

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

January 1, 2023 † Mary, the Holy Mother of God



*The shepherds went in haste
to Bethlehem and found*

**MARY AND
JOSEPH,
AND THE INFANT
LYING IN
THE MANGER.**

Luke 2:16

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Beginning January 7, 2023 the
Saturday evening Mass will begin at
4:30pm. Confessions will be from
3:15-4:00PM

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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.

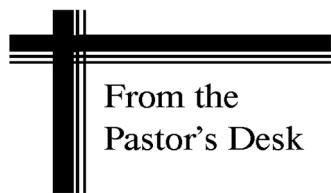
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Wow!!! It is 2023! I want to wish everyone in the community all the best in this upcoming year. I pray that each of us is blessed with health in the year ahead because that is the most important thing. A new year is a time for us to pause and reflect on the past and prepare for the future. 2022 was a year of change for the parish community. We said farewell to Fr. Mike O'Keefe, O.Carm. who faithfully served this community for 16 years. Then, I was blest to become pastor in July and am looking forward to many years with the OLMC community. Indeed, what a blessing it has been already. This is an amazing faith community. I thank you for the warm welcome to Fr. Greg and I. We were also blessed to welcome Deacon Lupe to the parish and are grateful for the continued ministry of Fr. Bob and Deacon Ed. In 2022 we had a security system with video monitoring installed and had the brick patio in front of the Church replaced. 2023 will see several other upgrades to the parish. The new Saturday vigil mass time of 4:30pm will be in effect. The new confessional is underway. Later in January/February will be having a new sound system installed which should improve the experience for the community (more on the sound system to come). Later in the spring there will be a slight remodel of the lobby in order to make it more comfortable and welcoming. We are planning a huge parish picnic on July 16 in order to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. 2023 looks to be a great year for our parish.

Sunday, January 22, 2023, will be a milestone in the history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish. Bishop Ronald Hicks will be with us for a special celebration to be held at the 12 noon Mass. We will be celebrating my official installation as the 6th pastor of the parish. This is a wonderful ceremony in the Church and one which not many people get to see. Even though I have been here for 6 months already, the Bishop will symbolically install me and officially grant me the title of Pastor. Please consider attending and there will be a reception with food to follow for all.

On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Our parish has been so blessed through our Blessed Mother, under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. May Blessed Mary bless our parish community and bless your families for a wonderful 2023!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us! Fr. Jeff

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12





HIGH SCHOOL WINTER OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Saturday, Feb. 4 – Sunday, Feb. 5

Mt. Assisi Center
Lemont, IL

\$60 per person. Includes lodging and food.

Sign up by Saturday, January 21st at
ourladyofmtcarmel.org/youth-group

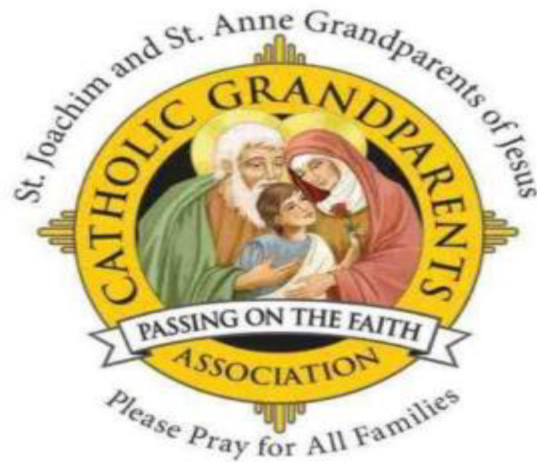


Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy. We understand family caregivers need somewhere to turn to for information, strength and connection during the caregiver journey. *Let us provide that for you, all with a Christ-centered view.*

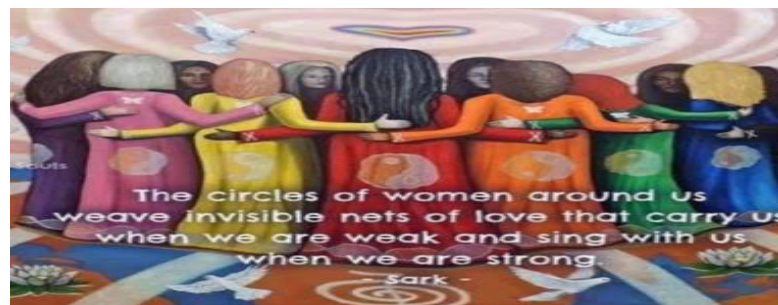
**The Second Saturday of each month
8:30 am to 10:00 am at Our Lady of Peace**

Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
invite you to be *Nourished* in
your caregiving ministry

For more information contact
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Kellie Moore 630-323-4392 kmoore@olopdarlen.
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Join us at 9:30 am on Friday **January 6** as we celebrate the Celtic tradition of Women's Christmas on the feast of the Epiphany. Celebrate the blessings of the past year, and receive blessings for the year to come, in a special Little Christmas gathering designed for women!!



Bring a friend, all grandmothers are welcome.

RSVP by 1/3/23 ~ catholicgrandparentsolmc@gmail.com

The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort for our community of faith.

This year's CMAA theme is *We Belong to God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we help the poor and vulnerable, increase vocations and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities in the faith. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$82,800, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.



SAVE THE DATES in 2023!

**Celebrate the
National Eucharistic Revival
With these special
*Diocesan Celebrations***

**DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION
FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10**

**AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET
AND**

**PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER
MARCH 23, 24, 25**

AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins





RE News...

Wishing everyone a very blessed and peace-filled Christmas Break.

NO RE – Christmas Break

We will Return to RE on January 7-9, 2023

We will see you at Mass on Sunday!

**May everyone have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year!
God's peace throughout the year ahead.**

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: What do you want to tell others about Mary?

Question for Youth: What can you learn from Mary that will help you grow closer to Jesus?

Question for Adults: When the shepherds encountered Jesus, their lives changed forever. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life?

Activities of the Week:

Invite family members to silently think about what they treasure most about Mary. Provide art materials and have each person create a symbol of what they treasure about Mary. Family members could draw, sculpt with tin foil, or build with blocks.

When the shepherds encountered Jesus, it changed their lives. They shared the Good News through both the words and actions. Invite family members to tell how they share the Good News with others through their words and/or actions. Then choose a project your family can do together that will share the Good News with others.

Prayer of the New Year:

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the Highest!

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Dates

CORE Catechist Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2020

6:30-Dinner

7:00 Planning

(This meeting is for those who help plan the RE year -the Grade Level Coordinators)

Family Faith Session (Homeschool RE)

Tuesday, January 17 from 7:00-8:15-

Theme: The Church

VBS Planning Meeting

Join us Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 for a STELLAR experience! VBS theme this summer. . . Space! We need your ideas and input. Call the RE Office for more info

ALL Catechist Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Training-Theme-Engaging the Family

-ALL CATECHISTS-

In addition, if you are interested in becoming a Catechist, please consider joining us as we are always looking for people just like you to share your faith with the children!



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

My soul too is shuddering greatly – and you, O Lord, how long? . . . I am wearied with sighing; all night long I drench my bed with tears; I soak my couch with weeping. Ps 6: 4, 7

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 10:30 am to noon beginning January 21, 2023.

No RSVP necessary and no commitment required. Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or 630-852-3303 ext 5

Young at Heart is a group for men and women age 55+ which meets once a month for fellowship.

Join us for our January Gathering January 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Deck

For more information contact:
Barbara Jo Miller
(630) 985-1043





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Nancy Jisisju	Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bill Haran	Susan Nugent
Evelyn Swartz	Abby Grace McCarver
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	Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5:30PM Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:15AM John Sullivan (Mike & MaryAnn)

10:00AM Mike Kenny-51st anniv (Son)

Jim Goetzinger (Tom & Sandy Burzinski)

Robert Sudoma (Son)

August Klingbiel-4th anniv (Wife)

NOON Pietro, Archangela, Rose, Henry and Lorraine
(Storino Family)

Monday, January 2, 2023

9:00AM Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello
(Donatello Family)

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

9:00AM Orlando Jamir (Family)

Rita Piotrowski & Margaret Lombardi
(Pat Monahan)

Maya Steffens (Sheri)

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

9:00AM Premetiva Gabela (Andrea)

Richard Falkentaal (Eugene Munin)

Thursday, January 5, 2023

9:00AM St. Primitiva Subredo CM (Family)

Edith & Charles Ruffolo (Family)

Eugene Stella (Family)

Madeline Conforti (Family)

Friday, January 6, 2023

9:00AM Luis Udarbe (Family)

Saturday, January 7, 2023

9:00AM Ron May (Nancy & Family)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Wednesday, 01 January 2023

Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21.

What We Treasure. We celebrate many things this day. The start of a new civil year – one filled with hope and promise. The eighth day of Christmas – the presence of Jesus the Christ among us, like us in all things but sin. The gift of Mary – mother not only of God in Jesus, but also mother of the Church, mother of God's holy People.

⇒ What will I pledge, what will I promise in this new year?

⇒ How will I be a blessing to others, just as God is a blessing to me?

⇒ What can I do to bring peace to _____, even in little ways?

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