

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 19, 2025 † Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Born to
love and
show
people
how to
love**

Respect Life Month

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*



We have all seen those rubber bracelets with the initials WWJD on it, What Would Jesus Do? They serve as a good reminder to constantly be about doing the right thing and loving God and neighbor. I want to create another bracelet trend with PUSH, Pray Until Something Happens. The readings remind us of the necessity of constant prayer in our life. We often view prayer as something that can be a burden

at times, that we have to set time aside in our busy life and have to recite all sorts of litanies and standard prayers. That is all good and is indeed a form of prayer, Standardized prayers are not the only way. St. Therese defines prayer as “Simple glance toward heaven and a loving conversation between friends.” God wants a conversation with us, to hear us say what is really on our heart. We all want to have frequent conversations with our spouse and children and friends, so we can share what is going on. God wants the same for us. The widow in today’s gospel did not give up in wanting a conversation with God. She was eventually rewarded, though it took time. We may think that God is not answering our prayers, but that is never true. I believe that God answers every prayer. Sometimes it takes a long time. Other times, we are told no or that God has a different plan. But if we don’t give up, prayer always works. Keep on PUSHing!

We are going to have new carpet laid down in the Church in November, so the Church looks good for Christmas. The current carpet dates back to at least the mid-1990’s when the renovation and reorientation of the sanctuary occurred. So, it’s 30 years old. The stains are obvious. When we did the plumbing repair last summer and the one side of the church was empty, you could see that the carpet was thread bare and see through in many spots. It is not as obvious when all the chairs are in and are hiding the spots. The total cost for carpet and labor is \$59,000. That breaks down to \$10 per square foot. Can you “Spare a Square?” I am challenging our community in hope that every parishioner can “Spare a Square” and buy a few square feet of carpeting. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and contribute to the further beautification of our Church. There are special-colored envelopes in the bulletins this week. Please use these colored envelopes for donations towards “Spare a Square.” You can return them in the coming weeks in the collection or drop them off at the office anytime. If you put your name on the envelope, you will get credit on the end of the year income tax receipts. There will be a sign in the lobby to track progress towards our goal of \$59k. Let’s continue to make OLMC as beautiful as possible. Can you “Spare a Square?”

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

Fr. Jeff

Spare A Square?





St Vincent De Paul Joliet Diocese
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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



18th & 19th St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Interested in helping load the
St Vincent de Paul truck on Sat-

urday, 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.



Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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

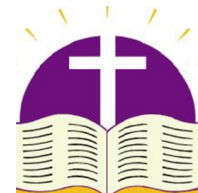
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

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: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9





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." 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!

This week we will pray the Mission Rosary Prayer for Europe (on the White Beads). White represents the Holy Father and the seat of the Holy Catholic Church in Vatican City:

We Pray for the Families of Europe, as they struggle to keep their faith alive, especially all families living in war torn areas. We pray for a renewed sense of peace for all families trying to reorganize their lives. We pray too, to be in solidarity with all families so that we may also live in peace.

Notes for Parents

All Saints Day is on Saturday, November 1, and while we are all called to be saints, or holy people of God, we would like to honor our heavenly mentors. We would like your child to come in to RE dress as a Saint or bring something in that represents a favored Saint. Our opening prayer on the week of October 26-27 will give your child the opportunity to showcase their chosen Saint.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?

Activity of the Week

Discuss with your child what prayer means to you. Explain that God always hears our prayers and always takes care of our needs. Teach a brief prayer to your child to be used in the morning and evening. Write the prayer on an index card and have your child use crayons or markers to design the border. Have your child keep the card as a reminder to pray at different times during the day.

TRICK OR TREAT WITH THE SAINTS

Sunday, October 26
2:00-4:00 PM in the halls of RE

Come on out and decorate a door as we celebrate with the Saints. Please call the RE office for more information and to reserve a door for decorating.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the Handbell Choir! We could use five more players. Rehearsals begin Oct. 19th and continue each Sunday after the noon Mass in the 6th grade classroom. Bring a friend! We offer service hours!



Thank you to all for the generous donations of paper goods! This week the food pantry is in need of canned fruit, macaroni and cheese and cookies.



WELCOME

We welcome the following to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel family!

Jeremy & Elizabeth Dillon Roberts
Jeff & Chivaughn Metz
Jose & Sandra Zesqti Ortega

Saturday, October 18, 4:30PM

Arlene Brescia (Donatello Family)

Edward & Stephanie Szot (Szot Family)

Sunday, October 19

8:15AM Roy Randich (Jim & Ida)

Rose, Anthony & Anthony Jr. Piazzisi
(Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Jim Ruggiero (Mazzolini Family)

Noon Zenaida Batol (Family)

Percival Piedad (Family)

Gentle Cabrera (Cabrera & Sanchez Families)

Alberto Sanchez-living (Family)

Monday, October 20 9:00AM

Parishioners of OLMC

Tuesday, October 21, 9:00AM

Lauri Boyle-29th anniv (Family)

Wednesday, October 22, 9:00AM

Narcissa Castillo-8th anniv (Family)

Debbie Grealish (Family)

Thursday, October 23, 9:00AM

Chuck Weiss (Fran)

Friday, October 24, 9:00AM

John Lattner (Pat Monahan)

Michele Neill (Family)

Saturday, October 25, 9:00AM

James Karnick (Family)

Eleonora & Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

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

