

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

September 24, 2023 † Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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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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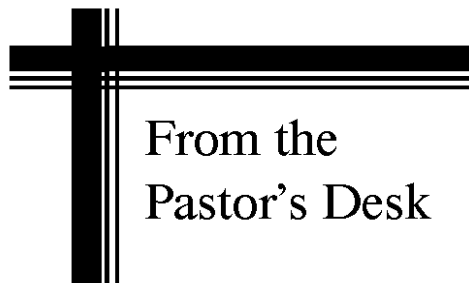
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From the Pastor's Desk

September 24, 2023

"All is grace", is one of the famous quotes by St. Therese of Lisieux. We are excited to have her relics and the relics of her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, here at the National Shrine until October 1. I encourage everyone to pay a visit. All is indeed grace! The good, the bad and the ugly, its all grace. Even in the moments and experience that is it hard to see the grace of God at work. The gospel today is the story of the workers being hired at various times through out the day. The manager then paid everyone the same amount. Naturally, the first one hired complained and wanted more. They could not

see the grace of God. They just saw their own benefit. They did not realize that they were taken care of and had enough to make it through the day. The virtue of justice is making sure that each has what he or she needs to make it through life. Justice is not about fairness or giving into wants. Justice is making sure that each is cared for and has the basics. We welcomed this weekend the Diocese's ministry to people with disabilities group for their retreat for caregivers. Sherry Rochford and I serve on the ministry to people with disabilities committee. It is wonderful to see the grace of God at work in these wonderful people. Indeed, all is grace!

There will be a slight change to the way the parish handles the intentions for the sick that are read at the weekend masses. The list keeps growing and growing. Reading up to 20 names is awkward and cumbersome. Also, several of the names have been on the list for years. Starting with the first weekend in October we will handle sick intentions differently, First, due to privacy concerns, the request must be made by an immediate family member. There have been conflicts elsewhere when a friend or neighbor puts a person on the sick list and then the person is upset because he or she did not want the information public. Then the sick person will be mentioned in the intentions for two consecutive weekends. After which the person's name will be added to the book of intentions which is in the back of the church. We will then add a intention to please pray for all the people written in the book. Thanks for your understanding.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Recognizing the profound impact of loss, we've developed an exclusive support program in collaboration with Modell Funeral Home. Our team of compassionate mental health professionals specializes in guiding individuals through the intricate journey of grief, offering expertise in healing, resilience, and emotional well-being. You're not alone in this journey; together, we'll navigate towards a place of healing and renewed optimism. Discover solace and strength on your path of grieving and healing with the Ellie Mental Health Grief and Loss Support Group. In this group we will provide a nurturing and empathetic space to openly share your emotions, learn effective coping strategies, and find your way towards renewal and hope.

At Ellie Mental Health, we understand the profound impact that grief and loss can have on individuals. To aid in processing your loss, we have developed a support program exclusively for clients of Modell Funeral Home. We are a group of empathetic and authentic providers with expertise in grief, loss, healing, resiliency, and emotional health.

Weekly Beginning: October 3

Time: 12:30pm

Duration: 60 minutes

- 6-Week Support Group
- Come when available, for 1 or all sessions
- Limited to 12 clients per group



Sign-up via Email
EllieL08101@elliementalhealth.com

Every Tuesday, Starting October 3
at Ellie Mental Health
745 McClintock Dr. Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527





Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2022 *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 28 to November 6, 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. Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Cathy's Corner—A Body in Need of Healing

It certainly feels like the Body of Christ is in need of some serious medical treatment. Division, both political and ecclesial, pulls us apart limb from limb. Climate change is wreaking havoc on us from all sides and disease physical and emotional is literally sickening us even to death. And the places Pope Francis has termed “field hospitals,” our churches, continue to have fewer and fewer resources for effective outreach to those in need. Where can we find those holy ones Paul is talking to the Ephesians about who will do the work of ministry? Where are those Apostles and prophets and evangelists to equip them when found? Where are those pastors and teachers called to preserve the unity of the Spirit?

Maybe we need to look in the mirror. The day is long gone, arguably never actually existed, when that work is to be relegated to our priests and our sisters, our deacons and our monks, with just a little bit of help from us when we can find some time. St. Paul reminds us that grace is given to each one of us, that we have all been called to bear with one another through love and so build up the Body of Christ, no matter how we currently see our role in the world. The early church was also a field hospital, taking seriously their role as the hands and feet of the Divine Physician, who spent his time with sinners who needed his mercy rather than saints who believed they did not.

And those first Christian communities had no grand cathedrals or even simple chapels to call their own; the faithful gathered in people's homes to listen to the words of Jesus and to share with each other the Body and Blood of Christ. They bore with one another through love, with humility and gentleness, strengthening each to live as ones called by Christ, whatever strange turn in their journey that would precipitate. Likely the last thing Matthew thought he would be doing with his life was following Jesus when he was sitting at his customs post working for the Roman Empire and cheating his fellow Jews.

Indeed, Pope Francis has also said there is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future. We are the holy ones Paul is talking about, no matter what ignoble debility we feel that we bear. Now more than ever, we must strive to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace, the true peace that emanates from wounds that have been healed and hearts that have been warmed through the work of each and every one of us striving to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received. Let us partake of the healing tonic of mercy and forgiveness that is always offered us by the Divine Physician, then turn around and offer that same tonic, even if it is just a small sip, to some other member of the Body of Christ. The field hospital is ready. Let the healing begin.

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13



Register on the website or contact Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 ext 5 or catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

**Join Fr. Bob in his exploration of
the Gospel of Luke
Tuesdays from 9:45 to 11:15 am
September 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;
November 7, 14, 21
In person or via Zoom
Recordings will also be available to view
\$20 fee for materials**

Come celebrate your faith at a sacred place of peace, beauty, and prayer! Join us as we travel to the highest elevation in southeast Wisconsin for a day of spiritual renewal ~ bring your friends & family members and register soon! Under the care of the Discalced Carmelite Friars of Holy Hill, the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians draws hundreds of thousands of pilgrims annually ~ enjoy the scenic views, walk the life-sized Stations, attend a Catholic Mass of worship, visit the cafe or gift store - all ages are welcome to join us!



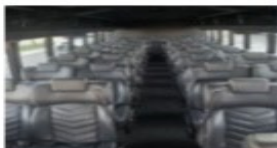
GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, September 30

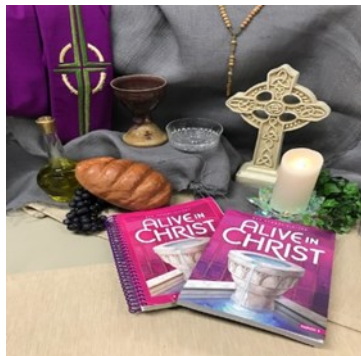
HOLY HILL



The National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians
Transportation to/from OLMC: 8:15 am – 4:45 pm
Register in the parish office: \$44 per person
Parishioners welcome, limited seating, first come



catholicgrandparentsolmc@gmail.com



Re News

RE is now in session, but if you have not registered, or if you know a family that is looking to register, we are still taking registrations. It's never too late to start your faith journey!

Help Wanted! RE 22-23

What is a Catechist?

"So, as I look out at you, I think: Who are catechists? They are the people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."
(Pope Francis-Homily at the Mass for Catechists-2013)

Are you a faith filled person who enjoys sharing your time with children? Then you ARE qualified to help our kiddos! We will help with any training, but your faith is what carries you through. Our teacher's guides have step by step instructions along with tips and training points along the way. You can check out the curriculum for grades 1-6 at <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> You can also get the Questions and Activities of the week there.

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 grades 1, 4, & 6, Office Help & Parking lot supervisors

Monday 7:00 -7th grade catechist and Parking lot supervisors.

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

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school, or parish?

Question for Youth: This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

Activity of the Week

As a game, count your family blessings. Sit in a circle and take turns naming one blessing you have from God. For an additional challenge, use the alphabet; begin with a gift that begins with "A," then "B," and so forth. See how long you can keep going.

Upcoming Dates

First Communion Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM

Methods 1-Catechist Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 30th 9:00-Noon

A refresher course for veteran catechists as well as important information for newer catechists.
Mass-9:00-Social after Mass Session until Noon

NO RE October 8-9-Indigenous Peoples' Day

Important Info for all returning Catechists:

Remember returning Catechists and RE Volunteers must verify that their background checks are updated and complete the state required Mandated Reporter Training (online). Check with Sherry to see that your safe environment requirements are up to date.



Mary Anne Trochim **James Curley**
Julie Ann Lacey **Kim Hoover**
Nancy Kososki **Diana Clohecy**
Nancy Jisisju **Bill Haran**
Loren Davis **Susan Nugent**
Evelyn Swartz **Abby Grace McCarver**
Jean & Mark Boyd **Allen Raineri**
Jamie Carpenter
Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bridget Gallmeier Raineri



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army
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 Michael Sklodowski, Army
 Nick Radziwon, US Navy
 Gwen Zemaitis Baker
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 Lindsey Johnson
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 Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
 Derek McCarthy
 Joe Michalski
 Steve Baker, Lt
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 Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
 Vincent Napoli, USMC
 Nikolas Horskey, Army
 Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
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 Captain Jackson Panice
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 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, September 23, 2023**

4:30PM Ann Pond (McMahon Family)

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:15AM Kathleen Kasperski (Germaine)

Mary Graft (Maggie Phillips)

10:00AM Ruperto Acosta (Family)

Dan Belford-15th anniv (Family)

NOON Henry Storino Sr. (Family)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Imelso Arteaga-3rd anniv (Family)

Monday, September 25, 2023

9:00AM Leon Sy (Sy Family)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

9:00AM Chad Marchigiano-10th anniv (Family)

Pablo Rosete-21st anniv (Josie)

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00AM Donald Antifauskas (Wife Evelyn)

Elena Sorquia (Sy Family)

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9:00AM Phil Gurgone (Family)

Dora Pedrosa (Family)

Friday, September 29, 2023

9:00AM Michael Sislow Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

Angelina Parainas (Daughter)

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00AM Ronald R. Caruso (Family)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Edna & Alphonso Angelucci (Family)

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45