

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 1, 2023 † Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."
- Mt 21:32

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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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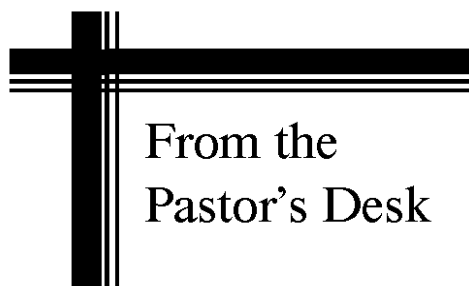
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From the Pastor's Desk

October 1, 2023

Another new month, where does the time go? Welcome to October 1. This month certainly begins the season change for us. I do look forward to seeing the fall colors. Today, is also the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. We are so grateful to all that she has done for our community and our Carmelite Order. We are blessed to have such an amazing sister. I hope that everyone had a chance to go and visit her relics while they were here at the Shrine. Along with the relics of her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin. Louis and Zelie Martin are the first married couple canonized together in the Church. Their feast

day is July 12, which is their wedding anniversary. Coincidentally, July 12 is also my birthday, so I am blessed to have such a connection to those amazing saints. We pray that St. Therese and her parents Sts. Louis and Zelie continue to bless and watch over our community.

In Joliet, the Carmelite residence is a home in the community. You would not know it's a religious community if you drove past. We were blessed to have wonderful neighbors. The one set of neighbors was a wonderful older couple. Several years ago, the man had to enter assisted living and the woman remained living on her own. It was a particularly cold winter day and a fair amount of snow had just fallen. I came back from a long day of school and pulled into my driveway. The neighbor lady, in her mid-70's, was out in the cold trying to shovel her driveway by herself. I pull in and get out of my car and give the nice lady a polite wave and she waves back and continues trying to shovel. I get into my nice warm house and start to take off my parka and winter items. Then it hit me! What the heck am I thinking??? I, a healthy able-bodied man, just walked right past a struggling older woman shoveling her driveway. I immediately put my hat and gloves back on and went out to shovel for her. I would have loved to stay in the warm house on that winter day, but I would not have been able to live with myself if something happened to my neighbor. At first, I walked past but then turned around and did the right thing. This is just a simpler example of what Jesus was getting us to think about in today's Gospel. Who did the father's will, the son who said yes but never followed through, or the son who said no but turned around and did the action after all. Our actions always speak more than our words do. Sometimes we have the best of intentions and say yes, but never follow through. Sometimes, we might resist at first but in the end do the right thing. Let's continue to do the right thing and continue to look out for each other through our actions.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

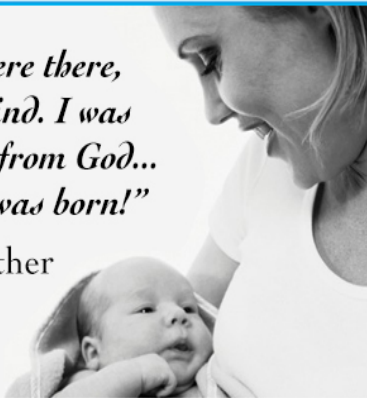
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

September 27th - November 5th.
40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

*"Because you were there,
 I changed my mind. I was
 looking for a sign from God...
 and Baby David was born!"*

– David's mother



YOU can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies at this international 40 day prayer vigil in front of Access Health abortion clinic, 1700 W. 75th St. in Downers Grove. Select the same hour to pray each week or whenever you can. 7AM to 7PM daily. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, community-based prayer vigil that asks our loving God to help bring about an end to abortion through:

**Prayer and Fasting
 Constant Vigil
 Community Outreach**

Over 23,525 babies lives have been saved through the prayers of people praying at a 40 Days for Life vigil. Please consider joining us for an hour of prayer this year.

The vigil starts September 27. To learn more and to sign up for an hour, please visit:

www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

*We need your prayerful presence...
 and so do the moms and babies!*

PRAY TO END ABORTION



America Needs Fatima

Come join the 2023 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

As our nation becomes more
 secular and turns further away
 from God, there is a great
 need for public prayer, re
 pentance and conversion.

On the 106th Anniversary of
 Fatima, we ask God to save
 America through the Rosary
 of His Most Holy Mother.

Prayer rallies will take place at
 over 20,000 locations across
 America.

**Please join us to
 pray on Satur
 day, October 14,
 2023 at Noon**

**75th Street & Cass Avenue – N.W. corner near Lace
 School**

Any questions, contact Maureen
 Greene 630-850-9199

*"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease
 the anger of God and call down His mercy. And Holy Mother
 Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public
 prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." St. Louis Marie
 de Montfort*



Pope Francis is releasing *Laudato Si'* *Part 2* October 4

Let's talk about it!

Contact **Cathy Lentz** if you are interested in joining a group for **conversation and action** on both documents

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Recognizing the profound impact of loss, we've developed an exclusive support program in collaboration with Modell Funeral Home. Our team of compassionate mental health professionals specializes in guiding individuals through the intricate journey of grief, offering expertise in healing, resilience, and emotional well-being. You're not alone in this journey; together, we'll navigate towards a place of healing and renewed optimism. Discover solace and strength on your path of grieving and healing with the Ellie Mental Health Grief and Loss Support Group. In this group we will provide a nurturing and empathetic space to openly share your emotions, learn effective coping strategies, and find your way towards renewal and hope.

At Ellie Mental Health, we understand the profound impact that grief and loss can have on individuals. To aid in processing your loss, we have developed a support program exclusively for clients of Modell Funeral Home. We are a group of empathetic and authentic providers with expertise in grief, loss, healing, resiliency, and emotional health.

Weekly Beginning: October 3

Time: 12:30pm

Duration: 60 minutes

- 6-Week Support Group
- Come when available, for 1 or all sessions
- Limited to 12 clients per group



Sign-up via Email
EllieL08101@elliementalhealth.com

Every Tuesday, Starting October 3
at Ellie Mental Health
745 McClintock Dr. Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527



Cathy's Corner—What's in a Name?

The readings today are filled with angels. Not the adorable cherubs with rosy cheeks and honey-colored halos of Hallmark cards, but the frightening and deadly creatures of the Bible. Beings with four faces and four wings accompanied not by golden circlets but by wheels whose rims are full of eyes all around. Beings who struck down a slew of Assyrians at one point and some residents of Jerusalem at another, just to name a few incidents. In Daniel thousands upon thousands are ministering to the Ancient One and myriads and myriads are attending him. He whose clothing is bright as snow and hair as white as wool takes the throne of flames of fire. But there are other thrones, mayhap for members of the heavenly council, the archangels. And one like a son of man comes to the Ancient One on the clouds of heaven. In Daniel's vision, though traditionally seen as the Messiah, that name has recently been interpreted consistent with the Aramaic of the period as the leader of God's angelic host, the archangel Michael, a figure in human form as distinct from the multi-faced and multi-winged cherubim and seraphim.

The evangelist John relates Jesus announcing to Nathanael that Nathanael himself will see heaven opened and angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. In Jesus, however, that title no longer refers to the leader of an angelic army, but to the center of communion with God above by one who is in human form, connecting heaven and earth much like Jacob's ladder of old. It refers to one who is also called the Son of God. In making that name his own, Jesus told us all we need to know about him, that he is the visible face of the invisible God, whose name is above all names.

Unlike Jesus, the saints honored today were never fully human, only appearing that way at times according to Scripture. They are neither chubby children nor winged monsters. But they are, in fact, the only ones with the distinction of being actually named, out of all the angels mentioned throughout the Bible, including the seven archangels. And those names tell us everything we need to know about the God whom the heavenly host ever worship, even when that same God long ago walked the dusty roads of Palestine. Michael: meaning "Who is like to God?" Gabriel: meaning "God is my strength." Raphael: meaning "God heals." Our entire understanding of God can be distilled into those three names. Really, what more do we need to know?

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 (alternate Rev 12:7-12ab); Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51



Re News

St. Therese of Lisieux Feast Day October 1. The Shrine is having a family reunion. Her Relics are on display at the Shrine. Her Parents, in the Museum, Today is the last day to visit. They will be open until 8:00 PM

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.

Help Needed

As we are receiving more student registrations, we may need more catechist and help. Right now, we are looking specifically for:

Sunday 9:00-
Room Assistants, & a grade 6 catechist

Sunday 11:00-
Office Assistance

Monday 5:00-
Catechists for grades 1, 4, & 6, Office Help & Parking lot supervisors

Monday 7:00 -7th grade catechist and Parking lot supervisors.

Thanks to our RE team members! Without your help we would not have the program we have. You are amazing!

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

Question for Youth: Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

Activities of the Week

Each day for family prayer this week, pray the "Prayer of St. Francis."

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Look through the newspaper this week to find stories about people who actively live their faith.

Upcoming Dates

NO RE October 8-9-Indigenous Peoples' Day

Sunday, October 15-Family Mass. Sign u to be a reader, greeter, or gift Bearer. Call the office for more info.

Sign up now to be part of our Trunk or treat event on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 PM. Call the office for more info.

October 29 is the next Donut Sunday. We are asking the RE families to greet and welcome as they serve the daunts to everyone. Sign up for your time now. ding on what time they sign up to help out.



Mary Anne Trochim **James Curley**
Julie Ann Lacey **Kim Hoover**
Nancy Kososki **Diana Clohecy**
Nancy Jisisju **Bill Haran**
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Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
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 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 30, 2023

4:30PM Ann Swies-8th anniv (Family)
 Dorena Brescia (Family)
 Ken Bala-4th anniv (Family)
 Gene Rubel (Sheri)

Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:15AM Alan Cholewa-6th anniv (Family)
 Martin Cholewa (Family)
10:00AM Elizabeth Sawier (Styczynski Family)
NOON Angel Hernandez (Family)
 Remigio Echeveri (Family)
 Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)
 Teresa Watson-living (Family)
 Phillip, Marlene & Jeffrey Carioto (Sheri)

Monday, October 2, 2023

9:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Christopher Szynal-living (Family)

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

9:00AM Betty Olechowski (Family)
 Isabelo Diaz (Family)
 Christopher Szynal-living (Family)

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

9:00AM Archangela Storino (Family)
 John Anderson-10th anniv (Wife Irene)
 Daniel Caruso (Family)
 Laverne Munsayac (Kathi)
 Kathleen Kasperski (Sally & Jeff Brooks)
 Charles Settino (Niece)

Thursday, October 5, 2023

9:00AM Frances Chapukonis (Jerry Barich)
 Reynaldo Evano (Family)
 Leoncio Bacani-1st anniv (Wife & Family)
 Michael Szkwarko (Family)
 Andrew O'Connor (Family)

Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00AM David Lombardo (Pat Monahan)
 Joseph Polito (Judy Schroeder)
 Christopher Szynal-living (Family)

Saturday, October 7, 2023

9:00AM Lay Carmelite Community of the Holy
 Face—Living and Deceased
 Steve & LaVerne Szynal (Family)
 Christopher Szynal-living (Family)
 Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)