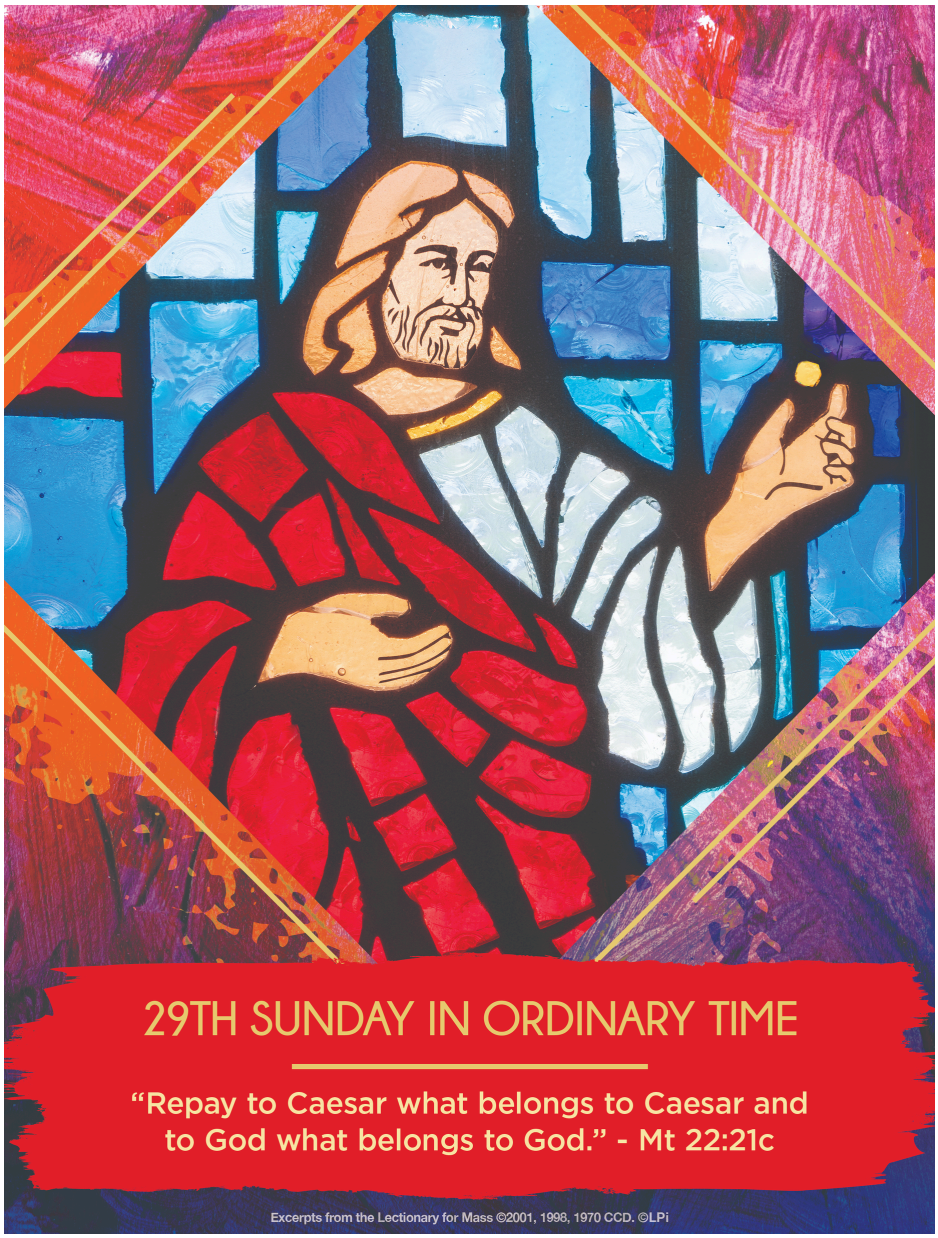
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c

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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 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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PASTOR'S LETTER

October 18, 2026/Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A member of the parish recently came to see me with a gift. He had been cleaning out his brother's house, who recently passed away. He found a collection of coins. Coin collecting is a big hobby for some individuals and coins can be very valuable. He said he found a particular coin and wanted to leave it to the parish as a gift. He told me to close my eye for the surprise, and he placed the coin in my hand. I could immediately feel the weight; this was no ordinary. I opened my eyes and saw a 1 oz gold South African Krugerrand. The little bit of online research that I did puts the market value of the coin at approximately $4,500. A very nice gift indeed, now I need to find a coin dealer. How appropriate that this happened recently considering today's Gospel. Jesus uses a coin to teach the people a lesson. We are called to live in the world but to not be of the world. That is to not be caught up in the things of this physical world to the point that we take our eyes off the Kingdom of Heaven. We need to make a living and have an adequate income in order to support our family and make it through life. We need to support the community and our common good which means that we have to pay our share of taxes. We give to Caesar what belong to Caesar. However, the most important thing is to give to God what belongs to God. So what is that? The things that belong to God are love, mercy, compassion, understanding, forgiveness and generosity. Those are the things we owe to God through sharing those gifts with each other. We are called to love one another and show mercy in all we do. That is keeping our eyes set on the things of Heaven. Are we truly pursuing the things of Heaven or are we to caught up in the things of earth?



REV. JEFF SMIALEK, O.CARM., PASTOR

This coming Friday we are honored to host the Liturgy for the Installation of Acolytes for the 2027 class of permanent deacons for the Diocese of Joliet. This is an important step in the formation process of these future deacons. Our parish is fortunate to have two men, Pravin Lewis and Frank Prado, among this class. This is an important step in the formation of these new deacons. The Church used to recognize 7 minor orders and 3 major orders that ministers share in. Post-Vatican II the Church has reformed and streamlined the process so that only 2 minor orders and the three major orders remain. The minor orders are Lector and Acolyte. The major orders are Deacon, Priest and Bishop. Each man must pass through each order before proceeding to the next. Fr. Rob and I were once installed as Lectors and Acolytes ourselves. This is an important step for Pravin and Frank as they prepare for Ordination as Deacons in August 2027. **Please join us at 7 pm on Friday, October 23 for this wonderful Liturgy and celebration.** Bishop Dennis Spies will be the main celebrant.

Our lobby tile and painting are completed. Just in time for work on the roof to begin. If it isn't one thing, it's another. The work in the basement is ongoing as well. It seems like building maintenance never ends.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel … Pray for us!

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of October 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:30pm Michael Napoli-3rd Anniv. (Family)
Joseph Janisch (Family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:15am Edward Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)
10:00am Andrea & Rose Abbate (Family)
Wilfredo Baradi (Family)
Jerry Reszel (Wife)
Eleonora Niziolek (Family)
Noon Parishoners of OLMC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00am Jun Ragasa-living (Family)
Dr. Blasco Oliviera-living (Family)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00am Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00am Laurie Boyle-30th Anniv. (Family)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00am Narcissa Castillo-8th Anniv. (Family)
Debra Grealish (Family)
Carmella Morelli (Family)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00am Michele Neill (Family)



Welcome

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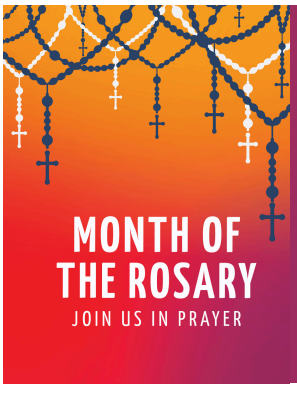


Candlelight Liturgy for All Souls Day

Join us on **Monday, November 2** at **7:00 PM** for a special **Candlelight Liturgy** as we remember and pray for our deceased loved ones.

Please submit the name of your loved one and your prayer intention to lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org so they may be remembered during the liturgy.

All are welcome to attend as we gather in prayer, hope, and remembrance.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Activities of the Week

Every day of life is a gift from God. Gather in a circle and have family members hold hands. Ask each person to thank God for one of their gifts: "Thank you, God, for _____." Conclude with the following prayer: "May we use our gifts to glorify you by the way we live our lives." Amen.

Have a family discussion about Church values and teachings, and civil values and teachings. What social injustices in our society can be addressed through political involvement? How can our family speak out on issues of violence, abortion, capital punishment, welfare, euthanasia, poverty?

Discuss the phrase, "Give to God what is God's." What belongs to God? How can your family show respect for God and all God's creation?

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?

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.



Service Opportunity: DuPage River Cleanup

Saturday, October 24 from 9:00-Noon

The cleanup is planned for 9:00 AM - Noon but there will be coffee and donuts starting around 8:30.
Our assigned section of the DuPage River runs from Gartner Road to 75th Street.
Gloves, trash pickers, garbage bags, and water will be provided.
This is a fun and safe outdoor activity. No one must get into the water and very few do.
Please see Pravin Lewis or contact the RE office for more information.

Important Dates:

Family Faith:
"Revelation: God Made Known"
Tuesday, October 20th 7:00pm-
Lower Level

Catechist Formation -
Christ His Person and Works-Session1
Wednesday, October 21-6:30-9:30
Light dinner included
This workshop is for new catechists or those who have not taken the workshop yet.
Call the RE office for more info.

CHRISTOS
We will meet next on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 for Trick or Treat with the Saints. Our students will be looking at various Saints to get an idea for their Saint name for Confirmation.
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

Please remember to bring in a picture of any deceased loved one to add to our prayer table for November.

YOUTH MINISTRY
October Newsletter

Upcoming
Youth Group Meeting
Pumpkin Painting
10/18 1:00 - 3:00

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



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP WEEKEND
The Beatitudes: Blessed Are We When We Serve

High Schoolers are invited to join us for a weekend of service. We will start on Saturday at the Northern IL Food Bank in Joliet, then make and serve dinner at the Daybreak Shelter. Scan the QR for more information and to sign up. This event is limited to 16 teens.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OLMC Giving Report - General Fund

Date	Church Collection	Online Giving	Total
10/13/2026	$11,439.25	$4,953.00	$16,392.25
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	***$52,043.00***

8/31/26-9/21/26 TOTAL

$74,395.81

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR AUTOMATED ONLINE GIVING

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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





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



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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