

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

November 12, 2023 † Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open  
the door for us!’ But  
he said in reply, ‘Amen,  
I say to you, I do  
not know you.’”

- Mt 25:11-12

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday - 4:30 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)*

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

**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM**

### 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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November 12, 2023

As we just celebrated Veteran's Day, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our parish who served in the armed forces. Thank you for the sacrifices that you made and your willingness to put your life in harms way for your fellow citizens. We are grateful for all your dutiful service, and we are all so grateful to God that you were able to return home to your families safely.

I never personally served in the military, but I can imagine that one of the key things soldiers are trained in is preparedness. You must always be ready and prepared for any event that occur. That is not just a trait of a good soldier, it is the trait of a good Christian as well and just makes good sense. Most of us have our homes prepared for an electrical outage or a basement flood. We have the candles and sup-

plies ready to go. We have the spare tire, jack and jumper cables in the car just in case. Those are the signs of a person who is planning and is ready for whatever life throws our way. The important question is are we doing the same in our spiritual life and our duty as Christians? The Gospel for this weekend is the parable of the wife and the foolish virgins. The wise servants brought extra lamp oil with them just in case. The foolish servants ran out. The wise ones were able to meet the bridegroom when he arrived and enter the feast with him. The foolish lost out because of their lack of planning. This is of course a warning for us in this life. We must be ready and constantly prepared through our good deeds and lifestyle to meet the Lord. We remember the dead during the month of November and the reality hits us that one day it will be me. One day, it will be my funeral that people are attending. Certainly, it is not a fun thought to entertain, but it is an important thought we must face. When my number is up and I have to face the Lord, will I be ready to welcome the bridegroom? Was I prepared and ready during my life? That preparedness comes in how well we are living out the Golden Rule, do we truly love and treat others like ourselves? Are we being wise or foolish in life?

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

*Fr. Jeff*

### *Readings for the week of November 12, 2023*

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8





We will be holding our Holiday Food Drive for Thanksgiving on Sunday November 19th. We will only be accepting monetary donations that we then will pass on to people in need to supplement their food needs. You could give cash, checks or gift cards. Please put any donations in an envelope & mark the outside with "Holiday Food Drive Donation", your name & address then place it in the collection basket. You will get credit for any donation you make. If you pay by check please put "Holiday Food Drive" in the memo. There will be envelopes for you to use at the back of church if needed. Please make your donations by Sunday, November 12th.

Thank You,  
Paul Gangi - *Holiday Food Drive Chairperson*

## HFK Presents

The Historical Portrayal of...

### "The Legend of St. Nicholas"



You'd better watch out!! St. Nick is coming to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on **December 6.**

The Old English Father Christmas will tell us the stories of St. Nicholas, the protector of children throughout the ages.

Learn about the origins of:

- St. Nicholas characters in various countries
- Popular Christmas symbols
- Worldwide Christmas traditions



"This was a delightful program! A beautiful telling of some of the best Christian and ethnic traditions..." —Bloomington, IL

"Very impressive, interesting, engaging, and professionally done. I already look forward to his next performance with us." —Lisle, IL



<u>Sunday Collections as of 11/5/23:</u>		
YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
\$298,990	\$298,040	\$950



*Bringing comfort and light through compassionate support*

**Next meeting November 18**

***Together in Loss* is a grief support ministry for anyone who has suffered a loss – no need to be a parishioner**

**We are again meeting on the third SATURDAY of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am**

**No RSVP necessary and no need to have attended in the past**

**Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)**

***Cathy's Corner—There is No "I" in Banquet***

Seems a bit odd that those individuals who were invited to the great banquet Jesus was talking about at one of the many dinners he attended in Luke's Gospel made excuses not to go. Who doesn't want to attend a wonderful meal at no cost to themselves? The field that one person purchased wasn't going anywhere. The evaluation of the oxen already procured by another could definitely wait. And being newly married as was the third certainly doesn't preclude anyone from indulging in a delicious feast.

Perhaps the answer lies in the commonality of all the responses, the emphasis on "I."

After all, the great dinner is really a "we," isn't it? It is a mix of whatever people the host decided to invite. Who knows if you will be seated next to someone not as educated as yourself, or someone who has a sad story to share or someone who forgot his wallet and needs to borrow some money for the coat check. And so, dining in the Kingdom of God is a "we." As Jesus illustrated in his parable, that includes the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame. It includes whoever the master of the house asks in to taste that luscious feast, as unappealing as they may seem to the other guests.

Because all those invited are one Body in Christ, as St. Paul says, who must in all aspects of their lives have the same regard for one another. Indeed, each individual is graced with different gifts specifically so that they can be exercised for the entire body in all its diversity. For how can one minister or teach or exhort or contribute or be hospitable or show mercy alone? The opportunity to share those gifts, to tend to the needs of our sisters and brothers in the way we are specifically gifted to do, is itself the invitation to the banquet. Is itself the acceptance of everyone on the guest list. Is itself living as a "we" rather than an "I."

When self-interest, in whatever form that takes, precludes us from answering that invitation, we have turned our back on the chance to partake in the heavenly banquet. We are, in fact, starving ourselves of the sustenance given by our God that we may rejoice in hope and endure in affliction only because we are at the table with one another. The Good News is that we receive these invitations all the time. Let us all the time accept them.

*Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde,2, 3; Lk 14:15-24*

## *RE News*

### **Save the Dates:**

**NO RE November 20-26 Thanksgiving Break**

**Family Service Day-  
Saturday, December 2**



### *Upcoming Dates*

#### **Thanksgiving Baskets:**

Your child's class will be putting together a food basket to help "Feed the Hungry" on Thanksgiving. Monday's classes are asked to bring in **NON-PERISHABLE** items by Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Sunday families can bring perishable items, but not before the 19<sup>th</sup>. Those who will receive a Thanksgiving Food Basket will receive them on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call the RE office with any questions.

#### **Family Faith: Trinity & Advent-**

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:15

#### **CHRITOS-Special Needs Program**

Friday, November 17-5:00 PM or

Saturday, November 18-3:15 PM

#### **Family Mass:**

Sunday, November 19 will be our next Family Mass at 10:00. We will have Reader practice on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM and/or Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

We are also looking for a few families to help usher. If your family would like to help in any way, please contact Sherry ASAP so we can get you the readings or other info right away.

#### **Christmas Eve Children's Mass:**

Can you believe it's time to look at Christmas schedules already? We are so busy this time of year, so I wanted to put out a reminder to save the dates for practice. We will have our first info meeting on Monday, November 27 at 6:00-7:00. Watch your child's folder for more info.

### *Questions of the Week:*

**Question for Children: If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do to get ready for him?**

**Question for Youth: Even though you are still young, what strategy do you have to make sure you are "ready" for the inevitable moment when you will die?**

**Question for Adults: How are you preparing to be ready for that moment that no one escapes, the moment when you come to the end of your life as you know it now?**

### *Activities of the Week*

For family prayer one day this week gather together in a circle and hold hands. Ask each family member to share one thing he or she needs to do to prepare for Jesus' coming into his or her life. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

As we come to the end of National Vocations Awareness Week, ask your children what they would like to do when they grow up. Tell them how you decided to be married and remind them that Clergy or religious life is an option for those who want to serve God. Make a card for your favorite priest, deacon, or diaconate candidate to thank them for what they do for our parish.

### *Did You Know?*

... that even though we do not use this type of language regularly, Catholics are born again? Through the waters of Baptism, we experience new birth in Christ. This new birth washes away all sin, including Original Sin, and we become members of the Mystical Body of Christ alive and well in the world.



## Handbell Choir

Can you read music, and would love to play in our handbell choir? We are looking for musicians of high school age and older to join us for rehearsals after the Sunday noon Mass, beginning November 5. We are currently rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. Call Karen Krueger, 630-759-6290, or Val Kazich, 630-207-4897, if interested.



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army  
SPC Jonathan Poynton  
Joe Barker  
Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.  
Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC  
Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army  
S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy  
Ryan Pertile, Army  
Major Thomas Bessler  
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Adam Kowalski, Army  
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Colin Cusack  
Michael Sklodowski, Army  
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Capt. Melissa Sprague  
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Kevin Hornett  
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Dan Welters  
Alex Erkiens  
Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC  
1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army  
Ted Cook

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 11, 2023

**4:30PM** Janet Nilles (McMahon Family)  
Eleonora & Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

### Sunday, November 12, 2023

**8:15AM** Rose & Victor Pilipowski (Nick Rocco)

**10:00AM** Fred & Josephine Ryczyn (Family)

Milton & Eleanora Weilbacher (Bernice)

Concepcion Rodriguez-14th anniv (Family)

**NOON** Kelly Evan Lopresti (Son & Parents)

Sheila Marsiglio-6th anniv (Family)

### Monday, November 13, 2023

**9:00AM** Jose Macairan (Wife)

### Tuesday, November 14, 2023

**9:00AM** Kelly Evan Lopresti (Son & Parents)

Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello (Donatello Family)

June Gracyzkowski-15th anniv

(Lily & Menchu Tumaneng)

### Wednesday, November 15, 2023

**9:00AM** Jack Deacy (Family)

### Thursday, November 16, 2023

**9:00AM** Anna Modelski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Rosemarie Kern (Family)

### Friday, November 17, 2023

**9:00AM** Maria Victoria Corrales (Friend)

### Saturday, November 18, 2023

**9:00AM** Rita Kremer (Pat Monahan)

## Catholic Charities' Anger Management Group

Catholic Charities' Counseling Services presents a new virtual group series for men and women, Anger Management. This group will help you learn to recognize the signs of anger and ways to maintain control. You will start to identify triggers and resolve them calmly. Instead of suppressing your rage, you will gain strategies for expressing your anger in a controlled, constructive way.

The program starts on November 20th, 2023 and meets virtually each Monday at 5:30PM.

Go to [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org) or call 815-723-0331 to register.

Questions? Email [counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org](mailto:counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org). Please note: This program is not intended for court, legal, probation, parole, and employment requirements.