



Catholic Grandparents Ministry

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

CALENDAR 2026 – 2027

September 13: Annual Grandparents Mass at OLMC 10:00 a.m. Come celebrate the Gift of Grandparents on National Grandparents Day, bring the family and receive a special blessing.

October 22: Grandparents Outing to Portiuncula Chapel 10:00 a.m.

Join us at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook, for a special Presentation and Prayer Service during this Franciscan Jubilee Year, in remembrance of the 800th anniversary (1226-2026) of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Portiuncula Chapel is a replica of the original in Assisi, Italy, which is named for the “little portion” of land where St. Francis of Assisi received his call to serve the poor. The front features a colorful stone mosaic.

After Peabody’s death, his family commissioned the Franciscans to build the chapel as a memorial to the late industrialist in 1926. The order moved the chapel to its current location in 1973.

To register email: catholicgrandparentsolmc.org



November 13: “The Power of Intergenerational Wisdom in Faith” presenter Katie Choudhary, OLMC lower level at 9:30 a.m.

December 10: Advent meeting at OLMC

January 3: New Year Celebration – 10:00 Mass at OLMC and Brunch at Alpine Banquets

What better way to begin the New Year than going to Mass with family/grandchildren followed by a delicious Brunch with our parish community. Purchase Tickets in advance at the parish.

March 11: Lent meeting at OLMC

April 8: Annual Grandparents Pilgrimage 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Our tour/pilgrimage will include round trip coach transportation from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Darien, historical presentations by a dedicated guide, time for silent prayer and exploration of Notre Dame de Chicago, the multi-domed St. Mary of Perpetual Help where we will also have lunch at their Catacomb Café, and the 1871 Chicago fire survivor Holy Family Church. **Register** for “Ethnic Enclaves” here:

<https://www.catholicchurchtours.com/events/ethnic-enclaves-2027-04-08-08-30>

May 13: Annual May Crowning & Rosary 9:30 a.m. outdoor Gazebo

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health. Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen

Prayer from the USCCB.