

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

8404 S. CASS AVE. DARIEN. IL 60561



PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”
- Jn 7:37b

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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 24, 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY



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This Memorial Day, we
remember the fallen with
gratitude. May their sacrifice
inspire us to be instruments of
peace, and may they rest in the
light of Christ's eternal love.

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 24, 2026/Pentecost Sunday

PASTOR'S LETTER

Happy birthday to the Church! We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit was sent upon the Apostles and they were given the gifts and the ability to go out and begin to spread the Gospel message to all people. That is why we call today the birthday of the Church because it started to come into being on this day. We see the gifts the Holy Spirit in so many ways in our lives and in the life of our parish community. It is the Holy Spirit that gathers us together for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is the Holy Spirit that reaches out to the poor through our food pantry. It is the Holy Spirit that guides our religious education program for the Children. It is the Holy Spirit that inspires so many to serve through being a lector, usher, alter server, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, in the choir, as a catechist, minister to the homebound and volunteers in so many ways. Those are all ways that we share the gifts and talents that the Holy Spirit has poured out into our community. We see the gift of the Holy Spirit in the fellowship that is shared in the lobby over a cup of coffee with a fellow friend. It is also the Holy Spirit that graces us with the ability to be able to love our families and neighbors. How well are we sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit? How can we all do better in responding to the needs of others and sharing our talents with one another? How well are we loving each other and building up of the Body of Christ, the Church? As we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, how are we individually and as a parish building up of the Kingdom? It is also the Holy Spirit that allows us to take the Great Commission, which we heard last weekend, To go and make disciples more seriously. Becoming a disciple doesn't just happen, a person has to be made into one by us. We continue to try new ways to evangelize and draw others into a relationship with Jesus. I am excited for the young adult ministry that is attempting to form here at OLMC. Trends are showing a nationwide resurgence in the faith among the current among Generation Z (those currently in their late teens to late 20's). I hope our parish becomes a welcoming faith community for that age range. Darien isn't exactly a hot spot for young adults to live in, but we can do our best to encourage every age range to live their faith with passion. Happy Pentecost!

This weekend we also celebrate Memorial Day. We will hold in prayer all those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Memorial Day is also the kickoff to the summer season. I hope we can all enjoy the warm sunny days and spend more time outside.



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

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

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-3



03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

May 24, 2026/Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 23

4:30pm Charles Heery Sr. (Family)
 Sheri Sadler (Rich & Maria)
 Arlene Brescia (Donatello Family)
 Margaret Edwards (Family)
 Jack Connolly-20th Anniv. (Kitty)
 Dr. Vito Lucatorto (Linda)

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:15am Irene Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)
 Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello (Family)
 Catherine Domiter (Nick Rocco)
 Fr. Daniel Jasek-ordination to priesthood (Family)
10:00am Gloria Villanueva (Pax & Rose Ravina)
 Aida Francisco (Pax & Rose Ravina)
 Raymond & Stephanie Panfil (Family)
 Concepcion E. Pabellon (Obmaces Family)
 Anthony & Ann Lux (Family)
 Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)
Noon Emily Hatteberg (Mark & Karen Costa)

MONDAY, MAY 25

9:00am Jeffrey Anderson-28th Anniv. (Mom Irene)
 John J. O'Connell (Eugene Munin)
 Santiago Jamie (Family)

TUESDAY, MAY 26

9:00am Kathleen Corso (Mother Evelyn)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

9:00am Don Brescia (Family)

THURSDAY, MAY 28

9:00am Nathaniel Beltran-living (Thompson Family)

FRIDAY, MAY 29

9:00am Scott Corwin-22nd Anniv. (Family)
 Tom Merritt-27th Anniv. (Wife Betsey)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

NAMI Family to Family
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 June 6th-August 1st
 Saturday 10:30 AM-1PM

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-week class for family members, partners, and friends of adults living with a mental health condition. The course covers helpful information about mental health conditions.

The goal is to help you better understand what your loved one is going through— while also taking care of your own well-being. The class is led by trained volunteers who have personal experience caring for someone with a mental health condition. They truly understand what you're facing and are there to offer guidance and support.

NAMI DuPage
 117 N. County Farm Rd.
 Wheaton, IL 60187
namidupage.org
 (630)-752-0066



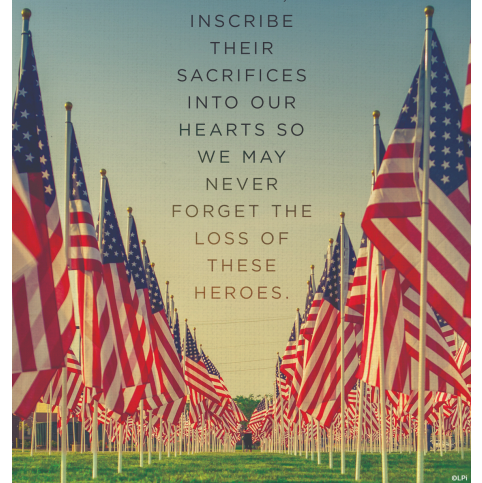
Parents and caregivers are often the first to notice when something feels different.



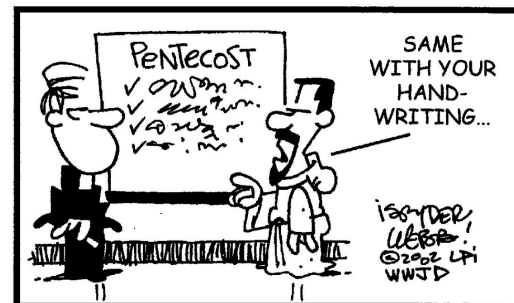
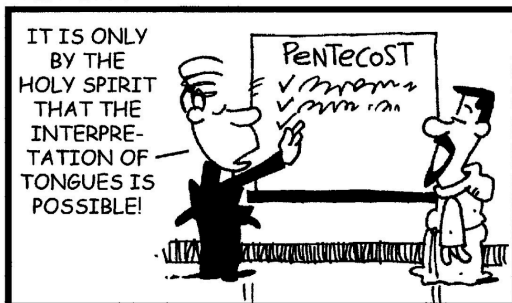
Sometimes the most important step is listening. Take time to listen.
<https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/children-and-families>
 #MentalHealthAwarenessMonth
 #MHAM2026

MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY FATHER,
 INSCRIBE THEIR SACRIFICES INTO OUR HEARTS SO WE MAY NEVER FORGET THE LOSS OF THESE HEROES.



PENTECOST



Happy Birthday Church!



Questions of the Week

Question for Children: When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

Question for Youth: On Pentecost, the apostles were able to speak in a language that everyone could understand. As a young person, you have your own way of communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

Question for Adults: Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

Activity of the Week

The Feast of Pentecost is actually the birthday of the Church. Celebrate this feast with a birthday cake for the Church. Place seven candles on the cake to represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. After you light the candles, pray the following Prayer Litany: Response: We thank you, Holy Spirit. Leader: For the gift of love... For the gift of peace... For the gift of wisdom... For the gift of understanding... For the gift of strength... For the gift of knowing the Lord... For the gift of our family... Amen.

Congratulations to all our students who had perfect attendance in RE!

Perfect Attendance:

James Baggot, Teagan Baggot, Gavin Baggot, Krista Benni-Ellis, Brayden Berner, Lucas Calistro, Regan Carey, Rachel Carey, Mateo Delara, Isabella Delara, Alicia Garcia, Evelyn Griffin, Thomas John Griffin, Joyce Hanna, Zachary Jarvis, Fiona Krenn, Olivia Nightingale, Michele Pantano, Emma Polasek, Anthony Puelo, Leonardo Rodriguez Castillo, Lucero Rodriguez Castillo, Ariella Romeo, Kassie Romero, Romeo Romero, Alexis Tadeo Salgado, Heidi Schoefemacker, Alexander Schultz, Zachary Schultz, Dominic Serritella, Amber Serritella, Paisley Strappazon, Evelyn Susmarski, Adelina Vega, & Gilbert "G" Vega

Have wonderful summer!

Summer VBS July 20-24 Help Wanted!

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.



Do you have an artistic touch? Join us on Wednesday, March 27 from 3:30-8:00pm as we work on some scenery filler for our upcoming VBS. We will be making flowers and leaves for our Rainforest. Call 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



Summer Retreat: Steubenville

All rising 9th - 12th graders are invited to attend the Steubenville Conference this summer June 26 -28 at Benedictine University. Wea **one** ticket left! Scan the QR code to sign up today!



OCIA CORNER



May God bless **Darlene Therese Neal**, and **John Philip Hamilton** who were Confirmed on Sunday, May 17th, at St. Raymond's Cathedral. Bishop Spies confirmed 240 adults in our diocese. Please keep our newly Confirmed Disciples of Christ in your prayers.



If you are or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing initiation, please contact Jen Emanuele:
jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org.

06 SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Good Things Come in Threes

Give blood May 1-31 to help patients in need – and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of three \$10,000 gift cards.* Your blood donation has a threefold effect: It saves lives, helps your community and benefits you.

Make an appointment at vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: 100564117

BLOOD DRIVE Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Religious Education
Gathering Area

Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome.
Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, & bring ID.



*Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/SpringGiveaway.

For more information or to schedule a donation,
call 877.25.VITAL or visit us at vitalant.org
Find us @vitalant:



OLMC will be hosting a Blood Drive Program on Sunday, May 24 in the Religious Education Gathering Area from 9:00 until 2:00 PM.

Please note this event will not be restricted to OLMC parishioners; however, we will be taking sign-up appointments at the Church Gathering Area during the May 16-17 weekend masses. If you make an appointment through the Vitalant website, please use the code 100564117. You can also scan the QR code on the poster to access their appointment schedule.

We are now part of the City of Darien Blood Drive program that gives others the "Gift of Life." All it will cost you is approximately an hour of your time. Please remember to bring a photo ID and hydrate before coming.

If you are not able or just rather not being a donor, you can still participate as we need volunteers to receive donors as well as the post-donation "snack" and beverage area.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Kazich at 630-528-7639, or email at kazich.mark@gmail.com.

SACRED VOICES CONCERT

Featuring Singers from the
Vatican & Roman Choral

Saturday, June 20 · 7:30 pm

St. Raphael Catholic Church
1215 Modaff Road, Naperville

Experience this extraordinary, one-night-only event and the
choir's only appearance in the Diocese of Joliet!

This 40-member choir features singers from leading Roman and Vatican musical institutions. Under the direction of Pontifical Cantore Adriano Caroletti, they will be accompanied by Josep Solè Coll, organist of the Pope and St. Peter's Basilica.

The program highlights the richness of the Catholic Church's musical tradition, featuring works by Palestrina (known as the "Prince of Music") along with compositions by Perosi and Bartolucci, both former directors of the Pope's Choir. These timeless works have accompanied papal liturgies in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica and showcase some of the Church's most beautiful music. The Sacred Voices Choir also had the honor of performing for Pope Leo XI.

For Tickets, visit bit.ly/sacredvoicesnaperville
or scan the QR code
Premium Seating (front of the church): \$75
General Admission: \$40



BE PART OF THE DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC GOLF OUTING JUNE 10, 2026

All proceeds directly benefit the St. Stephen's Fund
which supports deacons during times of need.

How you can help:

- **Play:** Gather friends or coworkers for a competitive and meaningful day of golf.
- **Sponsor:** Promote your business while supporting a great cause. Several sponsorship levels available.
- **Donate:** Consider a donation to the St. Stephen Fund
- **Dine:** Not a golfer? Join us for the awards dinner and silent auction at 5pm for just \$35/per person.

REGISTRATION FEE:

- \$150/golfer or \$500/Foursome
Includes green fee, cart, lunch, and dinner
- Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course
19433 Renwick Road, Crest Hill 60403
11:30 am shotgun start

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DEACON
VIC PUSCAS AT 815-221-6172



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Knights of Columbus

Silver Rose

Prayer Service

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

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program is a Mass and prayer service promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.



Faith in Action

Life



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