

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

February 12, 2023 † Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amen I say to you,
until heaven and
earth pass away,
not the smallest
letter or the
smallest part of
a letter will pass
from the law.

Matthew 5:18

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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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Sunday, February 12, 2023

When I ever I travel, I have a bad habit. I always over pack! I still have the voice of my mother in the back of my head saying, “pack extra underwear because you never know.” The funniest line way always, “if you have an accident and need to go to the hospital, you want to be in clean underwear.” I wanted to respond, “Mom, if I am going to the hospital, clean underwear is the least of my worries.” I am sure we can all relate. However, I still over pack and I end up carrying way more than I never need for just a few days away. We can also over pack for the journey of life. We hold onto hurts, grudges and injuries that way us down. We end up carrying more emotional baggage than we should. In the Gospel today, Jesus challenges us on so many levels about our behavior, but most importantly he says that if we have something against our brother/sister, go first and reconciled and then come and offer your gifts. God is telling us to stop carrying that emotional baggage. We need to let go of the hurts and

grudges in life and work towards reconciliation. As we get closer to the start of Lent, let us work towards that reconciliation and perhaps to shed some of that emotional baggage.

This weekend, we will be rolling out the annual Bishop’s appeal for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. This appeal goes to support so many activities at the Diocesan level. It supports Catholic Charities and the wonderful work that they do for the needy. It supports our seminarians in their studies and vocations efforts. It supports needy parishes that are not as well off as OLMC and it supports of the work of our Bishop, among other activities. We have been so generous in the past and I know we will continue to be. We will be playing the bishop’s message this weekend and conducting the in pew registrations next weekend. I am sure many of you have personally received information by mail directly from the Diocese. Our parish goal is \$82, 500. Anything over the goal, the parish receives 50% back. Last year, we received over \$20, 000 back to our community due to your generosity. I ask that you again prayerfully consider a donation to the CMAA. God bless.

Fr. Jeff

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Happy are those who observe God’s commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



When we lose someone we love, we lose a part of ourselves . . . and the grief can be unending.

Next meeting February 18

Together in Loss is a **NEW grief support ministry** for anyone who has suffered a loss: to find comfort, to process feelings, to rest in the arms of Christ through the presence of others.


Join us the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am

No RSVP necessary and no commitment required

Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or

630-852-3303 ext 5

Bringing comfort and light through compassionate support

	<i>February 5, 2023 Collection</i>			
	<i>Church</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Total</i>	
<i>General Fund</i>	<i>13,727.01</i>	<i>3,939.22</i>	<i>17,666.23</i>	
<i>Building Operation & Maint</i>	<i>715.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>815.00</i>	
<i>Needy</i>	<i>745.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>845.00</i>	

Join Us!



We invite all widows of our community to enjoy an afternoon filled with fine food and entertainment.

Please bring a friend!

Tuesday, February 21st at 11:30 am – Maggiano's Little Italy
240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Please RSVP by Friday, February 17th to Modell Funeral Home
(630) 852-3595 or info@modelldarien.com



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Cathy's Corner—Unclean spirits versus the Kingdom of God

The Whole Truth So Help Me God

Misinformation creeps out in many forms, but one of the most insidious is the half-truth, a mixing together of fact and fiction so that neither can be identified. It was true that God said the man and the woman could not eat from a tree in the garden, but false that it was from all trees. It was true that God said they could not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden, but false that they could not even look at it. It was true that eating of the forbidden fruit would open their eyes to good and evil but false that it would make them like gods because nothing could make a created thing into the one that had created it. So, confused by what was really true, and seduced by what was really false, Adam and Eve violated the one simple and straightforward command God had given them. And in an instant, rather than becoming like gods, they separated from God, the good and beautiful bodies God had made for them bringing them only shame. Cunning indeed was that serpent, interpreting a truth in a way that was false, leading the woman to do the same.

Jesus was aware of the danger of half-truths. He knew that he was becoming famous with people as a healer and an exorcist. But that was just a part of who he truly was. It was not until the cross and the resurrection that the whole truth would be revealed. His miraculous works were signs of the inbreaking of the kingdom of God, but the crowds just cared about witnessing a deaf man who could now hear and a mute man who could now speak. Hence he ordered those who had experienced his compassion and his mercy not to tell anyone. Because the resulting misinformation could become an insidious half-truth about the kingdom of God, characterizing it as only about seeking from the Lord our own healing and happiness while deciding for ourselves who is or is not worthy of the same. But the world God created for us is about so much more than that.

The simple and straightforward truth about the kingdom of God is that it is about prioritizing the needs of others who suffer so deeply and anonymously in this world that exists on our side of Eden. It is about seeing everybody as does our God, made in God's image and likeness, treating each therefore as precious and worthy of our compassion and our mercy. Can we reach out to God for healing for ourselves and those we love? Absolutely. But if that is all we do in our relationship with God we risk separating ourselves completely from the kingdom Jesus gave his life to open for us. We risk being seduced by the half-truth that our faith is only about us and God. Every body is good and beautiful, created by God and deserving of all that is good and beautiful. What miraculous works we can perform if we recognize that as the whole truth.

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

High Schoolers,

Come join us for an
OLMC Youth Group
meeting!

2/19/2023
1:00PM-2:30PM

Letters for Rose:
A Service Project

We will write letters and
create art for homebound
senior citizens!

We hope to see you there!



RE News...

We are looking for a few catechists and seasonal helpers. If you would like to share your gifts with our youngest parishioners, please call the RE Office.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

Question for Youth: In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

Question for Adults: Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?

Activity of the Week:

Sirach lived in a culture that did not support his religious values. Do your family members feel supported in religious values by today's culture? How or how not? What is the solution? How can values be upheld when the culture opposes them? How does the domestic Church, or family, support its members? Make a plan for supporting each other in times of opposition to the culture.

Prayer for the Week:

Lord our God, you sent your son into the world to live with us as one of us, to heal, to teach, to sanctify, and to proclaim the Good News of the coming of the Kingdom.

Help us to live out our Baptism to the full and to find ways to do what Jesus did: to bring joy and life wherever we go, to lift up the suffering, and to tell other people about the new life Jesus has brought us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Upcoming Dates

Reconciliation-Grade 2 and 4 Families

Wednesday, February 15 (M-Z)

6:30 for instruction and sharing.

7:00 Service begins.

Family Faith Session-

Our Family Faith Session will meet on Ash Wednesday this month, between the 5:00 and 7:00 Masses. The theme -Morality and Lent. Join us in the 3rd grade classrooms at 6:00 pm.

Teaching Mass

Join us at 3:00 on Sunday, February 26 as we learn about the Mass. Fr. Jeff will walk us through the Mass parts, and we will learn about why we do what we do at Mass. This is required for 3rd and 5th grade students as part of their curriculum, but all are invited.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Vacation Bible School will happen on the week of July 10-14 from 12:00-3:00 PM each day, with a celebration and Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 14 at 3:00.

The Theme this year is STELLAR: an outer space odyssey where we learn how to Shine Jesus' Light. Each day is filled with songs, activities, crafts, games and FUN! Each day we will look at a bible point and make our Catholic Connections to that point.

We need help too! If you would like more info, or want to help us plan the event, call the RE office.



Mary Anne Trochim	James Curley
Julie Ann Lacey	Barb Schunk
John Guzior	Frank Jasek
Jeanette Seebock	Nancy Kososki
Donald W. Pecor	Bridget Gallmeier Raineri
Nancy Jisisju	Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bill Haran	Susan Nugent
Evelyn Swartz	Abby Grace McCarver
Jean & Mark Boyd	Allen Raineri
Jamie Carpenter	Diana Clohecy

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 11, 2023

4:30PM Ellen Nowak (Family)
 Gene & Shirley Chesen (Family)
 Janet Nilles (McMahon Family)
 Phylliss Madrigali (Evano Family)

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:15AM Anthony Ramocki (Frank & Fran Modelski)
 Antoinetta, Antaino & Gerald Marino (Nick Rocco)
 Bette Robbins (Rita Thompson)
10:00AM Nena Villanueva (Family)
 Grace Korinik (Kuhlman Family)
 Robert Menako (Family)

NOON Sylvia Dziak (Mary)
 Theodore Gofron-1st anniv (Family)

Monday, February 13, 2023

9:00AM Nicasio Villaluz (Family)
 John Mattner (Pat Monahan)
 Jose Macairan-2nd anniv (Wife)
 Apolonio Tutor (Andrea)
 Joan McNeela (Husband)

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

9:00AM Helen Ganiec (D. Gembala)
 Pietro, Archangela, Rose, Henry & Lorraine
 (Storino Family)

Mary Rizza (Bruno & Maryann)
 Carmela Pacer-7th anniv (Family)
 Maureen Murray-1st anniv (Friends)

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00AM Nick Banno (Klein Family)
 Gene Rubel (Sheri)
 Stanley Wornicki (Family)

Thursday, February 16, 2023

9:00AM Kathleen Minardi-1st anniv (Klein Family)
 Dennis DeGrazia (Niece)

Friday, February 17, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Saturday, February 18, 2023

9:00AM Connie Faldrowicz (Evelyn Antikauskas)



PFC Jonathan Poynton
 Joe Barker
 Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.
 Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC
 Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army
 S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy
 Ryan Pertile, Army
 Major Thomas Bessler
 Mike Noonan
 Adam Kowalski, Army
 Capt. James Lucas US Army
 Sgt. Greg Burnett
 Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC
 Ron Caruso Jr.
 Specialist Drew Stocks
 Christine Christensen, USAF
 Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC
 Colin Cusack
 Michael Sklodowski, Army
 Nick Radziwon, US Navy
 Gwen Zemaitis Baker
 James Lucas US Army
 Capt. Melissa Sprague
 Capt. Mark Sprague
 Zach Wallace
 James Chipman
 Keith Thomas
 L.C. David Treadwell
 Timothy Vaughn, USAF
 Zachary Bell
 Christopher Johnson USCG
 Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army
 Pvt Dylan R. Hagan
 Danielle Monahan SrA

Lindsey Johnson
 Diahann Bavan
 Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
 Derek McCarthy
 Joe Michalski
 Steve Baker, Lt
 Luke Fluder
 Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
 Vincent Napoli, USMC
 Nikolas Horskey, Army
 Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
 Capt. Tim Wilson
 Rachael Smith
 Kevin Pope
 Dave Rawlings
 LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
 Tom Reiter
 Nathaniel Rozgo
 Robert DeMatio
 Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
 Captain Jackson Panice
 Ryan Snyder
 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
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