

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 22, 2023 † Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar
what belongs to
Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.”
- Mt 22:21

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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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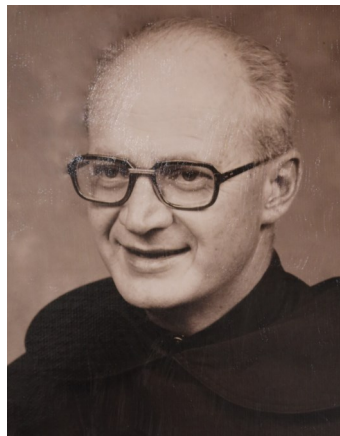
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One Sunday morning when I was new here, I got lost in the hallway behind the food pantry. I couldn't even find the light-switches! and ended up against the ½-way doors by the confessional. Finally I retraced my steps and got out. The floorplan of the pantry area and the classroom area is so confusing I jokingly told Father Jeff that when the weather gets nicer we need to dig up the body of Father Patrick Gleeson (founding pastor of OLMC) and throw him into the Desplaines River for allowing such a crazy design. Note: in the Middle Ages they would dig up the body of any pope and throw the body into the Tiber River if they disagreed with his policies.



Now that I've been here for 15 months I actually praise Father Patrick Gleeson for designing such a great parish. I'm not talking about floorplans; rather, I'm talking about heartplans. This parish is a great parish! He laid the foundations for a parish where the faithful connect to one another, take care of one another, and love another. As the Carmelite reformer, Saint Teresa of Avila, founded new Carmelite cloisters she said, "Here all are friends; here all are helped; here all are loved." This should be the mission statement of every parish, and definitely describes this parish.

As I leave for my new assignment in San Francisco, I won't be taking Father Patrick Gleeson's floorplans with me, but I will be taking his heartplans and I will be taking YOUR heartplans too – the friendship you share, the care you give, and the love you extend. Built on such firm foundations of friendship, care, and love, along with such a solid love for Jesus and for Our Lady, this parish will always be strong, and will grow ever-stronger. With all of you, along with the staff of OLMC, and your clergy, Father Jeff, Father Rob, Father Bob, Deacon Ed, and Deacon Lupe, the future here looks great.

I will always treasure my time here at OLMC, and as I carry your heartplans with me, I will always say 'thank you' for your friendship, your care and your love. And don't worry, instead of digging up Father Gleeson's body, I will put flowers on his grave :-)

Peace, always, yours,
fr Gregory

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

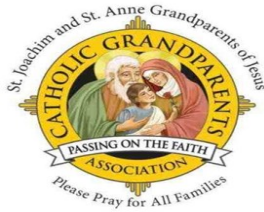
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16



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"**.

Saints are the heroes of the Catholic faith. They lived courageous, holy lives dedicated to serving God and spreading the message of salvation. Today, the saints serve as examples for all Catholics, showing us how to lead a more satisfying, spiritual life in communion with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Each saint's story is a fascinating one. They lived at different times in different places throughout history, but they all shared a love of God. The saints' love and prayers for the Church are constant. Introducing Catholic Saints for Kids is a great way to encourage our grandchildren in their faith and help them continue learning.

One definition of a saint is "a sinner who keeps on trying". Their human struggles and challenges on the path to holiness is an inspiration for all ages. The saints can intercede for us, and they are good role-models for our grandchildren in the faith. Join us as we discuss some of the ways we can pass on the faith, by sharing the real-life stories of the lives of the saints, with our grandchildren!! On October 26, bring faith materials that you use with your grandchildren, and share these ideas with the group. We learn from one another!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Joliet Diocesan Council

WE ACCEPT ALL CLOTHING – ANY SEASON, GENTLY USED TO WELL WORN (THEY SHOULD BE CLEAN)

Please do not accept anything with mildew, mold, musty odors, Wet, and pet hair because we do not have any equipment to clean them. Thanks!

APPLIANCES: Countertop working appliances

AUDIO VISUAL: Videos, DVDs, CDs, cassettes, and records. No home recordings. No Tube televisions.

BABY EQUIPMENT: NO BABY EQUIPMENT – WE DO ACCEPT BABY CLOTHING

BLINDS, ETC.: Curtain rods (brand new in box only), NO draperies, NO drapery rods, NO Blinds

BOOKS: Fiction & non-fiction – must be clean, no mold, no broken bindings, no missing pages.

No textbooks, encyclopedias, Readers Digest Editions, or magazines

CLOTHING: Clothing, shoes, accessories, all sizes, all seasons (folded in bags or boxes) – no hangers!

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Lamps (no halogen), bake ware, cookware, dishes, glasses, knick-knacks, pictures, utensils, etc. Please pack breakables in box with newspaper.

LINENS: Blankets, curtains, sheets, small rugs, tablecloths, towels, throw pillows, etc.

SPORTING GOODS: We do accept. NO bowling balls, skis, exercise equipment, tents or sleeping bags

TOYS: Toys, puzzles, and games must be clean and complete.

Items that we DO NOT accept are: *paint, chemicals, grease, oils, cosmetics (unless new & unopened), disposable food containers and jars (except canning jars), wall-wall carpeting, built-ins of any kind. NO MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRINGS.*





Sunday Collections as of 10/15/23:		
YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
\$242,350	\$250,980	(\$8,630)

Join Fr. Jeff and Cathy Lentz 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—Recognizing the Kingdom of God

“The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.” So Jesus announced to the 72 disciples in directing them on their mission. He did not, however, offer them a description of what the Kingdom of God actually looks like. But a closer examination of his instructions might give us a glimpse. First and foremost, this Kingdom is reached in community. The disciples were sent out in pairs, to support each other as they spread the word. They were directed to stay in a family’s house, not by themselves apart from others. The Kingdom is not cluttered with things. It does not require money, a change of clothes or any physical amenities to reach.

The Kingdom is a place of peace. The 72 offer peace to all they meet, a peace that is more than the absence of conflict but encompasses security and well-being for the world. The Kingdom offers just compensation to all. All who labor receive payment, no one more than another and none at the expense of another. The Kingdom is a place where everyone is fed. Those who have food share it with those who do not without hesitation and without cost. The Kingdom is a place of healing. Injuries to the body, to the spirit, and to the soul are cured by caring people caring for each other. And this Kingdom is here and now, not some otherworldly, amorphous place. It is the power and sovereignty of God that cannot be restricted by time and space, a reality that can be experienced in our own world.

So why are the laborers so few to reap this abundant harvest? To be fair, Jesus saying he was sending his followers out like lambs among wolves is more than a bit daunting. And St. Paul writing to Timothy that in proclaiming the Good News he was deserted by those he considered friends is distressing. Really, how can anyone be expected to answer that call to mission, abandoning those who depend on us and leaving behind the security of our structured lives? Because, actually, we need look no further than our own comfortable surroundings to foray into that life of mission.

Right in front of us we can amass less things and give away more. We can bring peace even as close to home as our own families. We can support the most menial of laborers working, often so invisibly, in our communities. We can donate to food pantries and give to the homeless. We can heal the loneliness and despair that exists all around us by taking the time to be a gentle listening presence in our workplaces and our neighborhoods. Wolf after wolf of hunger and hatred and hubris can be sent scurrying, never to return. We have clear instructions. Let us be sent out to bring about the Kingdom of God, right in our own back yard.

2 Tim 4:10-17b; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9



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 next class will be Friday, November 3 from 5-6 or Saturday, Saturday, November 4 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

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: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?

Activities of the Week

Every day of life is a gift from God. Gather in a circle and have family members hold hands. Ask each person to thank God for one of their gifts: "Thank you, God, for _____." Conclude with the following prayer: "May we use our gifts to glorify you by the way we live our lives." Amen.

Discuss the phrase, "Give to God what is God's." What belongs to God? How can your family show respect for God and all God's creation?

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 21, 2023

4:30PM Damian Trenshaw (Kim Siefert)

Nancy Jemenez (Evano Family)

Laurie Boyle (Family)

Sunday, October 22, 2023

8:15AM Ralph Moore (Nick Rocco)

Phyllis Zimmerman (Helen Brassil)

10:00AM Narcissa Castillo-6th anniv (Family)

Andrea & Rosa Abbate (Family)

Fairel Dean Smith-4th anniv (Family)

NOON Gentel Cabrera (Family)

Devin Cabrera-living (Family)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Monday, October 23, 2023

9:00AM Charles Neiss-5th anniv (Fran Weiss)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

9:00AM John Lattner (Pat Monahan)

Michele Neill (Family)

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

9:00AM James Karnick (Family)

Helen Ganiec (Dore Gembala)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

9:00AM Bernice Heery (Family)

Friday, October 27, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Saturday, October 28, 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

