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30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.'" Matthew 22:37-38

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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 25, 2026
THIRTIETH 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 25, 2026/Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum is a true classic. I am sure many of us have read it or at least have heard of it. The book was first published in 1988. The author, Robert Fulghum, is a Christian minister, who pastored several different small Christian churches in Washington state over the years. The book was inspired by his time in ministry and the advice he would give to his parishioners. Life really does boil down to the basics. He writes about all those things our parents and others taught us back when we were little, share, play fair, don't hit people, clean up your mess, don't take things that aren't yours, wash your hands, etc.. It is funny how as adults we can so easily forget those basics. We start to play unfairly and hit people. We take things that don't belong to us and leave a mess of others to clean up. We are not always nice to the other kids playing in the sandbox and we often forget to wash our hands. We allow the things of the world to preoccupy us and sometimes take over our priorities. Life would be so much simpler if we could remember all those lessons we learned back in kindergarten.



REV. JEFF SMIALEK, O.CARM., PASTOR

The same is true with our spiritual life and a relationship with Jesus Christ. We often make it to be harder than it needs to be. We can see life and prayer as daunting tasks. Giving up an hour on the weekend to go to mass becomes too big of a sacrifice in our busy lives. Maybe we need to get back to the basics of the spiritual life as well. In the Gospel today, the Pharisees ask Jesus what is the greatest law? They were expecting some grand doctoral level dissertation on what God is all about. Instead, Jesus gave them and to us the kindergarten level answer, Love God and love your neighbor. It really is that simple. Jesus says that the heart of the law and spiritual life is to love the Lord with your whole heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. That's it, it really is simple. Let's not make a relationship with the Lord any harder than it needs to be.

The celebration for the Acolyte Installation was a wonderful celebration on Friday night. It was an honor that the Diocese asked our parish to host the liturgy. Of all the parishes in the Diocese of Joliet, Our Lady of Mount Carmel was chosen to be the site. This shows that the Diocese knows that we are a good parish community and are active and involved on the local level and at the Diocesan level. Thanks to all who helped at the mass and congratulations to our deacon candidates Pravin Lewis and Frank Prado on this significant step in formation.

The repairs continue. The roof is progressing and the basement is coming along. The back exterior wall of the Church needs to be tuckpointed in order to prevent moisture from creeping in. I guess that is next on the list. Thank you for all your support and please consider donations towards the parish building fund.

November 1, All Saints Day, is on Sunday, all the masses are for the Feast Day as well as for Sunday. Monday, November 2, is All Souls Day. This is the day that we remember all the dead, especially our family and friends who have passed. We will have the regular mass at 9 am and then a special candle light mass at 7 pm.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us!

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:30pm Bernice Heery (Family)
Alfred Howard (Pagonis Family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15am Arlene Brescia (Family)
10:00am James Karnick (Family)
Joanne Losacco (Marta & Juan Herrara)
Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)
Thomas Vadakava (Family)
Lolita Gallego (Family)
Noon Alexander Rodriguez-living (Grandma)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00am Jane Kerr (Family)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00am Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00am Jerome P. Bukowski (Frank & Fran Modelski)



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Thanksgiving food drive

We will be holding our **Holiday Food Drive for Thanksgiving** on Saturday November 21st. We will only be accepting monetary donations that we then will pass on to people in need to supplement their food needs. Please take an envelope home with you, put in any donation you want, write your name & address on it then place it in the collection basket next week. You could give **gift cards, checks or cash**. When giving a gift card, make sure the amount is clearly on it. If you are giving a large amount in gift cards, please get them in $25's instead of 1 large amount. If you pay by check please put "Holiday Food Drive" in the memo. You will get credit for any donation you make. Please return your envelopes by **Sunday, November 15th**, at the latest.

Thank You,
Paul Gangi - Holiday Food Drive Chairperson

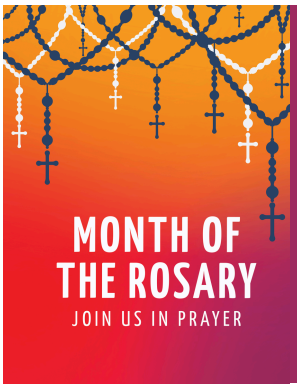


Candlelight Liturgy for All Souls Day

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. There is also a Mass at 9am on November 2. Please submit the name of your loved one and your prayer intention by November 1 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.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for making Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Clothing Drive successful. Special thanks to those who helped load the trucks. Your donations are a blessing to others.



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

We show our love for God by imitating God's compassion in caring for those who are poor. Use this time to evaluate your family's concern for those who are poor in your community. Remind your family that you also need to be aware of the sufferings of those who are poor throughout the world. Gather together as a family, and vote on a family project to help alleviate suffering in your community or in the world.

Together with your family, draw a large heart on a blank sheet of white paper. Cut out the heart and write the passage from Matthew's Gospel 22:37-39 inside. Hang the heart in a special place to remind your family of Jesus' Great Commandment each day.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.

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.



Important Dates:

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

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

National Vocaions Awareness Week

November 1-7, 2026

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 1-7, 2026, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.
Please continue to pray for Vocations:

God our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen

YOUTH MINISTRY
October Newsletter



Our High School Youth Group is heading to Joliet to participate in a Service Day. Our plan is to **purchase, cook, and serve tacos for about 80 people at the Daybreak Shelter.** If you are interested in donating towards our service day we would greatly appreciate the support. We will have a table in the lobby after each Mass, or you can drop donations off throughout the week in the parish office. THANK YOU!

If your High Schoolers is interested in being apart of this amazing day of service, Scan the QR for more information and to sign up. This event is limited to 16 teens.

OCIA CORNER



Please continue to pray for those who entered the Order of Catechumens and our Candidates as they continue forward on their journey towards receiving their Sacraments this spring.

Our New Catechumens: Jennifer, Matthew, Stephanie, Taylor, and Thomas
Our Candidates: Alexander, Alexis, Austin, Rafael, and Sue

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
10/19/2026	$13,098.00	$4,094.00	$17,192.00
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	*$69,235.00*

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

$74,395.81

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR AUTOMATED ONLINE GIVING

"The Power of Spiritual Grandparenting, the Wisdom of Intergenerational Faith"

Friday, November 13, at 9:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, lower level

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join us for Donut Sunday today, October 25, after Mass! All OLMC parishioners are welcome to enjoy donuts and coffee on the upper deck following the 8:15, 10:00, and noon Masses. We look forward to seeing you there for treats and fellowship!

🎨👻 Ghouls and goblins, gather 'round! Our talented parish teens have conjured up some spook-tacular pumpkin creations. 🎃✨ Don't miss the chance to admire their enchanting artistry on display in the Prayer Garden, hauntingly awaiting you through Halloween weekend! 🕸️🦇





HANDBELL CHOIR

HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDS A DIRECTOR

We also need more players! We meet every Sunday after the noon Mass, rehearsing for Christmas midnight Mass.

Call Val, 630-207-4897





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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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