

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

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ALL SAINTS DAY

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs
is the Kingdom of heaven.” - Mt 5:3

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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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NOVEMBER 1, 2026
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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

November 1, 2026/All Saints

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. It is an ancient Chinese proverb. It is very true, everything in life starts somewhere. A journey towards graduation starts on the first day of school. The journey of a marriage starts on the first date. Any journey starts when we have the courage to say yes and take that first step. We celebrate All Saints Day. There are literally thousands of saints in our church. These are amazing men and women who had the courage to say yes and take that first step in a radical following of Jesus Christ. It started for each of them at baptism. When those life-giving waters were first poured on them and they were incorporated into the body of Christ. But they had a choice later on in life, it is the same choice we have. Will I take my baptismal commitment seriously or not? Will I let this mystery permeate the deepest parts of my being or will it be strictly superficial? Will I be a fully committed disciple of Christ or will I be a half-hearted follower at best? The saints said yes, I will take that first step and live a deeper life with Christ. They took the Beatitudes to heart, to their very cores.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, like St. Francis of Assisi

Blessed are they who mourn, like Mary and the women at the cross

Blessed are the meek, like St. Therese

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness like St. Therese of Calcutta

Blessed are the merciful, like Padre Pio and St. John Vianey

Blessed are the peacemakers, like St. Leo

Blessed are the persecuted, like all the martyrs of the church

Blessed are you when they insult you and speak falsely about you, like St. Titus Brandsma

They all took the first step to sainthood with a yes, to following their baptismal commitment. They took that first step to living the beatitudes at a deep level. They took the first step to sainthood, will you?

Monday, November 2 is All Souls Day. This is the day that we remember all our loved one who have gone before. Sadly, we have all experienced the pain of death. Losing someone we love is not easy, I miss my parents every day. However, holding them in prayer is a comfort to us and a blessing to them. On Monday evening we will have a special candle light mass to commemorate all the souls that have gone before us.

Happy All Saints and All Souls Day!



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

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



Readings for the week of November 1, 2026

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

November 1, 2026/All Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:30pm Intentions for All Parishoners

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:15am Intentions for All Parishoners

10:00am Intentions for All Parishoners

Noon Intentions for All Parishoners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00am Intentions for All Parishoners

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00am Bette Stack & Marilyn Hammer (Pat Monahan)

Alphy Francis Valiaparambil (Family)

Walsh & Liston Families (Family)

Damaso Diago (Ampy)

Michael Bagasbas (Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00am Ron Vodar (Family)

Rosing Dy (Family)

Arvy Quilang (Family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00am Shirley May (Chris & Vince Donatello)

LeEtta Perry-5th Anniv. (Family)

Thomas Ochs Sr.-30th Anniv. (Family)

Eileen Kenny-10th Anniv. (Husband)

Eddie Dulay (Family)

Marie Dulay (Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00am Cindy Kurcz (Family)

Demetrio & Anecita Diago (Ampy)

Martin & Marcosa Sanchez (Family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00am Kathleen Carey & Rita Piotrowski (Pat Monahan)

Arsenio Tolentino (Grace Tolentino)

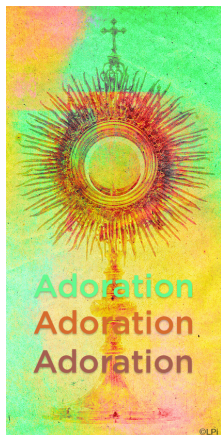
Pilar Hechanova (Grace Tolentino)

Wenceslao Hechanova (Grace Tolentino)

Herman Sanchez (Family)

Ecio Narag (Family)

Lolita Policarpio (Family)



SILENT ADORATION

On November 10, there will be a silent adoration in the chapel from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. There will be no vocal prayers, hymns, or benediction.

Blessed Bishop Sheen said that we may be *praying* enough but might not be *listening* enough. This will be a time to just listen. Stop in for a few minutes or stay for the full hour.

Adoration
Adoration
Adoration



KOC Ladies Auxiliary Hosts BUNCO

– Friday, November 6 –

– KOC Hall, 25 N Cass Ave. –

Doors Open at 6:30 • Bunco begins at 7

Only \$5 to play.

Great FUN & Social Time.

Open to the public, bring a friend. (Must be 18 & older to play.)

Cash bar available!

Join us for a wonderful community event.

ALL
SOULS'
DAY



Join us for a Candlelight Liturgy on November 2 at 7:00 PM to remember deceased loved ones, with a Mass at 9 AM the same day. Submit names and prayer intentions by November 1 to lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org to be included in the liturgy. All are welcome to gather in prayer and remembrance.



We will hold our **Holiday Food Drive for Thanksgiving** on Saturday, November 21st, accepting only monetary donations to help those in need. Please take an envelope, include your name and address, and return it with your donation by Sunday, November 15th. Acceptable forms of donation include **gift cards**, **checks** (with "Holiday Food Drive" in the memo), or **cash**. For gift cards, please list the amount clearly and use \$25 increments for larger amounts. Thank you, Paul Gangi - Holiday Food Drive Chairperson.

04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Activities of the Week

Sometimes our religious observance can deteriorate into “going through the motions,” with no real love motivating them. As a family, discuss the call to follow Christ in sincerity.

Show your faith to others. As a family, plan to help at a shelter or a food kitchen, or plan a similar project. In doing this, remind everyone that this is how truly holy people reach out to God’s family.

As members of the Church we are called to live the faith we profess. Live your faith today through a kind word, an offer of help, a smile, or a hug.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: When have you become a peacemaker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?

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: All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in 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:

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

Family Mass-Thanks to our readers William and Devin for reading at the October Family Mass. Our next Mass is Sunday November 15 at 10:00.

Please contact Sherry in the RE office if your child (or you) would like to do a reading. We only require one practice in the week prior to the Mass,

NO RE November 22 or 23 for Thanksgiving break.

National Vocations 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

November Newsletter

*So Grateful
for Your
Support!*

Our High School Youth Group is deeply grateful for the generous support of our upcoming service trip. Thanks to you, we exceeded our goal and can now serve several meals in the coming months. We look forward to sharing photos and reflections in the bulletin after each service event.

Thank you OLM!

Friendsgiving

Our next Youth Group Meeting is our

FRIENDSGIVING party on

November 15 at 1:00.

Bring a food of a specific color to share!



E.M.H.C

High school and college-aged young adults interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to attend the EMHC and Lector Retreat on November 14 at 12:15 p.m. Training will follow for interested participants.

OCIA CORNER



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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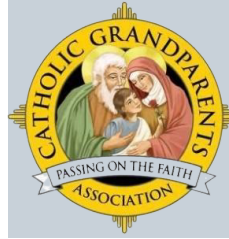
OLMC Giving Report - General Fund

Date	Church Collection	Online Giving	Total
10/26/2026	\$30,970	\$3,085	\$34,055
10/19/2026	\$13,098	\$4,094	\$17,192
10/13/2026	\$11,439	\$4,953	\$16,392
10/5/2026	\$12,874	\$6,331	\$19,205
9/28/2026	\$12,116	\$4,330	\$16,446

Total \$103,290

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"**

Speaker: Katie Choudhary
Friday, November 13, at 9:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, lower level
ALL ARE WELCOME



**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



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.**

Questions: Joe Kenny | (630) 334-2858
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SCARCE



PUMPKIN SMASH
GREEN YOUR HALLOWEEN

**COMPOST YOUR PUMPKIN
AT THIS LOCATION:**

LOCATION NAME

Hinsdale South High School
Westmont Village Hall
Downers North High School

November 7, 2026

9:00 am - Noon

**DON'T TRASH IT,
SMASH IT!!**

Find more locations near you:
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*Remove candles and decorations.

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