

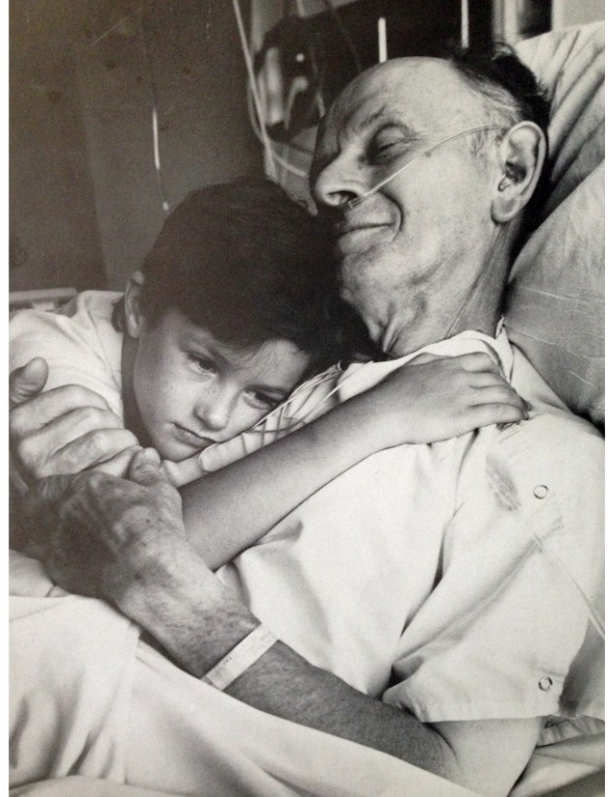
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

October 26, 2025 † Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?

Pope John Paul II

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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We have all been to the optometrist before. It is important to keep up with your eye health. It is one of our most important senses and a great gift from the Lord. Eye sight allows us to see the beauty of creation all around us. In this fall season, we see the color of the leaves changing and the autumn beauty around us. In this winter, we'll see the beauty of newly fallen snow on the trees. We'll see the beauty of spring and summer to follow. What a gift it is to be able to see the beauty which surrounds us. As precious as our eye sight is, perhaps

more important is to have good "I" sight. That is to be able to see with our heart more than with physical eyes. We are called to see the inner beauty and goodness of each person, not just the externals. We need to develop good "I" sight to see our own faults and limitations in order to be more sympathetic with the limitations and failings of others. When we can humbly accept that we are not perfect, we can better understand and love when others fall short in some way. The pharisee in the Gospel today chose to point fingers at the faults of others. The tax collector bowed his head and prayed "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." The pharisee saw the fault in others. The tax collector saw the fault in himself. That is real "I" sight.

Thank you for your kind response to the "Spare a Square" effort to replace the carpet in the church. 30 years of wear and tear have taken its toll. Please continue to check the board in the lobby to see the latest totals in our drive to reach \$59, 000. If we go over, the next plan is to replace the flooring on the upper deck. It is currently the same carpeting as in the church. It would be more beneficial to have a laminate flooring there which can be easily mopped. We hope to continue to have doughnut Sunday and other events on the upper deck. It would be great not to have to worry about a coffee spill leaving a carpet stain. If we had a laminate floor, the spill could be mopped up with no worries. We still have a large roof repair hanging over our heads. The upper metal structure needs to be replaced. That will be a significant expense. Thank you for your generosity and love for our parish community. Let's continue to make our church building the best it can be.

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

Fr. Jeff

Spare A Square?



Thank you to everyone that worked the St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive and to everyone that donated in spite of the rainy cold weather. We filled the truck and more. As always, your donations are blessings to others.



OLMC High School Youth Group

COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE WITH PURPOSE

ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH

1215 MODAFF RD, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

JANUARY 10, 2025 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

(VIGIL MASS INCLUDED)

RECHARGE

FEATURED SPEAKERS

KATIE CHOUDHARY FR. ALEX LORANG



FR. JEREMY LEGANSKI



**THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET INVITES
YOU TO A 1- DAY RETREAT TO
HELP YOU FIND AND GAIN FOCUS
ON THE VOICE OF THE LORD SO
THAT YOU CAN LEARN WHERE HE
IS CALLING YOU**

COST: \$25 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

**Want to attend?
Use the QR code**



**Tickets are limited
This event is for High School students**

OLMC High School Youth Group

October and November 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

October

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.



Note of Gratitude:

The Service Ministry and I would like to thank all the teens who came out on Saturday evening, and braved the rain on Sunday for our St.

Vincent de Paul service opportunity. The Service Ministry was beyond grateful for your help!

Thank you to the following teens: Andrew Downes, Lauren Marsiglio, Jake Scheirer, PJ Paljetak, Payton Balsamo, Max Schmidt, Spencer Schmidt, Ally Tagudar, Emma Glashin, Alyssa Astrella. Way to make a difference!

November

2nd: All Saints and All Soul Trivia Day

Come with a team to test your knowledge of the Saints we know and love!

A team is not required to attend, just come for some fun!

19th: Friendsgiving!

Bring a friend or two to celebrate with our Friendsgiving feast. Sign up to bring something yummy to eat.



Friendsgiving '25

22nd: Thanksgiving Food Drive:

In need of service hours or a Confirmation Service Opportunity? Sign up to help our Service Ministry pass out food to our community.



OLMC Thanksgiving Food Drive: Teen Sign Up

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

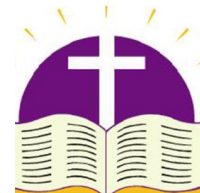
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a





RE News...

Family Mass-Thank you to all the families who helped with our October Family Mass! Thanks especially to our 2nd & 8th graders who helped us celebrate. Our next Family Mass will be Sunday, November 16 at 10:00 We are asking the 7th & 3rd grade students to help us with that Mass. If your child would like to read, greet, usher or bring up the gifts, let us know now and we will reserve the spot for you. Contact Sherry or Jen for more information.

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 the Americas (on the Red Beads). Red represents the Martyrs who came to share the good news with the peoples of the Americas.

We pray for the families of the Americas. We pray that the people of the Americas come together and recognize that we are one family, no matter our race, status, or faith. We pray for guidance to lead the world to Christ, by being Christ to the world.

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 be humble – but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble??

Question for Youth: God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked? How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

Question for Adults: This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?

Activity of the Week

Jesus addressed today's parable to those who thought they were better than everyone else. Together with your family, discuss the importance of being yourself and not trying to be like someone else. Talk about the dangers of regarding other people as "better than" or "less than" yourself.

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.

Young at Hearts
Meets on the Lower Level
Join us November 6th at
10:00 a.m.
Hope to see you then!



As always the food pantry thanks you for your generosity and support of this mission. As fall is here and the weather is turning colder, please donate soup and crackers!



Saturday, October 25, 4:30PM

Bernice Heery (Family)

For Organ Donors (Kitty Connolly)

Sunday, October 26

8:15AM Parishioners of OLMC

10:00AM Charmaine Martin (LaPano Family)

Noon Marlene, Phillip & Jeffrey Carioto
 (Sheri)

Monday, October 27 9:00AM

Steven Ida

Tuesday, October 28, 9:00AM

Fr. Jay Cumerford

Wednesday, October 29, 9:00AM

Paul E. Knight (Friends)

Cesario Diago (Ampy)

Thursday, October 30, 9:00AM

Fr. Hillary Milton

Friday, October 31, 9:00AM

Jerome P. Bukowski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Saturday, November 1, 9:00AM

Intentions for All Living and Deceased
 Parishioners

A Special Thank you:

Dear Members of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church,

THANK YOU for your generous donations of rosaries and religious articles. Your gifts are a powerful testament to our shared faith and love for Christ and His Church. The parcels I will send to Our Lady's Rosary Makers will inspire hope and strengthen the faith of those who receive them.

Many missionaries serve in faraway lands where access to resources like St. Therese Shrine, The Catholic Shop, or even the internet is limited. Your donations are vital in supporting their ministry—spreading the Gospel, nurturing faith, and cultivating hope in communities that need it most.

As we think of and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world, let us remember to share Christ's love while bringing the light of the Gospel to those far away. May the Holy Spirit inspire us all to grow in faith and continue to evangelize with hope and joy.

May God's grace and peace fill your hearts and guide your journeys.
 With deepest gratitude,

Mike Meyer