

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

November 26, 2023 † Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from
the foundation of
the world.” - Mt 25:34

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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 26, 2023

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and blessed Thanksgiving Day. While it is a secular holiday, Thanksgiving Day carried deep religious significance for us. We are called to focus on the ultimate source of all gifts and blessings, our Heavenly Father. In between gorging on turkey, stuffing and green bean casserole and maybe even at halftime of a football game, I hope we all took a moment to be grateful. To be grateful for family and friends and a roof over our heads. To be thankful for our faith and for the OLMC community.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The day marks the last Sunday in Ordinary Time and marks the concluding week of the Church's liturgical year. It challenges us to ask if Christ is truly the king of our life? That is a difficult question to ponder. We all like to think that we are

one who is control of our life. It is very humbling to accept the fact that we are not the boss after all. If there are areas of our life which we are not ready to turn over the Christ, the upcoming season Advent provides a chance for us to reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ in a more special way into our hearts. So, is Christ really the king of your life?

On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank the family of Joseph Manak. He was a long-time parishioner. I was informed that Mr. Manak left OLMC a very generous donation in his will. As many are at the point in life that you are doing estate planning and writing wills, I humbly ask that you consider remembering the parish in your estate. If you have any questions about how to include the parish in your estate planning, I would be most happy to discuss it with you.

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

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

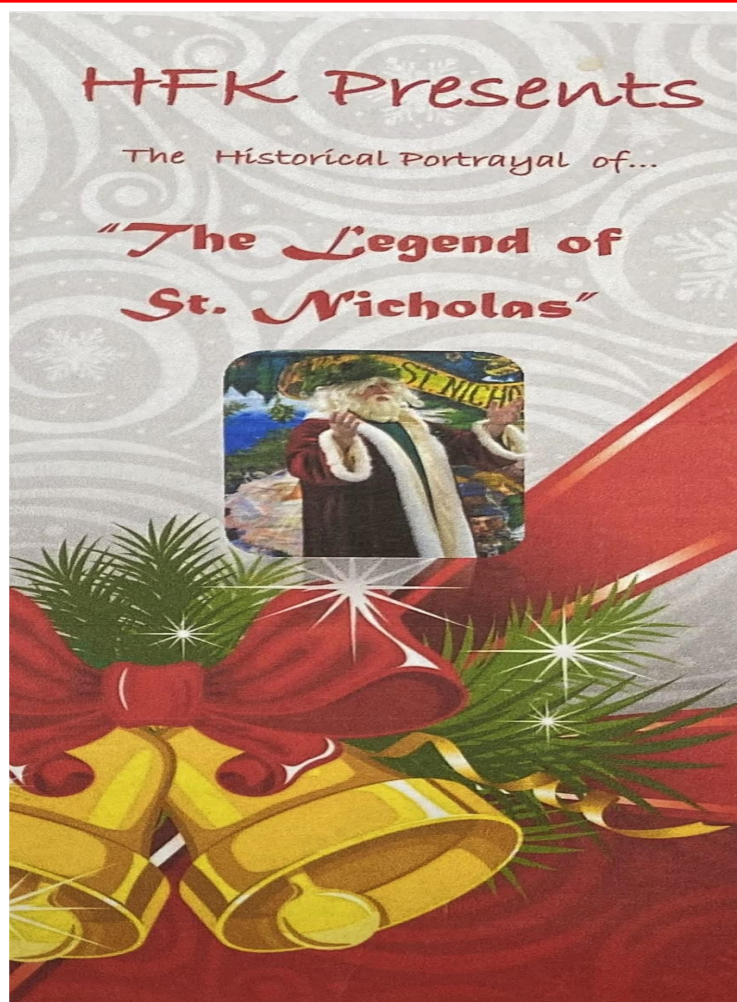
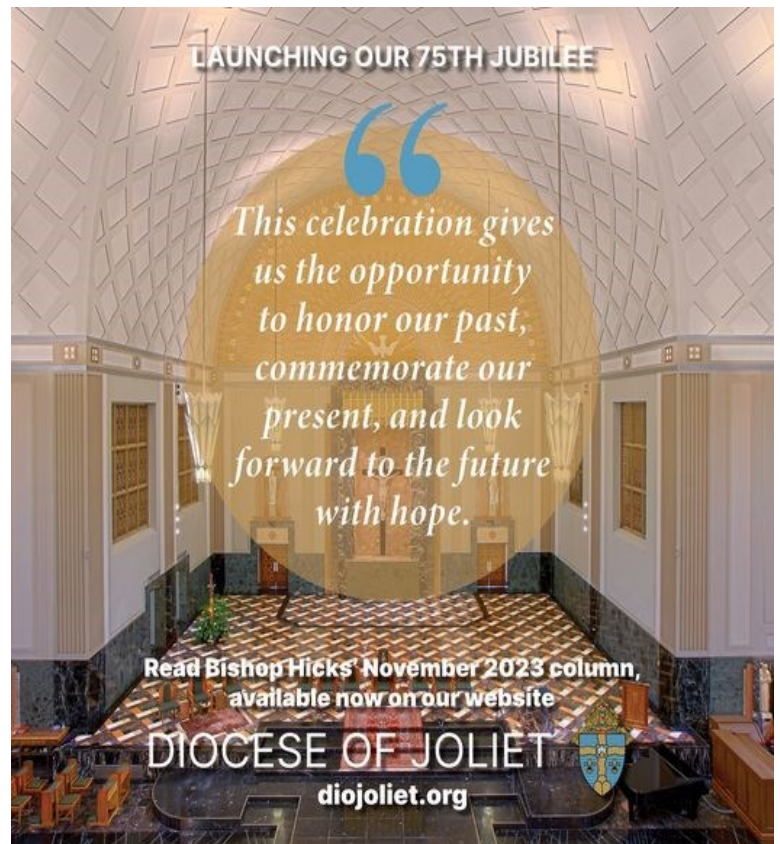
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Our year-long celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that Bishop Hicks would like to share with you and encourage your participation. Read more in his November column, now available on our website:

<https://bit.ly/47INpgL>



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





<u>Sunday Collections as of 11/19/23:</u>		
YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
\$331,550	\$329,420	\$2,130

Take the Placement Test at Montini Catholic Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 8AM

Montini Catholic's Academic Scholarship Program awards students up to \$10,000 over their four years of high school. Scholarships* are awarded to students based on national percentile ranking and must be taken on this date, and at Montini, for eligibility. In addition, students taking our December 2nd test are given first consideration for financial aid. Visit montini.org/admissions to register.



Cathy's Corner—Temples in Need of Purification

Maccabee in Hebrew means “hammer,” which was the nickname given to Judas, son of Mattathias, and hence the title of two of the books in the Old Testament. An appropriate name it was since Judas successfully led the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid tyrant Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who had desecrated the altar of holocausts in Jerusalem with a pagan god. Judas and his brothers took back the temple, purified the sanctuary and rededicated it for true worship of the Lord of Hosts.

Less than two hundred years later Jesus of Nazareth also entered Jerusalem and took back the temple, this time from the Jewish leaders themselves, who had desecrated it with a different kind of pagan god, that of money. It is interesting to note that the vendors operating out of the covered market that ran along three sides of the temple mount, called the Royal Stoa, were actually doing nothing that was wrong or illegal. Indeed, King Herod the Great, who built his temple on the original site of that of Solomon, intended that this part of the huge plaza would be dedicated to mercantile activity as it did not compromise the worship space.

But God became one of us to proclaim a new way to be one with God. And so Jesus purified the sanctuary by purging all who used it for their own gain, legal as those means may have been, and rededicated it by teaching what is in fact true worship of God, which mandates putting people before profit. More importantly, his claiming of this holy place announced to all that he is the cornerstone, he is the true Temple, and through him God is present to everyone, if they but believe.

In Luke's Gospel he does this not by overturning tables or fashioning a whip of cords, but by announcing with authority what God requires of us to be God's own people and by then continuing to teach and preach and model that in the temple area day after day. Our churches can only reflect true worship of this Temple that is Christ Jesus if to them all are welcomed with mercy and love, if in them praise and thanksgiving are offered to God alone, and if from them stream disciples who with joy proclaim and practice the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ. Otherwise, ours are temples in name only, desperately in need of divine purification.

1 Mc 4:36-37; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 2bcd; Lk 19: 45-48

RE News

Save the Dates:

NO RE November 20-26 Thanksgiving Break

**A Visit from St. Nicholas
Wednesday, November 6 @6:30**



Upcoming Dates

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 have had to change the day for practice as we have a few conflicting events on Monday, so we will have our first info meeting and practice on **Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00-7:00.** Watch your child's folder for more info.

Advent Retreat/Celebration:

Sunday, December 10 from 2:00-4:00. Please call the RE office if you are joining us so we have enough supplies.

Family Mass:

Our next Family Mass is Sunday, December 17 at 10:00. Sign up now to read, greet, or bring ups gifts. We will have Reader practice on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 PM and/or Thursday, December 14 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.

The Advent Conspiracy:

It is estimated that over one trillion dollars is spent globally for Christmas. Would you like to make Christmas more meaningful for your family? We will be offering a look at a 4-tiered approach to building a better Christmas by:

- Worshipping Fully
- Spending Less
- Giving More
- Loving All

Join us on the upper deck during all RE Sessions on December 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18. Call the RE office for more info.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

Question for Youth: What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

Question for Adults: As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

Activities of the Week

Pray for people around the world who are lost, frightened and in need of the Shepherd's care.

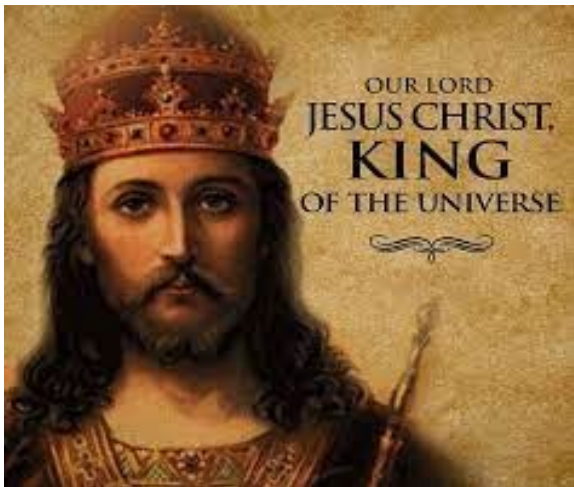
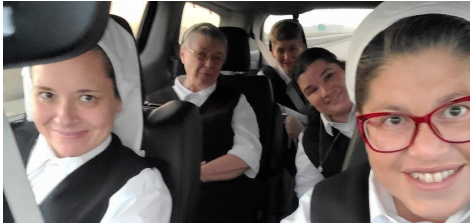
Today's Feast of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus identifies with those who are powerless, poor, and in need. Our participation in the life of Jesus demands that we serve those who are poor and in need. With this in mind, brainstorm with family members what Jesus will look for when he comes to judge us. Write down the responses on a sheet of paper. Display the paper on your refrigerator as a family reminder.

Did You Know?

. . . that Pope Pius XI made Christ the King a feast day on the Church's Liturgical Calendar in 1925? This feast day marks the end of the liturgical year and it calls to mind that, although there are rulers, heads of state, and other government officials throughout the earth, our one true King rules heaven and earth and the Kingdom of God will reign for all times.

Single Catholic Women 20-35: Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fscalledtobe.org> or contact Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632.

The world needs you. God calls you. We invite you...with other Catholic Young Women to our Vocation Discernment Retreats or invite us to meet you where you are.



ENS Allison Early, NAVY
CPO Michael Early, USMC
Elliot Broccardo, USMC

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
Mike Noonan
Adam Kowalski, Army
Capt. James Lucas US Army
Sgt. Greg Burnett
Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC
Ron Caruso Jr.
Specialist Drew Stocks
Christine Christensen, USAF
Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC



Sgt. Ryan Thomas
Diahann Bavan
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Derek McCarthy
Joe Michalski
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Capt. Tim Wilson
Rachael Smith
Kevin Pope
Dave Rawlings
LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Tom Reiter
Nathaniel Rozgo

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 25, 2023

4:30PM Eleonora & Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

Wes Wade (Family)

John Altobelli-2nd anniv (Family)

Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:15AM Margaret Jasek (Family)

Ron May (Donatello Family)

Jim Susic Sr. (Family)

10:00AM Joan Mueller (Family)

Frank & Theresa Lach (Family)

Jerry Capasso (Family)

NOON Daisy L. Delfinado (Family)

Geri Dellamorte (Family)

Marlene, Jeff & Phillip Carioto (Sheri)

Frances & Casimir Kowalski (Family)

Monday, November 27, 2023

9:00AM Bob & Elsie Lang (Family)

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

9:00AM Bart Ribando (Niece)

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

9:00AM Rocco & Ella D'Onofrio (Family)

Terry McKenna (Margaret)

Thursday, November 30, 2023

9:00AM Ronald R. Caruso (Family)

Friday, December 1, 2023

9:00AM Jose Luis Prado (Frank & Lori Prado)

Jack Deacy (Family)

Lisiamma Abraham (Family)

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00AM Christopher Szynal (Lay Carmelites)

Lisiamma Abraham (Family)

Colin Cusack

Michael Sklodowski, Army

Nick Radziwon, US Navy

Gwen Zemaitis Baker

James Lucas US Army

Capt. Melissa Sprague

Capt. Mark Sprague

Zach Wallace

James Chipman

Keith Thomas

L.C. David Treadwell

Timothy Vaughn, USAF

Zachary Bell

Christopher Johnson USCG

Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army

Pvt Dylan R. Hagan

Danielle Monahan SrA

Robert DeMatio

Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy

Captain Jackson Panice

Ryan Snyder

Capt. James Lienau

Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.

Pat Gill Petty Officer

Brian Sheenhan, Army

Joseph Higgins

Gary Hogan

Kevin Hornett

Dan Eugene Bavan

Dan Welters

Alex Erkiens

Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC

1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army

Ted Cook