Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 17th, 2017

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians
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Office Hours

Sunday
-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday
-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday
-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday
- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
7:45am - English
9:00am - Español
10:30am - Italiano
12:00pm - English
1:30pm - Español
5:00pm - Español

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
-Monday - Saturday at 7:30am

Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano
-Sotto richiesta

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served
by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
St. Charles – Scalabrinians – .
We are an community of Catholic religious
serving migrants and refugees of different cultures,
religions and ethnicities in 32 countries.
The Congregation was founded in Italy
on November 28, 1887,
by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905),
bishop of Piacenza (Italy).
Our missionary focus is to be migrants
with the migrants and to be in mission
with people on the move,
with a special priority for the poorest
And neediest migrants.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL —MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community bound by the Grace of God the Father
who adopted us all as beloved children through Baptism.
We journey as brothers and sisters
inspired in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished with the Eucharist
and strengthened by the love of the Holy Spirit.
Encouraged in the practice of our Catholic Tradition,
we experience and honor the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
while joyfully celebrating the religious practices of our ancestors in Faith.
Heartened by the zealous ministry of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians),
we strive to create a welcoming space were justice for all and the wellbeing of God's people
become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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NUESTRA SENORA DEL MONTE CARMEL — VISIÓN

Somos una comunidad de fe vinculada por la Gracia de Dios Padre,
que nos ha adoptado como hijos amados por el Bautismo.
Caminamos como hermanos y hermanas
inspirados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, nutridos con la Eucaristía
y fortalecidos por el amor del Espíritu Santo.
Alentados en la práctica de nuestra Tradición Católica,
experimentamos y honramos a la protección materna de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo,
celebrando alegremente las prácticas religiosas de nuestros ancestros en la Fe.
Animados por el celo ministerial de los Misioneros de San Carlos (Scalabrinianos),
nos esforzamos por crear un espacio de bienvenida donde la justicia para todos
y el bienestar del pueblo de Dios nos inspiran en nuestros esfuerzos para construir el Reino de Dios.

Church Services

We encourage all to register at the Parish-Shrine.

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Les invitamos a registrarse en el Santuario Parroquial.

Support Staff

Business Manager
Alexander Sanchez 708.345.3632

Religious Education
Modesta Martinez 708.344.4140

Activities Coordinator
Miguel Aldana 708.345.3632

Music Coordinator
Ann Marie Nabor 708.579.5373

Community Center Site Director
Pablo Cruz 708.345.3632

Sacramental Life

Confessions *Confesiones*
Saturdays—*Sábados*
4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita.*

Baptisms *Bautizos*
Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial.*

Weddings *Bodas*
Contact the priest at least six months in advance.
Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera
Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones
Contactar la Secretaria al menos dos semanas antes

Religious Services

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*
Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction
Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática
Martes a las 7:00pm

Other Services

Gift Shop Hours *Venta de Artículos Religiosos*
During the regular office hours.
Durante las horas de oficina

Community Center *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

Food Pantry *Despensa de comida*
Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*
Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm
Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm
- Mass Included—Incluye la Misa

For the Month of SEPTEMBER

September 11th Mon/Lun

- 7:00pm Memorial Service for 9/11

September 16th Sat/Sab

- CCD Begins/ Catecismo Empieza

September 25th Mon/Lun

- 7:30pm Misa por la Paz

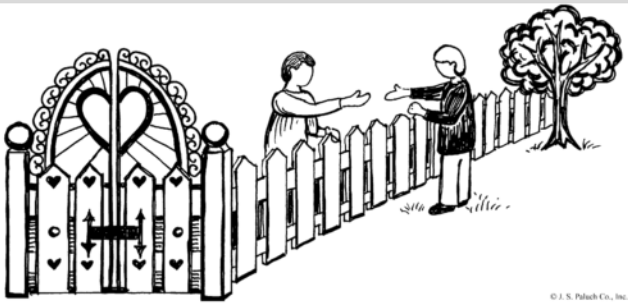
Monday/Lunes
5:30pm Clases de Guitarra

Tuesdays / Martes
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion
7:00pm Eng. Choir Practice

Wednesday/ Miercoles
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Men of Mt. Carmel
7:00pm OLMC Fitness Club

Thursday/Jueves
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico

Friday/Viernes
7:30pm Practica de Coros
7:00pm Matrimonios con Prop.
7:00pm Jornadas Matrimoniales
7:00pm Boys/Girls Scouts
7:00pm Jovenes para Cristo



Wedding Banns

♥ Hector A. Ortiz & Cynthia Marrufo...3
♥ Mark A. Scarlato & Princesa M. Pozo...3
♥ Hector Escarcega & Olga Navarrete...2
♥ Jesse Avelar & Nydia Rivera...2
♥ Juan M. Amaro Jr. & Teresa Cano...2

Weekly Offering

September 9 - September 10, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: $5,598.00

From the Pastor's Desk

We are celebrating today our Catechetical Sunday! I would like to take the time and acknowledge in a distinct way all the brave volunteers who make it possible for our community to have such an incredible Religious Education Program. Over five hundred students will be part of this incredible adventure. From this weekend till the end of May, weekend after weekend we will enjoy their presence, and have the joy of partaking of God's Word, while breaking the bread and blessing the Chalice in our Sunday Eucharist. I hold no doubt; such a high number of students shows how parents trust our program and how good they feel in bringing their children to our Church. Thank you all for your trust and confidence!

The number of people needed to make this project work is high. I thank Modesta Martinez, our Program director for her tireless efforts in recruiting new people every year while working hard to keep the interest awake on those who were part of this adventure last year. It is not an easy task, but I am confident her commitment to our Faith Community will bring all these efforts to a bountiful harvest. Those who assist her every weekend, the Teachers, the Assistants, Guardian Angels, the ones taking the time to set up our spaces… each one of you plays a very important role in our mission, and I am most grateful for your generosity, your availability and your courage. Wouldn't it be because of your presence in our classrooms every weekend, our Church will have nothing to offer in this most important task of teaching others about our Faith in Jesus Christ. Please, rest assured on my enormous appreciativeness and my continuous prayer on your behalf. I know your commitment does not happen free of personal sacrifices… of course there will be a lengthy list of alternatives on the ways you can spend your weekend, of course the time you take to prepare your classes and plan on your service could be used in a different way, however you have chosen to serve your Church and I am confident the good Lord will know how to reward you hundredfold when the appropriate time comes.

Finally, I would like to invite others to consider being part of our Religious Education Program. We always need people to sign up and become a dedicated volunteer, the number will never be enough. In a special way, I direct my invite to the parents who have kids in the program, it will be an ideal gesture to become part our team for I am sure your witnessing will make your child's learning about faith, a much easier task. Do not hesitate to contact Modesta and let her know you wish to be part of this adventure. Give it a try and find out how God can turn your willingness into an incredible journey.

Adsum,

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine

2017 Altar & Rosary Upcoming Events

Bag & Bling

Get ready for a "girls night out" on *Friday, September 22nd from 7:00pm-10:00pm.*
It's another fun evening of food, drinks, raffles, and shopping.
Tickets $30
Tickets will be on sale so-on!

3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Here's a chance for you to get a head start on your Christmas shopping.
Sunday, November 12, from 8:30am – 4:00 pm
There will be a variety of vendors so you can find something for everyone on your list.
Come early, stay late. Coffee, doughnuts, snacks and other treats will be available
Admission is Free

Advent Evening of Recollection
with Fr. Dan Brandt

On *Thursday, December 7,* (Pearl Harbor Day) Fr. Dan Brandt, Chicago Police Department Chaplin will pay tribute to all our veterans, police, fire, and military personnel as he celebrates mass at 6:00pm.
Dinner and a reflection by Fr. Dan will follow
Tickets are $15.00

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FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

Mensaje del Párroco

¡Las clases para el catecismo han comenzado este fin de semana! A partir de hoy, nuestros salones de clases estarán ocupados en la enseñanza de la Fe Católica, nuestra Iglesia se verá bendecida con la presencia de más de quinientos estudiantes que, con la ayuda de Dios, terminaran siendo auténticos discípulos del Señor. Somos bendecidos con un alto número de niños y jóvenes que harán parte de nuestro programa de catecismo, sin embargo, es importante señalar que, para llevar adelante semejante proyecto, es necesaria la ayuda de un gran número de voluntarios. Desde ahora, nuestras Misas dominicales serán más numerosas, pero no podemos olvidar el gran esfuerzo y la dedicación de tantos voluntarios para que esto pueda llevarse a cabo.

Agradezco de una manera particular los esfuerzos de nuestra directora de Educación Religiosa, la Sra. Modesta Martínez. Su trabado sin descanso y sus esfuerzos continuos para hacer de nuestro programa uno de los mejores en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago son algo que debemos destacar. No es fácil armar un equipo de más de cien personas, y mucho más difícil es, mantenerlo en rumbo durante todo el año; sin embargo, estoy seguro que la experiencia tan amplia que Modesta tiene en este campo junto con su trabajar sin descanso, es lo que hace posible contar con todos los agentes necesarios: Catequistas, Asistentes, Ángeles Guardianes, Personal que prepara los salones adecuadamente, etc. Todos ellos están aquí porque quieren hacer una diferencia en la vida de nuestros niños y jóvenes. Yo les agradezco profundamente su dedicación, estoy consciente que su compromiso implica esfuerzo, sacrificios y mucho trabajo extra, pero es todo eso lo que hace nuestra aventura algo que vale la pena y que sin duda agrada mucho a Dios.

Finalmente, quiero invitarles a que se atrevan a ser parte de esta experiencia. Son muchos los que ya están dedicándose con fidelidad, pero siempre necesitamos de más gente que con buen corazón y muchas ganas, se unan al proyecto. De manera especial quiero invitar a los padres de familia: Vengan y sean parte junto con sus hijos de nuestro programa de catecismo. Es muy bonito que los niños y jóvenes vean a sus padres interesados y dedicándose a las cosas de Dios. Póngase en contacto con Modesta y dígale que quiere ser parte de la aventura… ¡Estoy seguro de que Dios les recompensara!

Adsum,

Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo,
y así, cuando pidas perdón se
te perdonarán tus pecados.
—Sirácide 28:2

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1535 los frailes mercedarios construyeron la primera iglesia en Lima Perú dedicada a su patrona, Nuestra Señora de la Merced. Esta orden religiosa se remonta al siglo XIII, mientras algunos musulmanes tomaban prisioneros cristianos en España. Era su misión rescatar a los cautivos, incluso, hasta tomar su lugar si fuera necesario.

Con el paso de los siglos, los mercedarios se han dedicado a rescatar todo tipo de cautivos del abuso social. Por tal razón, muchas imágenes de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de la Merced la pintan con dos bolsitas de monedas usadas para comprar la libertad de los encarcelados o esclavizados. En otras imágenes carga cadenas abiertas como símbolo de libertad.

Esta patrona de Perú recuerda el deseo latinoamericano de la liberación. Este deseo de liberación se ha convertido en un compromiso urgente para la Iglesia latinoamericana en protesta por los muchos abusos por parte de militares, guerrilleros y carteles de la droga que amenazan la libertad. Jesús vino a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias y su madre (la Merced) ayuda fielmente en esa obra. Su Iglesia no puede hacer otra cosa sino lo mismo.

PERDÓN

Unos diez años antes, un padre e hijo se distanciaron cuando el negocio en el que eran socios se fue a bancarrota. El hijo culpó al padre. No se hablaron más.

Entonces el padre se puso gravemente enfermo. La madre llamó al hijo y le dijo que viniera a verlo pronto. El hijo entró con vergüenza a su habitación en el hospital. El padre hizo un gesto para que se acercara y susurró: "¿Acaso pensaste que podrías hacer algo que me hiciera dejar de amarte?"

El rencor y la cólera son abominables, nos dice la primera lectura de Sirácide. Piensa en tu fin. Deja de odiar. Vive conforme a los mandamientos. Como escribe san Pablo en Romanos, para el Señor vivimos y para el Señor morimos.

En el decimosexto aniversario del 11 de septiembre de 2001, para nosotros en Estados Unidos todavía no nos es fácil perdonar. Sin embargo, la parábola de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda la compasión de Dios. El inmenso pecado de la humanidad ha sido perdonado y borrado del libro. Tenemos que perdonar a otros de igual manera.

Somos del Señor

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Ventiquattresima domenica del T.O. Anno "A" — Pietro, loquace e sempre pronto a fare domande e risposte, è ancora lui a fare la domanda a Gesù che ha appena promesso: «*Tutto quello che legherete sulla terra sarà legato anche in cielo*» (Mt. 18,18). È il principe degli apostoli, fiero e impaziente di sperimentare la potenza di questo privilegio divino, e si informa: «*Quante volte dovrò perdonare al mio fratello? Fino a sette volte?*» La proposta è generosa: sette è il numero che simboleggia la pienezza divina. Ma Gesù gli risponde: «*Fino a settanta volte sette!*» Le esigenze del perdono che dobbiamo ai nostri fratelli sono infinite: impossibile cavarsela a buon mercato.

All'origine di tutto, infatti, c'è Dio, raffigurato dal re della parabola che ha donato gratuitamente a ciascuno il mondo, la vita, la libertà, beni incommensurabili, e soprattutto il perdono, la remissione dei peccati. Perché l'uomo, maestro nell'arte di rovinare le cose, si è reso colpevole di un delitto di lesa maestà, commettendo il peccato. Il suo debito è paragonato dalla parabola a diecimila talenti, una somma immensa che non riuscirebbe mai a pagare se Dio non gli venisse incontro. Anzi, Dio fa ben di più, gli perdona perché è paziente e buono.

Ma buono non significa disposto a lasciare passare qualsiasi cosa. Noi non siamo in grado di fare realmente torto a Dio, ma purtroppo siamo in grado di far del male al nostro prossimo, e viceversa. Dio non vuole una vita concepita come una giungla in cui ci si fa avanti a gomitate, non si regala nulla e non si fa che restituire i colpi ricevuti, rendendo male per male. Siccome è buono, Dio vuole che rimettiamo agli altri i debiti che hanno verso di noi: cento denari, una somma veramente da poco…. Bruciamo presto i nostri attestati di credito al fuoco della carità! Rifiutarsi di perdonare, instancabilmente e dal profondo del cuore, significa uscire assolti dal tribunale… per andare subito a sedersi di nuovo al banco degli accusati.

Regolamentazione dell'amore?— Era ben facile vivere prima di Gesù, quando ci si poteva ancora vendicare dell'offesa subita! Ma Gesù comanda di perdonare le offese. Già nelle scuole rabbiche si erano stabilite delle norme: perdonare una volta alla moglie, cinque al fratello… Gesù che tariffa proporrà? Pietro glielo chiede: quante volte posso schiaffeggiare mio fratello senza commettere peccato mortale? Ma il regno non è questione di tariffa o di merito: è buona notizia. Dio ci perdona senza tregua: il perdono invade ogni coscienza veramente cristiana.

Settanta volte sette

Gesù aveva detto di amare i propri nemici, e di pregare per quelli che ci perseguitano per essere figli del Padre che è nei cieli, il quale fa sorgere il suo sole sui cattivi e sui buoni e fa piovere sui giusti e sugli ingiusti *(Mt*5,44-45). Nel *Padre nostro* aveva insegnato a pregare: «Rimetti a noi i nostri debiti, come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori». Pietro, che dal contatto con Gesù ha capito che *le misure fino allora ritenute valide ora non servono più,* abbozza una risposta: «Fino a sette volte?». E più del doppio di tre, ed inoltre è un bel numero di valore simbolico che richiama la completezza. Gesù formula la sua risposta riprendendo il bel numero simbolico, ma in una moltiplicazione tale da proporre una completezza senza limiti. *Bisogna perdonare sempre.*

La parabola che segue dà ragione di questo dovere di perdonare senza limiti. Il senso della parabola è che Dio perdona *gratuitamente* il peccato a chi gli chiede perdono, dimostrando una benevolenza nei confronti dei peccatori assolutamente disinteressata. In conseguenza di questa esperienza del perdono di Dio l'uomo deve imparare a perdonare i propri fratelli, sia perché queste offese sono nulla di fronte alla gravità del peccato, sia perché per primo egli ha fruito del perdono di Dio.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — **SAINT CORNELIUS**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm † Michael Basili by Mom, Dad, & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm † Frank Polizotto by Family
† William T. Ortmann by Mago Family
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Josephine Papa by Husband
† Eda Falco love Kids
For the health of Steve Grossman by Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am In Thanksgiving by Olivia Chaidez
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. SEPTEMBER 20 — **SAINTS ANDREW & PAUL**
7:30 am For Special Intention by Martin Caliendo
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — **SAINT MATTHEW**
7:30 am † Frank & Josephine Torraco by Roseann
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Rosalie & Sam Lisuzzo by Daughter Rose

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — **SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**
7:30 am † Betty Mamolella by Madelene
5:30 pm † Lino Rauzi by Wife & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am For Maria Scalise by Daughter
For Fedele Gervasio by Brother
† Renato Franch by Angelo & Lourdes Franch
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :

Linda Bandy	Jan Clark
Mary Donato	Sara Zonca
Judith Escamilla	Nancy Oshea
Jacob Duda	Madeline Vittori
Kristie Goldi	Nico Felice
Linna Goldi	Emilio Scalzitti
Susan Humpf	Nell Baker
Vandy Liala	Fabiola Pintor
Ethan Maidl	Isabel Pintor
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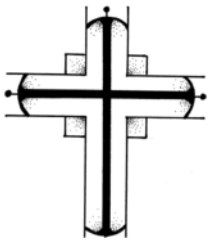

Rest In Peace

† Frank Moccio

THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNAL MASS CELEBRATION: September. 2017
+ MASSES REQUESTED DURING OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 2017 FEAST +

This Mass, requested during the Feast of OLMC, is celebrated according to the intentions listed:
Questa Messa, richiesta durante la Festa della Madonna del Carmine, viene celebrata secondo le intenzioni elencate.

Saturday, September 16 5:30 p.m. Mass	Sunday, September 17 7:45 a.m. Mass	Sunday, September 17 10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday, September 17 12:00 a.m. Mass
Patricia Tarsitano	Kieback Family	Ernesto Pincente	Deceased Memebers of the Sicuro Family
Hector S.	Mazzei and Murray Family	Eddie, Leo, and Eddie Ostrego Sr.	Laima Kvantas
John Melewski	Rima and Agnes	Paul and Doris Medor	For the Victims of September 11
Nick (Moose) Camillo	Rose and Nick Custardo	Masellis Giuseppe and Family	Theresa De Massi
Johnson Family	Kevin, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Faith and Christian Lindell	Agnes Malela	Clause Kaner Family and Friends
Joseph and Diane Volturo	Ed Zelco	Rosa Conforti	Patrick Deegan
Mhonia Pierre	Capt. Rayn Beaupre	Pasquale e Amelia Seminara e Rosanna Aristodemo	Eufracio and Ramiro Garcia
Marijosephe Bradford	Calsen Family	Rosa Conforti and Family	Pam Lloyd
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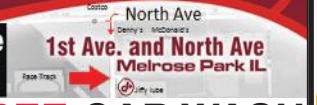

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