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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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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 4, 2026

**TWENTY-SEVENTH 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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02 PASTOR'S LETTER

October 4, 2026/Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I want you to think about your favorite thing in life. Now that thing can be yours all the time. I can have all you can eat sushi for the rest of your life. You get a lifetime to pass to Disney World. You get season tickets to the Bears up in an all-inclusive skybox. You get to see the Cubs in the World Series every year. You can get straight A's in school and never have to study the rest of your life. Pick your thing, and it is yours. However, there is one catch, you have to be nice to people for the rest of your life. Here is a suitcase with a million dollars in it, it is yours if you truly apologize to that person, that you have been holding a grudge against right now. I mean truly apologize and mean it, not just a half-hearted, oh I am sorry, kind of apology that you don't really mean. Here is a suitcase with \$10,000 in it, it is yours if you go and volunteer one hour of your time at a shelter right now. Oh great, I can spare an hour next week. No, the deal is right now or nothing. Oh ummm well see, I am kind of busy today. Deal is off. Suddenly things just got hard for us. It is maybe a slight bit easier to be motivated for something tangible that we can see, something that benefits us right now. Being motivated to work for something we can't see or does not benefit us right now is much more difficult.

God promises us something way better than a million dollars, all you can eat Sushi, a lifetime pass to Disney World, and yes, even better than another Cub's World Series, God promises us Eternal life, eternal happiness with him in heaven if only we can follow the commandments and be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. That becomes so much more difficult. The students are often asked what is something they can do to make the community a better place. Almost all say they can volunteer at some charity. Then when pushed a bit, how many on their own do volunteer when is not part of a group effort or required service hours for school, the number goes to near 0. Easy to say the words, much harder to put things into action.

The parable of the ungrateful tenants is today's gospel. I think this is a story we can all relate to especially after thinking about all those things I just mentioned before, all our wants and desires. The tenants were given everything. They had all their basic life needs met. They apparently had a home and food to eat. All they had to do was work the land and give the landowner the rent. They couldn't even do that. The real question is would we do any better? Would we be thinking like those tenant farmers did? They saw immediate gain and thought that was better than longer term goals. How often do we give into instant gratification? I want to feel better now, not later. I will be nice now if I get those Bears tickets. If I have to be nice every day for the rest of my life in order to gain heaven, well that is another story. We all know how hard it is to get along; I can't be nice to everyone all the time. Well, maybe we should be giving it a try. Do we want immediate gratification or can we think long term and strive for eternal life.

The Church was blessed with the Beatification of Bishop Fulton Sheen last week. Here is a little-known fact about Blessed Fulton, he was also a Third Order Carmelite. The Third Order are lay men and woman and sometimes diocesan priests, who wish to grow deeper in the spirituality of religious order. We have a third order chapter here in our parish. Blessed Fulton made his profession of vows as a Third Order member on July 17, 1948 at our house of studies, Whitefriars Hall in Washington, D.C. His vows were received by the Carmelite Prior General Killian Lynch. The profession documents signed by Blessed Fulton Sheen are currently in the Carmelite Provincial Archives here in Darien. The documents are not on public display, at least not yet.

Today, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We recall his great life of poverty and devotion to the Gospel. We also recall his great love for creation and care of the natural world. We will have our annual blessing of the animals today at 3pm. Bring your favorite furry friend or even scaly friends are welcome.



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

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



Readings for the week of October 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

October 4, 2026/Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

4:30pm Shirley May (Lois Kazich)
Donna Sims (Rasa & Al Narbytaitis)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:15am Nancy Hovanec (Family)
Don Lechner (Nick Rocco)
10:00am John Kapovich (Larson Family)
Frances Chapukonis (Jerry Barich)
Michael Zendzian (Mom)

Noon Laverne Munsayac (Kathi)
Laura & Todd Sunderhaus & Family-living (Family)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00am John Anderson-13th Anniv. (Wife Irene)
Michael Szknarko (Family)
Andrew O'Connor (Family)
Stephanie Sy Ramos (Sy Family)
James Joseph Novak (Sy Family)
Leoncio M. Bacani-4th Anniv. (Marlene Bacani)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00am David Lombardi (Pat Monahan)
Alan Meachan (Family)
Joe Simonetti (Family)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00am Dennis Miller (Susan Neuberg)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:00am Ron Vodar (Family)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00am Prudencio Sobredo (Family)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am Walter Wadas Family (Evelyn Antikauskas)



FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

We are open Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 3 PM.
Anyone in need can visit the pantry twice per month.

CURRENT NEEDS FALL 2026

PLEASE no canned goods until further notice except as noted below.
Also note that donated items must be in their original packaging. We cannot accept open items or repackaged bread products.
All donations may be placed in the blue bin in front of the kitchen, perishable items may be placed in the refrigerator in the kitchen.

- **Fresh Fruit, vegetables, milk, bread, eggs**

Please deliver these on Tuesday and Friday mornings or make arrangements for drop off: Foodpantry@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

- **Canned chicken or Spam**
- **1lb cans or bags of regular coffee**
- **Cookies and crackers**
- **Cereal and oatmeal**
- **Paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper**
- **Feminine products, all sizes, including Poise pads**
- **Adult large and XL incontinence products**
- **Cleaning supplies (Comet, dish soap and Lysol spray & wipes)**

Questions: email foodpantry@ourladyofmtcarmel.org



UPCOMING CLOTHING DRIVE

Just a reminder: our clothing drive is on Saturday, October 17th, and Sunday, October 18th. Please consider your donations. Our last drive in April was very successful, filling a truck and part of another. All items donated go to those in need. More details will follow. Thank you!

st. francis pet blessing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
3 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT
ALL PETS ARE INVITED!

Penny
2025 Blessing Attendee

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

October 4, 2026/Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO RE Next Weekend, October 11-12

Important Dates:

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

Trick or Treat with the Saints

Sunday, November 1st 2:00PM-RE Classrooms

Francis saw God's hand in all creation and radiated a profound joy wherever he went. But because of his experiences in battle and in prison, he also suffered from nightmares and periods of depression. In his dark periods, he turned to prayer, physical activity, such as walking, and being with close friends — advice we can all heed.



Family Fun: In the spirit of St. Francis, take a walk around the block as a family. Feel the sun on your face and give thanks to God!

Good news! Our program is growing!

So we still need faith filled people just like you to bring Christ alive to all our little disciples.

Our current needs are:

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Pre School Adult to help the teen leaders Substitutes and aides-Can also use a parking lot helper

Sunday 11:00 AM:

1st grade Catechist (to split the class), office help & substitutes

Monday 5:00 PM:

1st grade Catechist, Substitutes, Aides, and Parking Lot Attendant

Monday 7:00 PM:

Catechists for grades 5 and 6.

**We are looking for a few people to help with our
Special Needs program.**



**CHRISTOS meets twice a month on
Saturdays from 3-4 PM-**

CHRISTOS begins October 17.

Catechist Orientation on October 10

Question for Children: What makes you feel peaceful inside? What makes you feel restless?

Question for Youth: How do you thank God for the talents that you have? How do you give back to God through the use of your talent??

Question for Adults: What steps do you take each week to make sure you are doing as Paul directs: "Live according to what you have learned and accepted."?

Activities of the Week

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.

Plan a dinner party and give thanks to God as a family. Plan the guest list together and get everyone involved in sending out invitations. Use a special meal prayer of thanksgiving for the occasion.

YOUTH MINISTRY

October Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meeting 10/4

Join us on a nature walk at Waterfall Glen. Meet at Waterfall Glen main parking lot at the Cass and Northgate Road at 1:15. Please bring a signed permission slip. Scan 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



Our OCIA Program is in full swing! Please pray for the following people as they begin their faith journey:

Alexander Bennett

Austin Shull

Matthew Petrousek

Sue Murillo

Thomas Marshall

Taylor Marshall

Alexis Garcia

Rafael Garcia

Jennifer Garcia

Stephanie Garcia

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.

06 SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OLMC Giving Report - General Fund			
Date	Church Collection	Online Giving	Total
9/28/2026	\$12,116.00	\$4,330.00	\$16,446.00
Total			\$16,446.00

8/31/26-9/21/26
TOTAL
\$74,395.81

**PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING
UP FOR AUTOMATED ONLINE
GIVING**



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

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

Hosted by: **CARMELITE INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA**
www.carmeliteinstitute.net

Dr. Michael Joseph Paris, OCD

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
life is precious - defend it

Fall Campaign
September 25rd- 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 25rd 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



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.

Questions: Joe Kenny | (630) 334-2858 | crusaderjoe87@gmail.com

Fifteen Promises of Our Lady to Christians who Recite the Rosary

(Given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan)

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
3. The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
10. The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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