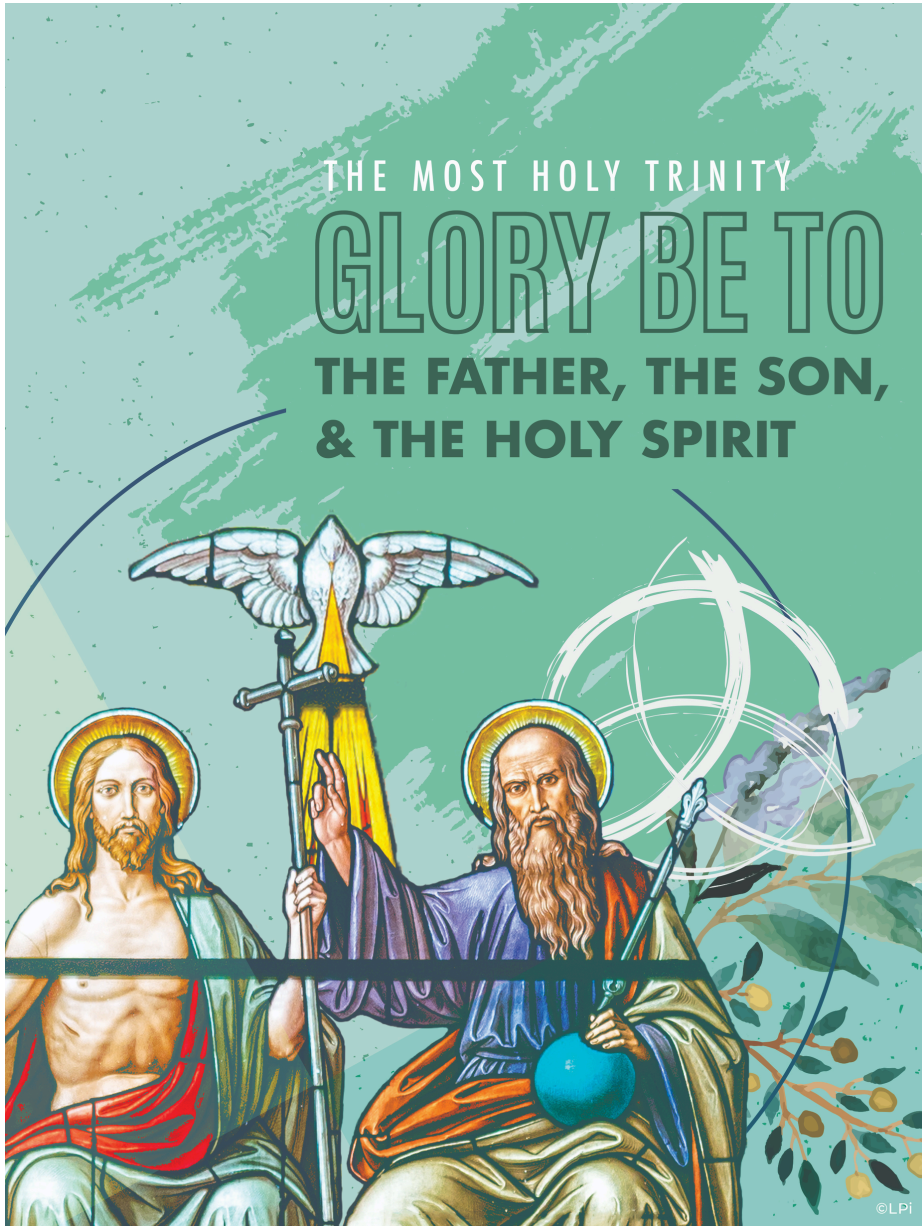


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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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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02 PASTOR'S LETTER

May 31, 2026/The Most Holy Trinity

PASTOR'S LETTER

Today is Trinity Sunday, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, three in one. Don't go spending too much brain power on figuring it out. The greatest minds in the history of the Church have tried to explain the Trinity and have failed to do it justice. The Father is God, The Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. How can this be? Well, that is one of the greatest mysteries of our Faith. $1+1+1=1$????? Jesus spoke of the unity between the Father and the Son and the gift of Holy Spirit. The first disciples and we have held to that belief. The great commission of the disciples in Matthew 28:19 tells us, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." While we will never figure out what it means to be 3 in 1, the Trinity teaches us a fundamental truth. We are called into community. Even our God exists in community. No person is an island, we need people around us who love us and support us. We need family first and foremost. We need good friends to be the shoulder to lean on difficult times. We are called into work and school communities. We share in community with our local neighbors. Community surrounds us and is indeed good for us. This is especially true when it comes to our faith. We cannot live our faith in a vacuum either. Our faith is nurtured in community and must be lived in community. That is why the Christian people gather on Sundays. We must be with one another; the body of Christ gathers to be nourished by Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. One of the biggest misconceptions of modern times is the belief that a person can be "spiritual but not religious" or that one doesn't need church to love God. You can't truly love God, if you don't love what God has called us to be, that is his body in community. We need each other because we can't make it on our own. That is what the Trinity shows us.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi. I am looking forward to our Eucharistic procession. The procession is a great custom observed around the world on this feast day. As we head into the summer months I am sure that many will be traveling and taking vacations. I too have a trip planned later in July. I am heading to Greece and Turkey. I encourage everyone to still go to mass when traveling. It is a great opportunity to experience new churches. To make it a little more fun, please take a picture of churches you visit and send them to me. I will post them on the tv monitors for all of us to see the beauty of the Catholic Church around the world.



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

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

Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44



03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

May 31, 2026/The Most Holy Trinity

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 30

4:30pm Ron Caruso-5th Anniv. (Family)
Daisy San Juan-living (Family)
Norma Caballes (Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:15am Maria & Tom Sesto (Nick Rocco)
10:00am Sandra Galvan (Friends)
Noon James Sturino (Family)
Arvella Czajka (Husband)

MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:00am Cecily Francis Valiaparambil (Family)
Dorothy Mellon-living (Tom & Barb Smith)
David Lindemann-living (Tom & Barb Smith)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

9:00am Elizabeth Galvin (Minogue Family)
Rosemarie Kern (Family)
Tracy Fiorenza (Delores Gurgone)
Brandy Silvio-living (Delores Gurgone)
Smitty DeGrazia (Granddaughter)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:00am Felicidad Mendoza (Family)
Sean Kenny-20th Anniv.(Dad)
Pablo Rosete (Josie)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

9:00am Rosemary Godfrey (Donatello Family)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

9:00am Rosemary McElroy (Donatello Family)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

9:00am Bridget O'Connell (Eugene Munin)
Marie Andrews (Katie)



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



Together in Loss is a grief support ministry for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

Summer Gatherings | Wednesdays

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

6:30pm- 8:00pm

For information, contact Lori Prado
lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

OLMC YOUNG ADULT PICNIC AND ROSARY

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AT 1:00PM
following Mass at Noon
Bring a blanket, rosary, and food to share!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Darien

PARISHONERS AROUND THE WORLD

Do you have travel plans this summer? Send us your photos of you and your family in front of churches in cities that you visit. We will feature them on the digital screens in the lobby area.

Send photos to
frjeff@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

Young at Hearts
Meets on the Lower Level
Join us June 4th at 10:00 a.m.
Hope to see you then!

04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 31, 2026/The Most Holy Trinity



Questions of the Week

Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for Youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a “community of love,” which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul’s list of exhortations as your starting point.

Activities of the Week

Remind your family of God’s presence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by starting a family tradition of blessing family members before they go to bed at night by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their forehead and blessing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pray the “Glory” prayer. Use this prayer as part of your family night prayer:

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.

Amen.



We really 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.



Darien 4th of July Parade

Help us Celebrate 250 Years!

We will once again participate in the 4th of July Parade. Help us celebrate 250 years with Darien.

We will meet at the Jewel Parking lot at 8:30. If you want to help decorate the truck, please join us at 8:00 am.



If you can’t walk with us in the parade, you can help by donating candy that we will toss out to the kids in the parade. Leave any donations by the RE office. Thank you so much!

Family Mass

Our next family Mass is on June 21 at 10:00. We will need readers, greeters, jr. ushers, and gift bearers. We also invite children to sing in the choir at this Mass. Practices will be on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Call Sherry Rochford in the RE office for more info.

VBS Needs:

Can you help us with a few supplies? We will be making treebark and would like many cans of spray foam like Great Stuff. We will also need a variety of paints in shades of green or brown. We can also use large canvas fabric for ground cover. Call the RE office, or see us this weekend after Mass, for a full list of needs. Thank-You!

YOUTH MINISTRY

May Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

June 17 : Make a T-Shirt **2:00 - 3:30 pm**
****Please note time change!**

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!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

All rising 5th - 8th graders are invited **July 2nd** to participate in our Middle School Mission Trip. We will go to Feed My Starving Children, Northern IL Food Bank, then back to OLMC . Scan the QR to RSVP



OCIA CORNER



For those who may be interested in beginning their journey towards receiving and those planning to receive their Initiation Sacraments next Easter Vigil, please know we will begin to meet in the Fall. The start date will be in September. More specific information will be shared in July. I look forward to meeting with you all then!

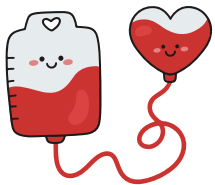
**If you are or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing initiation, please contact Jen Emanuele:
jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org.**

06 SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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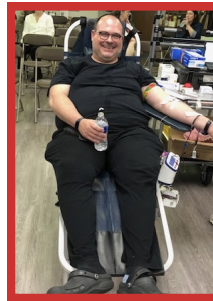
HAPPY 19TH ANNIVERSARY FR. JEFF!

We give thanks this week for Father Jeff's 19 years of faithful priesthood. Our parish community is incredibly blessed by his spiritual leadership, dedication, and care. Thank you, Father, for your joyful service. May God continue to bless your ministry!



THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE!

Thank you to those who participated in our blood drive! Your donations will make a significant impact and offer hope to many. Your dedication exemplifies our parish's spirit of unity and service.



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

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Are you navigating life as a widow or widower? We invite you to join us for support, healing, and community.

Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat
June 27th & 28th 2026 | St Julie Billiard Parish, Tinley Park IL

No overnight accommodations available

708-354-7211 | info@joyfulagain.org

For registration visit: www.joyfulagain.org

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

