

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

September 11, 2022 † Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rejoice with me
because I have found
the coin that I lost.”

~ Luke 15:9



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:30 PM Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon

Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM

Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM Holy Day - 9 AM - 7:00 PM
(Call Office to verify Mass times)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: R.E. Classes, (Sept—May) Saturday 5PM; Sunday 7:45, 9:30, 11:30AM; Monday 7PM. To register call The Religious Education Office

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-4:30PM or by appointment

Parish Mission Statement

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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Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI in his book, *Jesus the Christ* offers a great mediation on the parable of the prodigal son. We all know the story, a young man demands his share of the family fortune and then runs off squandering it on immoral living. We can just imagine what gods that young man was worshipping. Pope-Emeritus Benedict says that the real crime in this story was not the young man's immoral lifestyle, but that he lost sight of whom he was and who he was called to be. He turned his back on his family and tried to live a lie. He tried to pretend that he was a different person. He forgot that he was called into being and called into a set of relationships. He was called to be in union with his family, because they were what gave him a sense of belonging. He was called to be in a relationship with God because that too would give him relationship and identity. The young man chose to ignore who was called to be, and that was his real sin. His immoral lifestyle, we can work with that. The important thing was getting the man to realize who we were meant to be. Once he realized that, then correction of the lifestyle can begin and we all can work on forgiveness. The man did not see who his God was and who he was meant to be in relationship. The older brother forgot that he was in relationship with the family as well. He too became only focused on his greed and self-interest. He forgot who he was. The only one in the story that did not forget who he was, was the father. He always remembered that he was first and foremost in a loving relationship with God. It was that loving relationship which allowed him to reach out. Who are we choosing to be in relationship with?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us!

Fr. Jeff

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]



Adult Volunteers Needed!

In order to serve our youth the best we can, we need dedicated adult volunteers to help encourage our students in faith and to keep them safe in the process. Please see the following opportunities to serve. If you feel called to help or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Rawls any time at 630-852-3303 ext.6 or stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org. Thank you, and God Bless!

High School Youth Group Leader/Helper – We are looking for at least one more adult volunteer (over the age of 18) to help lead and prepare our high school youth group events alongside the High School Leadership Team. This role is flexible and we can discuss how you would like to be involved based on your interests.

7th Grade, 8th Grade, and High School Catechists – We are looking for 5 more adult volunteers to teach our 7th Grade, 8th Grade, and High School catechism classes to help our students prepare for Confirmation. **You do not need to be an expert in theology to be a catechist, all you need is a willingness to learn and a desire to help the students learn and grow in faith.** All lesson plans will be provided for you! In this role you would teach in the grade level of your choice for an hour about once a week on either Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. You will be trained in this role and we will support you every step of the way!

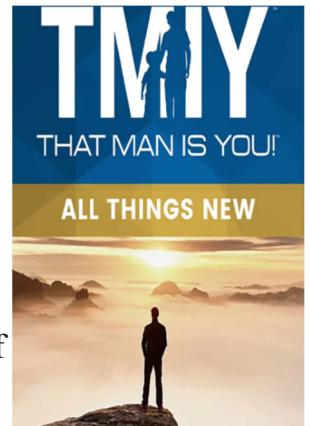
Saturday, September 17th

6:30am – 8:00am

We are pleased to announce That Man is You! Fall session is meeting in-person again! Our next meeting is Saturday, September 17th in the lower level. The theme is "All Things New" and will feature a variety of different speakers including Dr. Scott

Hahn. If you are looking to become a man fully alive in Christ, come and check it out!

New members are welcome!
Contact Dennis Breier at (630) 536-6060.

*The Oasis Experience, Inc.*

Presents

"Creating the Life You Deserve"

An Empowerment Group for Women of Divorce
September 29th -----October 27th

Divorce is a personal and sensitive issue. It is also a time of decisions and transitions. If you are a woman contemplating divorce, in the process or already divorced, you may be experiencing feelings of anger, sadness, grief, betrayal, confusion, fear and loneliness. By joining the five-week Empowerment Group you will:

- F ind support from other women
- U nderstand issues of grief and loss
- T ailor a plan for self-care
- U ncover opportunities for growth and change
- R eceive valuable information
- E mphasize your personal strengths

Linda Lucatorto, M.Ed, CPC has been facilitating groups for over 20 years. The Group will meet at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in the "upper deck," from 7-8:30 p.m., on Thursday evenings for 5 consecutive weeks. Membership in this Group is **FREE** to participants. For reservations, please call 630-887-0374, or visit *The Oasis Experience, Inc.*
www.oasisexperience.com

Altar Server Training

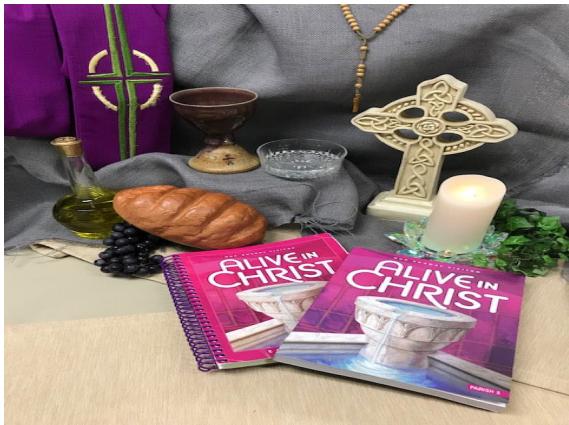
There will be two sessions for any young person who is interested in becoming an altar server. This is for individuals in the 4th grade and up thru high school—even young adults. All are welcome.

Sept. 15 at 4pm

Sept. 25 at 1pm

Any questions, please see Fr. Jeff.





Help Wanted! RE 22-23

What is a Catechist?

"So, as I look out at you, I think: Who are catechists? They are the people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."

(Pope Francis-Homily at the Mass for Catechists-2013)

Are you a faith filled person who enjoys sharing your time with children? Then you ARE qualified to help our kiddos! We will help with any training, but your faith is what carries you through. Our teacher's guides have step by step instructions along with tips and training points along the way. You can check out the curriculum for grades 1-6 at <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>. You can also get the Questions and Activities of the week there.

Important Info for all returning Catechists:

Remember returning Catechists and RE Volunteers must verify that their background checks are updated and complete the state required Mandated Reporter Training (online). Check with Sherry to see that your safe environment requirements are up to date.

Upcoming Dates

RE Parent Meetings during RE sessions-
The first meetings are Sept. 10-12

Family Faith gathering (Home School)-Tuesday,
September 13 -7:00-8:15 PM

Re News

RE Start this weekend. Please take care and pray for us as we are looking for several Catechists!

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things. How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

Question for Youth: The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned. How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness? Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

Question for Adults: When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back? What signs do you see?

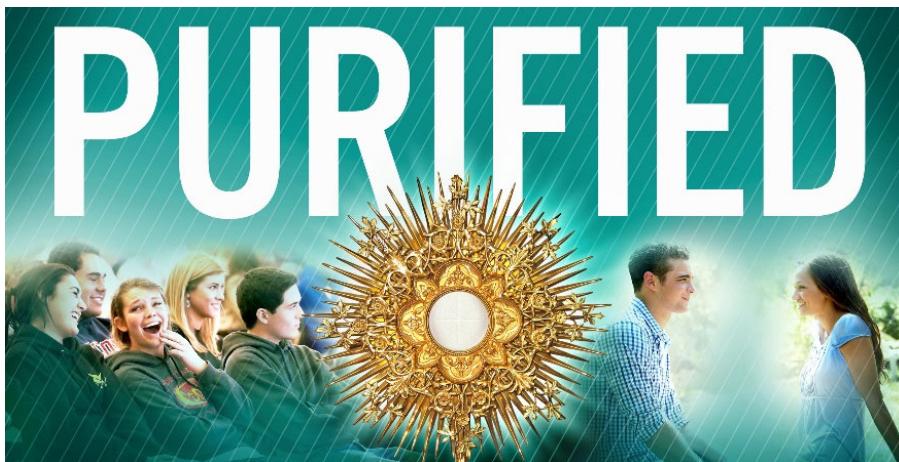
Activities of the Week

Plan a family reconciliation service. Begin by having each member of the family write down on a small slip of paper one thing they did that hurt another family member. Ask each family member to pray individually, silently, to ask forgiveness for his or her action. Collect the slips of paper and burn them in the fireplace or in a metal container as a symbol that they have been forgiven and will change their ways. Close by praying together: "Loving and gracious God, we come before You in our brokenness. Help us see our mistakes. Grant that we may be open to your healing mercy and forgiveness as we seek to change our lives. Amen."

Prayer of the Week-

We pray for our young people, growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals.

Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start, Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and keep alive their joy in your creation: We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday, October 23rd

6:00-8:00pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**First 50 Tickets are \$8.00
each!**

After the first 50 tickets are sold, tickets will be raised to \$20 per person.

Free childcare for those under 7th grade is available during this event.

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (7th GRADE +)

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours.

Purified is a family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God's plan for love. It combines Jason Evert's presentation on chastity for the family, with a time of prayer, adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation for everyone. We will also be distributing free resources to every attendee so that every member of the family can take items home to help them live out this lifestyle.



JASON EVERET is a bestselling author of more than ten books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than one million people on six continents. He and his wife run the website chastity.com.



**CHASTITY
PROJECT**

Tickets available in the parish office
Stephanie.Rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

OLMC High School Youth Group



**Fall Kickoff Celebration
Sunday, September 25
1:00-2:30pm**



All high schoolers are invited to join us after the noon mass for our youth group Fall Kickoff! Bring a friend and join us out on the back lawn for games, pizza, and ice cream.

Contact Lori Prado for questions or details.
lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or call
630-852-3303 ext. 8.

Welcome Back
Welcome Fr. Jeff and
Fr. Greg



Will our Grandchildren
be Catholic?

The Catholic
Grandparents
Association is working
to ensure the faith
is passed on.

Please join us!

ALL Grandparents
are welcome
We will gather in
the lower level of
the church building
at 9:30 am on
**Thursday, Sep-
tember 22**



Mary Anne Trochim
Julie Ann Lacey
Michael Haeger
Jeanette Seebock
Donald W. Pecor
Nancy Jisisju
Bill Haran
Evelyn Swartz
Mark Boyd
Jamie Carpenter
Kaylee Marth

James Curley
Leona Gibson
John Guzior
Nancy Kososki
Bridget Gallmeier Raineri
Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Susan Nugent
Abby Grace McCarver
Allen Raineri
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Danielle Monahan SrA

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1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 10, 2022

5:30PM Don Brescia (Kitty)
Mary Jo Toscano (Patricia Wilkenson & Family)
Eleanor Schneider-4th anniv (Nancy Cahill & Fam)

Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:15AM Helen Baggech (Frank & Fran Modelska)
Virginia & George Bohaboy (Nick Rocco)
Margaret Elizabeth Jasek (Miller Family)
Philip A. Bean (Family)

10:00AM Gary Matts (Family)

NOON Crescencio Belmonts Paat (Family)

Monday, September 12, 2022

9:00AM Rob Lentz
(Catholic Grandparent Ministry)

Maria Manaligod (Lou)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

9:00AM Jose Macairan (Wife)
Catherine & James Tracy (Pat Monahan)
Don Brescia (Family)

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

9:00AM Josephine Oliveira (Family)
Faylene McDowell (Nancy)

Thursday, September 15, 2022

9:00AM Michelina Tudisco (Family)
Joan Stauder (Family)
Jeffrey Carioto (Sister)
Kathy Gearhart (Sheri)

Friday, September 16, 2022

9:00AM Nancy Susmilch (Nancy)
Carm Benbow (Niece)

Saturday, September 17, 2022

9:00AM Eleanor Czachor (Donatello Family)
Sam & Frank Angelucci (Leslie)



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