

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 12, 2025 † Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception

This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable

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

Reconciliation on Saturdays 3:15-4:00PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To register call The Religious Education Office at 630-963-3053

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 630-852-3303 phone number

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.

MARRIAGES: Plans should be made at least six months in advance of a tentative wedding date to fulfill Diocesan guidelines. To schedule a date, call the parish office for an appointment with a priest.

BAPTISMS: Are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. Parents and godparents are requested to attend a catechesis class. Call the parish office for arrangements.

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From the Pastor



The Gospel this Sunday is the cleansing of the 10 lepers. In the story, all ten were healed but only one returned to say thank you to Jesus. It is really easy for us to become complacent and not truly give thanks for the blessing in our life. Sure, each of us has some struggle and some unique cross to carry in life, however, each of us is very blessed. The fact that we are sitting here in church is a blessing. We were all blessed with waking up this morning and having the physical ability to leave the house and gather here. What a blessing

that is! So many in our community are seriously ill or for other reasons unable to leave their home. We have a home to live in, food on our table and people who love and care about us. We are all so blessed in his community. Let us always give thanks, count our blessings, and never cease praising God for his goodness. The well-known Dominican theologian from Peru, Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez once wrote, "The foundation of faith is gratitude." That line has always stuck with me. It is when we realize how blessed and fortunate we are and from whom those blessings come from, that real faith begins to form. As we reflect on the Gospel for this Sunday (Lk 17:11-19), let us count our blessing and be the one who returns to Christ to say thank you! We will do our gratitude pumpkins again. I encourage everyone to write one thing for which they are grateful on the pumpkin. The gratitude pumpkins will be out on the patio throughout the fall to remind us to give thanks!

I encourage everyone to please read Bishop Hicks' letter "Make." It should be a challenge to every Catholic. The purpose of this letter is to encourage us all to make other disciples. We have some issues that we need to work on if we want Our Lady of Mount Carmel to be sustainable in the future. We need more faithful people in the seats! We are on track to do close to 100 funerals in 2025. Who is going to replace those lost? If we honestly look around at the mass crowd on the weekends, the majority of people are 65+. If we want an active, vibrant parish 10 – 15 years from now, we need to start getting more people in their 30's, 40's and 50's into our seats. We need to explore methods to attract younger generations to the faith. For most of our ministries, it is the same core group of parishioners that seem to volunteer, how can we bring fresh faces to our ministries? These are the issues that the letter "Make" is asking us to look at. On Thursday, October 23 will have two sessions, in the morning and evening called, "Let's have a conversation." I hope that all who wish to discuss "Make" and want to begin to be better evangelizers will attend.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel...Pray for Us!!

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

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





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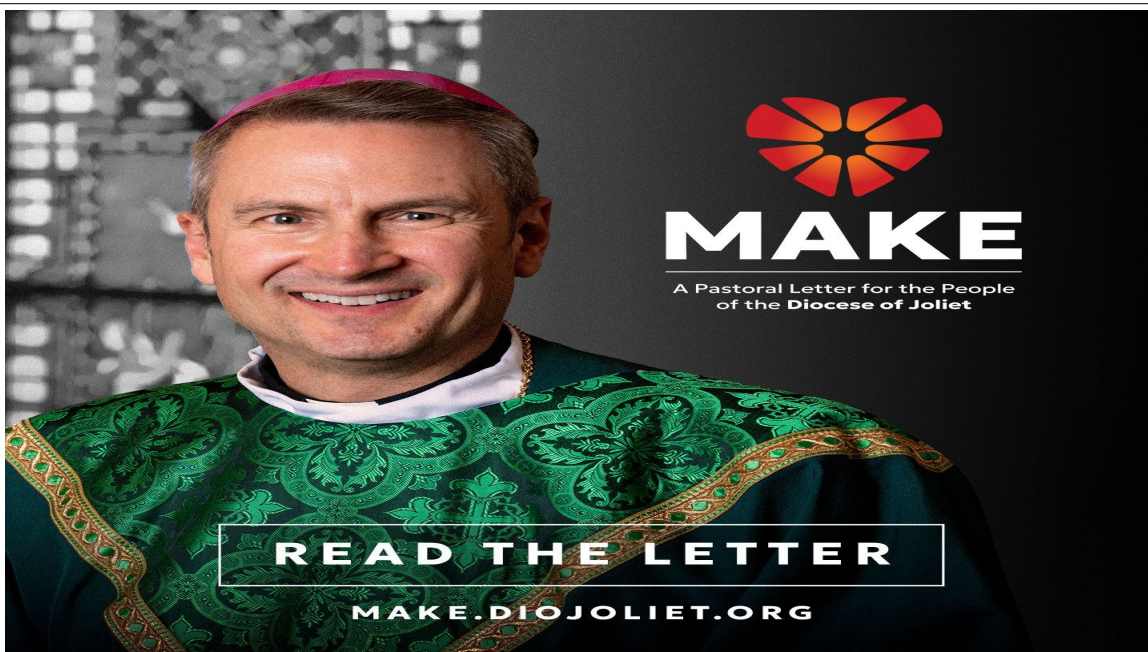
Here are the items we do accept:


- Clothing, shoes, boots
- Jewelry
- Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
- Books, records, CDs, DVDs
- Games, toys, sports equipment
- Housewares: dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps, small appliances
- Hand tools and power tools
- Linens, curtains, blankets, etc
- Stereos, radios, VCRs, DVD players, Blu-ray players, CD players,
- Gaming consoles, remotes, video games
- Camcorders, cameras, camera lens attachments
- Office supplies
- Office equipment: printers, copiers, scanners, toner cartridges, electric typewriters, word processors
- Furniture: Dressers, tables, sofas, bed frames (not including water bed frames) etc.
- Refrigerators, freezers, stoves/ovens, washers/dryers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers,
- Old clothes (ripped, worn out clothes; just ask that bags or boxes are marked recycling)
- Old book and magazines; just ask the boxes or bags are marked recycling

Here are the items we do not accept:

- CRT "Tube" TVs
- Cribs, car seats, etc.
- Household chemical products: pesticides, paint, paint thinner, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, aerosols, etc.
- Automotive hazardous waste: tires, lead acid batteries, additives, gasoline, oils, antifreeze, etc.
- furnace, trash compactors, water heaters
- Any furniture with the following: stains, animal fur, missing or broken pieces
- Used mattresses or box springs
- Open/partially used personal care: Shampoo, conditioner, nail polish remover, shaving cream, hairspray, shavers, perfume
- Weapons

Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19
Before and after Masses





MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

READ THE LETTER

MAKE.DIOJOLIET.ORG

OLMC High School Youth Group

October Meetings

Our meetings take place in the church basement from 1 – 3 pm.
Email Jen Emanuele, Director of Youth Ministry, with questions or suggestions! Jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

5: Carlos Acutis: Roadmap to Reality Viewing Party

Discover the incredible life of Saint Carlo Acutis in *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. This powerful new documentary film explores his life, legacy, and the impact of technology on young people today. Popcorn and snacks will be served. **8th graders can use this as a Spiritual Experience for Confirmation.



18th & 19th St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive
Interested in helping load the St Vincent de Paul truck on Saturday, October 18th (3:30 - 5:45) and/or October 19th (7:30 - 12:30)?
Please RSVP with your availability.



This can be used as a Confirmation Service Opportunity as well as High School Service Hours.



19: Pumpkin Painting
Connect with creation in a creative way while we paint pumpkins to decorate our parish.
Please RSVP so we have enough pumpkins and food.



26: Trunk or Treat
This is a service opportunity. We will need help setting up, running games, and clean up.
Please RSVP up to help.





RE News... It's not too late to register for RE. We still have room in most sessions. Contact the RE office for more information.

Help Wanted

Who We need. . . YOU! RE has started but we are still short on Catechists. Right now, we still need Catechists in: Sunday 9:00- 6th & 4th, Sunday 11:00- 7th Monday 5:00- 7th

We also need substitutes, parking lot attendants, hallway monitors, substitutes (did I say substitutes?), and occasional or seasonal help for various retreats.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Last week, during opening prayer, our families did a decade of the Rosary based on Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen's Mission Rosary for families of the world.

The World Mission Rosary was envisioned by Archbishop Fulton John Sheen in 1951, when he was national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He made the request on a radio show, asking that his listeners "Embrace the world in prayer."



This week we will pray the Mission Rosary Prayer for Oceania (on the Blue Beads). Blue is for the water surrounding the island nations of the world-Oceania:

We Pray for the Families of Oceania. Help us to remember the ripple we make in all that we do. We pray for those who live with flooding and storms. We pray that your message, o Lord, spread as waves on the ocean. We pray for all families of Oceania.

Our world is in need of much prayer, so why not take the time to pray for all our brothers and sisters around the world, as well as for all of us here in our country. God bless you!

Catechist Workshop: Catechesis for Persons with Disabilities

Saturday, October 18 from 9-12:30

This is a required course from the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University. This workshop counts as your course for the year. Please call the RE office to let us know you will be there. We will serve Breakfast.

Notes for Parents

Family Mass sponsored by grades 8 & 2 – 10:00 on Sunday, October 19. Please contact the RE office if your child would like to participate.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us that our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things. We can forgive, love, and share with others. Which of these do you do most often?

Question for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you? When have you thanked God this week?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.

Activities of the Week

Write a family prayer of thanksgiving. Have each member contribute by telling at least one thing for which they are thankful. Pray this prayer at mealtime each night this week.

Prepare a basket of fruit to give away. Have family members decide who to give it to in gratitude for what that person has done for your family. Make sure to include with the fruit basket a personalized note that expresses your gratitude.

What's Happening in RE

This last week, our Preschool and Kindergarten classes talked about Growing in Faith. Jesus wants us to keep growing into healthy and happy disciples. Ask them how different they are from the time they were babies. Ask them how they think they will grow in the future.

Pet Blessing
Sunday, October 12
2:00PM

All God's
Creatures



The Handbell Choir needs players for the Christmas Midnight Mass. Rehearsals will begin October 19, and continue each Sunday after the noon Mass in the 6th grade classroom. Contact Val Kazich, 630-963-3053 or Karen Krueger, 10am/12pm Choir Director.



Together in Loss is a **grief support ministry**
 for anyone who has experienced
 a loss of a loved one.

Saturday Oct. 18 10:00 am to 11:30 am

For Information-Contact Lori Prado:

(lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)

Saturday, October 11, 4:30PM

Arlene Brescia (Fred & Paulyne)

Maria Molliconi (Friends)

Mary Jo Desmond (Family)

Kowalski Family-living (Family)

Sunday, October 12

8:15AM Arlene Brescia (Family)

10:00AM Johnny Abraham (Family)

Noon Gary Matts (Family)

Fr. Gavin Quinn (Sheri)

Monday, October 13, 9:00AM

Therese Donatello (Donatello Family)

Tuesday, October 14, 9:00AM

Peg Grimes (Pat Monahan)

Fr. Gavin Quinn (Ken & Maryjane Totosz)

Charles Kirk (Sheri)

Wednesday, October 15, 9:00AM

Fr. Gavin Quinn (McInerney Family)

Thursday, October 16, 9:00AM

Charlene Anton (Donatello Family)

Rosemarie Kern (Vieni Family)

Thresia Philip (Family)

Friday, October 17, 9:00AM

Raymond Randolph (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Donald Antikauskas (Wife Evelyn)

Lou McClelland (Eugene Munin)

Philip Cg (Family)

Michael Napoli (Family)

Saturday, October 18, 9:00AM

Edward Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Wilfredo Baradi (Family)

Pope Leo XIV asks everyone
 to pray the rosary for peace
 throughout October