

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 15, 2023 † Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

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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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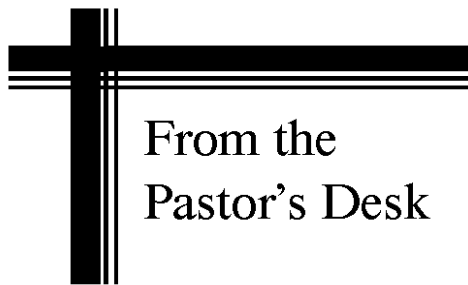
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October 15, 2023



From the Pastor's Desk

It is always an honor when we get an official invitation to a big event. It could be a wedding or an anniversary celebration or some other big life event for which people send out formal invites to. When we receive such an invitation, we have a few different options on how to respond. First, we can be excited and immediately send in the rsvp card and be looking forward with anticipation because we truly want to be part of the celebration. Second, we could decline the invitation whether we truly have a conflict and can't attend or perhaps we just do not wish to attend the event for personal reasons. The third option

is indifference. We can put that invitation on the pile of other papers and forget about it. Then it might be too late to rsvp or we just barely make the deadline. In today's gospel, we have the king giving a banquet and the guests did not respond. Perhaps a few came but many did not, and we heard how the king treated the servants who did not rsvp. The king then invited in other guests. We have this unusual visitor without a wedding garment. Why did the king react the way he did? This was a person who was invited in with the second round of invites. The wedding garment was something given to all the guests when they arrived and were expected to wear. The person did not have to bring it from home, it was given there at the party. So, the fact that he did not have one showed that he didn't care to even try. Perhaps one of the things that God hates the most is indifference. This guest would have been given what he needed but choice to not use it. It is sad when a person wastes the talents and gifts given in life. Sometimes, not doing something is worse than doing something. We call those sins of omission. What might be the areas in life where we are not trying? Are we wasting a gift given to us? Are we guilty of a sin of omission where we had the opportunity to help but did not?

We give a warm welcome to Fr. Rob, who has officially started as our associate. I am sure the community will enjoy getting to know him. We will say farewell to Fr. Greg next weekend. He will preside at all the weekend masses to say so long. We will have a reception for him following the 12 pm mass. We wish him well at St. Theresa of Avial parish, San Francisco. Our loss is their gain. There are still opportunities to purchase a memorial tree. Please contact our business office for details. Planting a tree is a great way to remember a loved one and is also great for the environment.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12



Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2023 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from September 27 to November 5, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Tree Sponsorship Opportunity

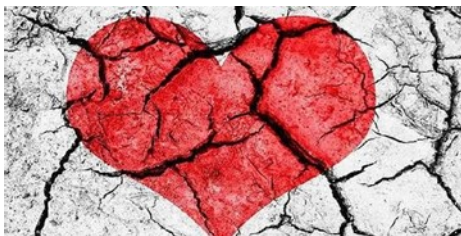
We'd like to replenish the trees on campus that we've lost to storms or disease over the years.

Sponsoring a tree is a wonderful way to celebrate your family name or honor a special person in your life. All sponsorship donations are dedicated to purchasing, planting, and ongoing maintenance of the trees. Each sponsorship will include a specific tree and dedicated plaque at the base of the tree.

The cost for a sponsorship will be \$1,000 per tree. Specific trees and locations will be sponsored on a first come first serve basis. For more detailed information, please call or email the office.



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 compassionate support*

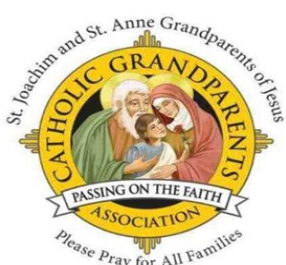
Next meeting October 21

***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 or 630-852-3303 ext 5



The next meeting of the Catholic Grandparents Ministry will take place at OLMC (in the lower level) at **9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 26 "Saints for Kids"**.

On October 26, bring faith materials that you use with your grandchildren, and share these ideas with the group. We learn from one another! We look forward to seeing you again!!



| <u>Sunday Collections as of 10/9/23:</u> | | |
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| YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Difference |
| \$222,321 | \$235,294 | (\$12,973) |

**Join us as we tour historic churches in the
Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago!
Thursday, October 26 from 8:30 am to 3:30
pm**

**\$65 cost includes a bus that leaves from
OLMC**

**Sign up on the website or contact Cathy
Lentz at catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org for
info**



Cathy's Corner—A Council Waiting to Bloom

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, born to a family of sharecroppers, lived most of his ordained life in relative obscurity in places like Bulgaria and Greece and Turkey, in the latter two representing powerless Catholic minorities and mostly being ignored by both those governments and the Vatican. So he was more surprised than anyone at his election to pope in 1958 after the death of Pius XII. To be fair, he was a compromise candidate because after the 12th ballot the cardinals still could not agree. At 76 he was the oldest pope elected in 200 years and really expected to say a few Masses, bless a few babies and die quietly in a few years consistent with his virtually anonymous past.

Surprise again, even to Pope John XXIII himself, that it popped into his head to convene the Second Vatican Council, which opened in Rome on October 11, 1962. In announcing his intent, he said, "The Church is not a museum of antiques but a living garden of life." Vatican II was the only council in the history of the church that was called not to crush some heresy or correct some faulty doctrine, but called, in the first words of the first document created, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, from a "desire to impart an ever increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful . . . to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of (hu)mankind into the household of the Church."

This, of course, is not an endeavor to be undertaken alone, but only in community with each other, working side by side and recognizing what each has to offer. As St. Pope John XXIII stated, "We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike." Jesus told his detractors that a kingdom divided cannot stand and house will fall against house. It is only by gathering everyone together that the household of the Church can stand. The Second Vatican Council began that process but there is still a long way to go. Like the Prophet Joel, there are some that believe we live in a day of darkness and gloom and ruin is coming.

Still St. Pope John XXIII himself, at his address at the opening of the Council, criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." He began the Council with a prayer to the Holy Spirit that was repeated every day it was in session. As John XXIII stated, "It is not the Gospel that changes; it is we who begin to understand it better." The Council document *Lumen Gentium* reminds us, "At all times and in every race, God has given welcome to whosoever fears (God) and does what is right." Good Pope John believed this of our God and trusted in the Spirit. And there is no demon of hate and division that can conquer that combination.

Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Lk 11:15-26



Re News

Catechist Training Continued” Methods 2-
Saturday, October 28th from 9:00-noon.

We will gather for the 9:00 Mass followed by hospitality and the session. We will cover some practical ways to approach your lessons, and some ways to have the students work together.

CHRISTOS

CHRISTOS is back! Our first class will be Saturday, October 21 from 3:00-4:15.

We are still looking for a few teachers and aides to help us out with this program for our students with special needs or disABILITIES. Please contact the RE Office for more information and training. We will meet Thursday evenings prior to the class sessions to go over our team action plan.

Trunk or Treat with the Saints

Join us on Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 for an afternoon of alternative Halloween Fun. We know Halloween is the feast of All Hallow's Eve, or the evening before All Hallow's (All Saints), so why not celebrate with the Saints? We are inviting families to come out, decorate your cars, and have some fun. We would like the care to have a Saint theme or religious theme. Look at Oriental Trading for ideas.

Our Youth Group will offer face painting, games, and there will be trick or treating among the Cars.

The event is our first try at this so call the office for more info.

Upcoming Dates

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.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

Question for Youth: Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

Activities of the Week

Together with your family, discuss the phrase “Many are invited but few are chosen.” This week do one thing as a family to help others, thereby making this world a better place for someone else.

Participate in the Banquet of the Lord by attending Sunday Eucharist together as a family. Talk to the family about preparing our hearts for the Eucharist. What can we do to be better prepared for the liturgy celebration? Arrive at church a few minutes early to prepare for this special Eucharistic meal.

Catechist Info

Please make sure you check your Virtus accounts. New training was implemented on August 23 for updated Protecting God's Children videos (version 4.0). Also, a reminder that Mandated Reporter Training expires every three years and there are “refresher” courses you have to take. Contact Sherry to see if you are up to date or have questions about the training. Thank you for all you do to keep our children and vulnerable adults safe!



Please join
us on Sun-
day, October
22 after the
12:00 P.M.

mass for a reception to
wish Fr. Greg a fond fare-
well and good luck in his
new assignment.



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
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
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

ENS Allison Early, NAVY
CPO Michael Early, USMC
Elliot Broccardo, USMC
Lindsey Johnson
Diahan Bavan
Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
Derek McCarthy
Joe Michalski
Steve Baker, Lt
Luke Fluder
Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
Vincent Napoli, USMC
Nikolas Horskey, Army
Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
Capt. Tim Wilson
Rachael Smith
Kevin Pope
Dave Rawlings
LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Tom Reiter
Nathaniel Rozgo
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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 14, 2023

4:30PM Ann K. Mulhall (Friends)

Laurie Cernugel-18th anniv (Family)

Sunday, October 15, 2023

8:15AM John Towle Jr. (Germaine Moore)

10:00AM Felicitas Angliongto (Lydia Aquino)

NOON Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Tami Urbanski (Lenore Urbanski Family)

Monday, October 16, 2023

9:00AM Charles Anton (Donatello Family)

Theresa Philip (Family)

Rosemarie Kern (Godchild)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

9:00AM Donald Antikauskas (Wife Evelyn)

Raymond Randolph (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Evelyn Cline-10th anniv (Solverson Family)

C.G. Philip (Family)

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

9:00AM Wilfredo Baradi (Family)

Edward Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Simone & Reynaldo-living (Family)

Wesley Wade (Keith & Alicia Kreis)

Thursday, October 19, 2023

9:00AM Richard Reilly (Sally & Jeff Brooks)

Friday, October 20, 2023

9:00AM Mark Lim (Andrea)

Joseph Polito (Dolores Takaitis)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:00AM Ricardo C. Barretto

(Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

St Vincent DePaul
Collection Truck will be here

October 21 and 22 before and
after Masses

