

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 8, 2023 † Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone."  
- Mt 21:42ab

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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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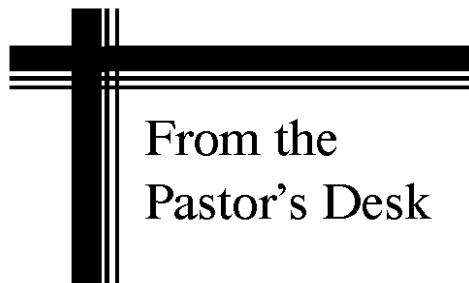
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October 8, 2023

As we are now well into the fall season, the farmers and gardeners are hard at work bringing in the last of their produce and preparing the fields for winter. Their hard work all summer is now paying off. My garden was fairly decent. I have several jars of peppers (jalapeño, habanero, cayenne, tabasco, Thai and ghost chilis) pickling and will be turned into hot sauce in another month or so. I have been impressed with the produce from the parish garden. My deepest thanks to all who helped with the garden this year. It produced a great amount of veggies that we gave to the needy. What a blessing. We

reap what we sow. We reflect on what seeds have been planted in our heart and what seeds are planting in others' hearts? Are we producing good and encouraging others to produce good fruit as well? St. Paul in the second reading today, tells us to look on the good things given to us. St. Paul then says, "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me." Can we honestly say that same thing to others? Keep doing as I am doing? I hope the answer is yes, but we all have things to life that need to be improved. We are all still works in progress. The Gospel today is the parable to landowner and tenants. The tenants were given all they needed in life. They had a good life and were making a decent living for themselves. However, they wanted more. They turned on the landowner in their greed. I hope we all stop and give things for the blessings in life and not give into our greed and desire for more.

Animals enrich our lives and are a sign of God's blessing to us with the love and comfort they show in their unique ways. We also give thanks for all of nature. We will have our blessing of pets on Sunday, October 8 at 2pm. Please bring your favorite dog or cat, even creepy crawly and slithering creatures are welcome! Pope Francis just issued an update to his encyclical Laudato Si. This document challenges us to look at our care for creation and the natural world. We are trying to form a Laudato Si study and action group in the parish. If you have a passion for the care of creation, please reach out to Cathy Lentz. Lastly, the days are ticking. Fr. Greg's last weekend with us will be October 21-22. He will be presiding over all the masses that weekend to say farewell. We will have a reception following the 12 pm Mass to send him off with our love.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

*Fr. Jeff*

### Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

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

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28



Fall Campaign  
September 27th - November 5th

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](http://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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**Our Lady of Peace** with  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
invite you to be *Nourished* in  
*your caregiving ministry*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 ext 5 or [catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org) for info

***Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy.***

Let us give you **information**, **strength** and **connection** during the caregiver journey.

**We are NOT meeting in October**

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 11**

**8:30 am to 10:00 am**

**at Our Lady of Peace**

*Thrive • Empower • Advance •*

## Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 8 at 2:00PM







## 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

**SAVE THE DATE . . . for a tour of churches in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago!**  
**Thursday, October 26 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Bus provided from Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
**More information to come – Contact Cathy Lentz with questions**



#### *Cathy's Corner—Finding God in the Fire*

The dry spell began in the summer of 1871, stubbornly refusing to be dampened so that by early fall the Midwest was a veritable tinderbox. On the evening of October 8<sup>th</sup>, dry winds and no rain ignited not one, but three distinct and deadly fires, in the neighboring states of Illinois and Wisconsin. While the Great Chicago Fire is the most famous of the trio, the deadliest was the one in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, with a death toll of between 1,500 and 2,500 as compared to the 300 lives lost in Chicago. It took less than two hours to incinerate the entire town and the people that lived there. In what is now Champion, Wisconsin, a third fire raged, although some sources consider that an extension of the Peshtigo fire, concluding that it leapt across Green Bay to devour more lives and more land and more livestock with its scorching hunger.

Like the Israelites returning from the Babylonian exile to the holy city of Jerusalem decimated by their captors, perhaps those that remained felt that God had brought this disaster upon them, had at the very least turned a deaf ear to their torment. And yet, there were the miracles. In Chicago, the parish church of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, memorialized in story and song as the owners of the cow who started the famous blaze, was in the line of the fire, literally. The pastor, Fr. Arnold Damen, was preaching a mission in Brooklyn, New York, but hearing of the crisis at home, prayed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help to protect the church. The wind shifted, and Holy Family Church, which still stands today, was spared. It is the second-oldest Catholic church in Chicago and one of just a few buildings to have survived the fire.

In Champion, Sister Adele Brise, who 12 years earlier almost to the day had seen the first of three visions of Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, prayed in the chapel built upon that same land as the inferno advanced, encouraging people from the surrounding area to join her in a structure made only of wood. The refugees crammed inside, while some carried a statue of the Blessed Mother in procession around the fenced perimeter throughout the night. The flames scorched the fence's paint but came no farther. And near dawn, rain cascaded from the sky, extinguishing the fire completely. Nothing was left standing in the entire area natural or man-made but that wooden chapel built in 1861 which bore in French the inscription "Our Lady of Good Help, pray for us."

Even in Peshtigo, where so few were left to even tell their stories, the pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fr. Peter Pernin, as he watched in horror the roaring flames approach, grabbed the tabernacle with the reserved sacrament and raced to the river, submerging it in an attempt to save it from destruction. However, even those who jumped in the water to escape had to repeatedly immerse themselves because the flames were burning anything exposed to the air. Days later, the tabernacle was found floating downriver, completely unblemished from a fire so hot that it turned the sand in the street to glass.

And so, in the midst of what seemed like the full force of the enemy of all that is good was the mercy of our God, was the intercession of the Blessed Mother, honored today as Our Lady of the Rosary. As Jesus told his disciples when they returned from their missionary journeys, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see." Blessed are the eyes that recognize the miracles in the misery, the mercy in the madness, the love of our God in the worst demons and disasters that can be thrown at us. Because with those eyes we can see that our God is never punishing us, but always accompanying us, and listening, ever listening, as we cry out to keep the flames at bay.

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



### *Re News*

*There is no RE this week due to Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day. We will return next week, October 15-16. Our Family Mass is still in need of Readers and Greeters!*

### *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 grade 2 & 6, Office Help & Parking lot supervisors

Monday 7:00 6th -7th grade catechists.

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

### *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.

### *Questions of the Week:*

**Question for Children:** What makes you feel peaceful inside? What makes you feel restless?

**Question for Youth:** How do you thank God for the talents that you have? How do you give back to God through the use of your talent?

**Question for Adults:** What steps do you take each week to make sure you are doing as Paul directs: "Live according to what you have learned and accepted."?

### *Activities of the Week*

In today's parable of the tenants, the landowner gives his tenants a second chance. Have a family discussion about second chances. At the end of the discussion, have each member write down one anxiety that he or she is trying to relieve. To symbolize their being given a second chance, have family members tear their papers into little pieces and throw them away or burn the papers in an appropriate place.

Imagine that your home is God's vineyard. What are you willing to do to help make God's vineyard special? How will you make sure everyone is welcome and treated with love and respect?

### *Upcoming Dates*

**Sunday, October 15-Family Mass.** Sign up 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**  
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**Jamie Carpenter**  
**Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier**  
**Bridget Gallmeier Raineri**



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### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**4:30PM** Michael Sislow Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

James Murphy (Jo Ann Welton)

Sheridoni Odulio (Christina Odulio)

Matthew Bier (McMahon Family)

#### **Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**8:15AM** Phyllis Zimmerman (Family)

John Pope (Family)

Frank & Alice Massi (Family)

**10:00AM** Johnny Abraham (Family)

Peter Anthony Nielsen (Elizabeth and Ming)

Gary Matts (Family)

Joseph Strejc (Family)

**NOON** Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Alice Taroza Tan (Betty Guillem)

Fenton Joseph (Esteban Family)

#### **Monday, October 9, 2023**

**9:00AM** Prudencio Sobredo (Family)

#### **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**9:00AM** Nila McEwan (Family)

Eulalio Diray (Family)

Walter Wadas Family (Evelyn Antikauskas)

#### **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**9:00AM** Ron Grezenia (Donatello Family)

Marcela Elle (Andrea)

Gary Matts (Family)

#### **Thursday, October 12, 2023**

**9:00AM** Concepcion Pabellon (Family)

Joe Strejc (Gurgone Family)

Fr. Peter Mary Rookey (Sheri)

#### **Friday, October 13, 2023**

**9:00AM** Therese Donatello (Donatello Family)

Jose Macairan (Wife)

#### **Saturday, October 14, 2023**

**9:00AM** Peg Grimes (Pat Monahan)

John & Josephine Maoloni (Family)

Biaggio Tudisco (Family)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

