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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

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OUR MISSION

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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MAY 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Happy Mother's Day!

We honor all mothers and mother figures today. May God bless you for your love and sacrifice, and may Mary, our Blessed Mother, guide you always.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:15am, 10am & 12pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 9am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:15pm - 4pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8am - 4:30pm

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02 PASTOR'S LETTER

May 10, 2026/Sixth Sunday of Easter

PASTOR'S LETTER

Happy Mother's Day to all our amazing moms!! I hope today is full of blessings for you. You kids and grandkids better do something special to show how much they love you because you deserve it. Moms truly are superheroes. They love us, sacrifice for us, and constantly work for our good. We can never repay mom for all she has done. Even once we reach adulthood, moms continue to be wisdom figures and guides for us. A mother's job is never done. So again, Happy Mother's Day.

Receiving a gift is one of the best things to happen to us. The surprise is special, but most importantly it is an expression of love. The other person loves us so much that he/she took time out to shop for something special and sacrificed money just for you. We should be grateful even when we get that ugly sweater, two sizes too big, from dear Aunt Edna. A gift is love. In today's Gospel Jesus is foreshadowing the great gift of the Holy Spirit, which will soon be given. He tells his apostles that He will give another Advocate who will be with us always, The Spirit of Truth. Jesus calls the Spirit an advocate. An advocate is a person who publicly supports or defends a person or a cause. The Holy Spirit is there to do just that for us. The Holy Spirit defends us from evils and supports us in our mission of discipleship. This is Christ's eternal gift to us. A gift has to be received, which we do through Baptism and Confirmation. Then we have to make a decision on what we are going to do with that gift. We can either toss it in the closet and forget about it, we can try to return it to the store, or we can actually use the gift. We have to make a choice. The same goes for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have to choose what to do with it. Will we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit throughout our life or will forget about them. If we use the gift we have been given, it will show in our life. We will have the strength to keep the commandments and do the work that the Lord sets before us. Which is to love the Lord and one another. As we prepare to soon celebrate the memorial of receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, let us use the gifts we have by showing our love for another. Happy Mother's Day!



**REV. JEFF SMIALEK,
O.CARM., PASTOR**

*Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
... Pray for us!
Fr. Jeff*



Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

May 10, 2026/Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 9

4:30pm Intentions for All Mothers

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:15am Intentions for All Mothers

10:00am Intentions for All Mothers

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MONDAY, MAY 11

9:00am Eleanor Czachor (Family)

Michael Feehan (Ed Ptacek)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

9:00am Tom Dillon-living (Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

9:00am Maria Rosario Josol (Family)

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THURSDAY, MAY 14

9:00am Adam Modelski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Librada Manaligod (Friends)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

9:00am Kathleen Wadas (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Kerry Knallke (Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC



Annual Rosary and May Crowning
Wednesday, May 13 | 9:45am
Outdoor Gazebo
All are welcome!



**OLMC
Young Adult
Group**

**20
MAY
7:00PM**

You are invited to join us at OLMC's inaugural Young Adult Group meeting to learn about St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and plan our future together.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Darien

NAMI Family to Family



Family-to-Family is a **free** 8-week educational course explicitly designed for adult family members (18+) and others who have adult loved ones (18+) with a mental illness. The course is taught by other family members who have received intensive training for its presentation. Over 300,000 family members have graduated from this evidence-based national program.

Saturday June 6-August 1st 2026 (No Class July 4th) | 10:30 AM-1:00 PM | OLMC
<https://namidupage.org/event/family-to-family-darien/>

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH NAMI DuPage

Since 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has served as a national movement to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and advocate for the millions of Americans affected by mental health conditions. Each May, we are reminded that mental health is an essential part of overall well-being—and that support, understanding, and connection matter.

This May, NAMI DuPage invites you to take action. Join us in raising awareness, starting conversations, and supporting those impacted by mental health conditions. Whether you attend a program, share resources, or simply check in with someone you care about, every action makes a difference.



**Pray the Rosary
All Are Welcome
Every Wednesday
7:00 p.m.
Chapel**

Join us as we pray the Holy Rosary.
"To Jesus through Mary."



Together in Loss is a grief support ministry for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Our next gathering will be **Saturday, May 18th 10-11:30 a.m.** For information, contact Lori Prado lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

Celebrating the Easter Season



Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

Activities of the Week

Take out any symbols or pictures of your Confirmation or the Confirmation of other members of the family. Talk about what you remember about the day. Discuss how the Holy Spirit was present that day and how you continue to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life today.

Pray together the Prayer of the Holy Spirit. Teach it to those members of the family who do not know it yet:

- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Amen.

We need your help!

We are looking for small group leaders. High school students or adults serve in this role. Each small group consists of 5-6 VBS participants and has a junior leader to assist you.

We also need station leaders. Adults serve in these roles. Each station has 1-2 adult leaders, with 3-4 junior helpers.

If you would like to help, please contact the RE office ASAP so we can get you started with the resources you need.



Summer VBS

July 20-24

Help Wanted!



Closing Celebration for RE:

Our last session of RE will be on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 PM. We will celebrate with Mass and May Crowning followed with recognition of the students and hospitality. Please bring a snack to share with everyone. ALL RE families are invited to join us.

Last week, for RE, our students embarked on an all-age review game, challenged to bring all disciples to heaven by answering questions. We are proud to say that everyone did a wonderful job! Our Catechists were very impressed by the answers the students gave. Kudos to all our catechists who bring your young disciples to learning about God each week! God bless you and your families this summer.

First Communion Info:

First Communion will be on Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 PM. Karen Kruger is looking for any children who have received Communion here, and know the songs, to help celebrate the Mass by joining the First Communion Choir. Contact the RE office for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY

May Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

June 17 : Make a T-Shirt 6:00 - 7:30 pm

June 26 - 28 : Steubenville Conference

Note of Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Confirmation Mass and Reception a success! It was a beautiful night.

Summer Retreat: Steubenville

All rising 9th - 12th graders are invited to attend the Steubenville Conference this summer June 26 -28 at Benedictine University. We a few tickets left! Scan the QR code to sign up today!



Youth Group Newsletter

Our Youth Group will continue to meet over the summer. If you would like to be included on our Youth Group Newsletter, scan the QR code to stay informed.



OCIA CORNER



What an exciting time in our Church! We have a group of participants who will be continuing their OCIA journey, meeting weekly, in September! **If you are or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing initiation, please contact Jen Emanuele: jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org.**

The Ministry of OCIA not only involves committed participants, but it also includes dedicated members from our parish to walk alongside them. If you would like to be apart of our group's OCIA journey, please reach out to Jen to discuss.

06 SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 10, 2026/Sixth Sunday of Easter



Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,
 Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.
 For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.
 For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.
 For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.
 For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.
 Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.
 Amen.



Help Us Plant a Vegetable Garden!

We will be planting a vegetable garden behind the church to support the food pantry.

Please join us on:

Saturday, May 16 at 10 am

If those dates or times do not work for you, feel free to call Deacon Ed at 630-254-6934.

We always welcome extra hands in the garden!



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | Wednesday, May 27 | 7pm

Contact: Chris Simon

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Faith in Action

Life

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Spring has been busy for the pantry with increased client visits and active volunteers. **Thanks to the Our Lady of Mt Carmel community for their support**, especially the Religious Education Department for donating over 30 buckets of cleaning supplies. Clients are now requesting healthier options, leading to an overstock of canned goods. **Currently, the pantry does not need canned goods (except canned chicken, Spam, and tuna) or peanut butter and Mac and Cheese. Donations of fresh foods like vegetables, fruit, eggs, milk, butter, and cheese are encouraged and appreciated.** A complete list of needed items is available on the website, and inquiries can be sent to foodpantry@ourladyofmtcarmel.org.



BLOOD DRIVE

Indian Prairie Public Library

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

12:30-6:30pm

Keshav Sanghani Meeting Room

401 Plainfield Road, Darien

Blood Drive Code: ORD0398G

Co-sponsor: Darien Woman's Club

Scan QR code or call Vitalant at

877-258-4825 for an appointment.

Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, Photo ID required

Learn more at

vitalant.org/donateformothers



Electronics Recycling & Textiles & Book Collection

Co-sponsored by CTS Green Team, eWorks Electronics Services, & SCARCE Environmental Education

Items Accepted: **Computers & peripherals (disposal fee for TVs and monitors), Office Equipment & Products, Small Home Appliances, Home Entertainment, and Textiles & Clothing**

Saturday, May 16 | 8:30am-11:30am

Christ the Servant Parking Lot

8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge

For a detailed list of items accepted, visit

<https://www.scarce.org/event/woodridge-recycling-event-hosted-by-christ-the-servant/>



Are you widowed and still hurting? Please join us.

What: Joyful Again! 2-day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

When: May 30th & 31st 2026

Where: St Joan of Arc Parish, Lisle IL.

No overnight accommodations available at this event.

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

info@joyfulagain.org | www.joyfulagain.org