

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

January 15, 2023 † Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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DARIEN, ILLINOIS 60561**  
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Religious Education Phone Number: 630-963-3053

**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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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish**  
**Financial Report**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30th, 2022**

	Church	Religious Education	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Sunday Collections	\$ 801,131	\$ -	\$ 801,131
Christmas, Easter, Holy Days	\$ 139,575	\$ -	\$ 139,575
Tuition and Fees	\$ -	\$ 29,386	\$ 29,386
Diocesan/Bank Interest	\$ 25,461	\$ -	\$ 25,461
Directed Contributions	\$ 304,663		\$ 304,663
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,270,830</b>	<b>\$ 29,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,300,216</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 386,233	\$ 217,750	\$ 603,983
Services	\$ 145,368	\$ 1,122	\$ 146,490
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 52,990	\$ 1,283	\$ 54,273
Capital Expenditures	\$ 61,580	\$ -	\$ 61,580
Materials & Supplies	\$ 72,199	\$ 35,531	\$ 107,730
Utilities	\$ 80,579	\$ 2,650	\$ 83,229
Insurance	\$ 18,958	\$ -	\$ 18,958
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 63,710	\$ -	\$ 63,710
Charity Expenses	\$ 27,344	\$ 400	\$ 27,744
Rentals & Other Expenses	\$ 6,855	\$ 6,600	\$ 13,455
Investment in Religious Education	\$ 235,950	\$ (235,950)	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,151,766</b>	<b>\$ 29,386</b>	<b>\$ 1,181,152</b>
<b>Balance to Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 119,064</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 119,064</b>

**Capital Improvement Projects:** \$ 61,580

**Reaching out to Others:** \$ 27,744

- Charity: Individuals, Food Pantry, Organizations, Holiday Dinners
- Carmelite Seminary
- Carmelite Missions

**General Information**

Funds on Deposit with the Diocese \$ 2,566,487  
 Operating Funds \$ 502,998



Thank you!!!!

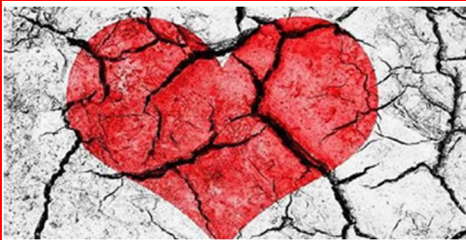
Dear community,

From the bottom of my heart thank you! Your generosity and support of this parish is overwhelming. I was blessed to inherit a parish that is on very stable financial ground. As you view the report for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year, you can clearly see that the parish operated in the black, which is wonderful! I cannot claim any responsibility for that, it was all you and the leadership of Fr. Mike O’Keefe. The figures are very solid, especially since we were still in the initial phases of the post-COVID recovery for most of that fiscal year. Mass attendance is now increasing and we are seeing a slight up tick in Sunday offerings so far this fiscal year, so the current budget looks to be just as solid and stable as it has been. THANK YOU!!!

As we project for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year, there will be a significant increase in repairs & maintenance and capital expenses. We have been doing a lot of needed improvements. The rectory had significant repairs, including a new roof, done. The parish has seen the patio bricks replaced, a new security system installed, and a confessional room currently underway. Still to come is an improved sound system and a remodeling of the lobby area. Also, we have hired a part-time weekend janitor. Since, Saturday and Sunday is prime time for us when most the community is here, it makes sense to have a person on hand who can address maintenance needs immediately. Thanks be to God and your generous support, we have been able to pay for all the expenses with cash on hand and not had to dip into our parish savings account with the Diocese. What a blessing!

2023 looks to be a bright and wonderful year for Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish! It is all due to you and your love for this parish community. I am so blessed to be your pastor. Once again, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!

Fr. Jeff



*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*

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

***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 beginning January 21, 2023.**

**No RSVP necessary and no commitment required.**

**Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org) or 630-852-3303 ext 5**



# 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](http://ourladyofmtcarmel.org/youth-group)

## Sunday Collections

*January 8, 2023*

General Fund		
15322.60	4,554.22	19876.82
Building Operation & Maintenance		
286.00	115.00	401.00
Needy		
2,435.00	145.00	2,580.00

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May His love keeps you  
Happy and healthy in this year.  
May God live in your heart  
always!

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

**Psalm** — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

**Gospel** — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



### MASS TIMES

**February 8 at 6:30 am**

**February 9 at 8 am**

**February 10 at 8 am**

**COMMUNAL PRAYER SERVICE TIMES**

**11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm after which the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed**

## DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Join with our **Diocesan Church** on **February 8, 9, 10** to celebrate a time of **spiritual devotion** before the **Blessed Sacrament** during this **National Eucharistic Revival**.

Come to the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus** in Joliet. Each day will begin with **morning Mass** and conclude with an **evening Prayer Service**. Throughout the days there will be **silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** as well as **communal Prayer Services** led by various cultural and parish entities.

We encourage **all people** – parish groups, families, neighbors - to come and **reflect in prayer** on the **wondrous gift of the Eucharist** that has been given to us. And to **join our hearts in prayer** for the **needs of our Church** and the **needs of all people**.

**May God in his goodness bless our Diocese!**

Questions? Contact **Sister Sharon Stola** at the Office of Divine Worship

**815-221-6230** or [ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org)



## RE News...

Please Note: There will be no RE on Saturday or Sunday, January 21-22 but you are invited to join us at the Noon Mass for Fr. Jeff's Installation Mass!

### *Questions of the Week*

**Question for Children:** If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

**Question for Youth:** How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

**Question for Adults:** In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

### *Activities of the Week:*

To focus on Jesus' identity, spend an evening or a Saturday helping the members of your family put on a play or put together a puppet show about Jesus. Later, invite relatives or friends to watch the show.

Choose your family's favorite stories about Jesus and read them to the children as bedtime stories.

### *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 sanctify, and to proclaim the good news of the coming of the Kingdom,

Help us to live our Baptism to the full and 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 to us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Upcoming Dates*

#### 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

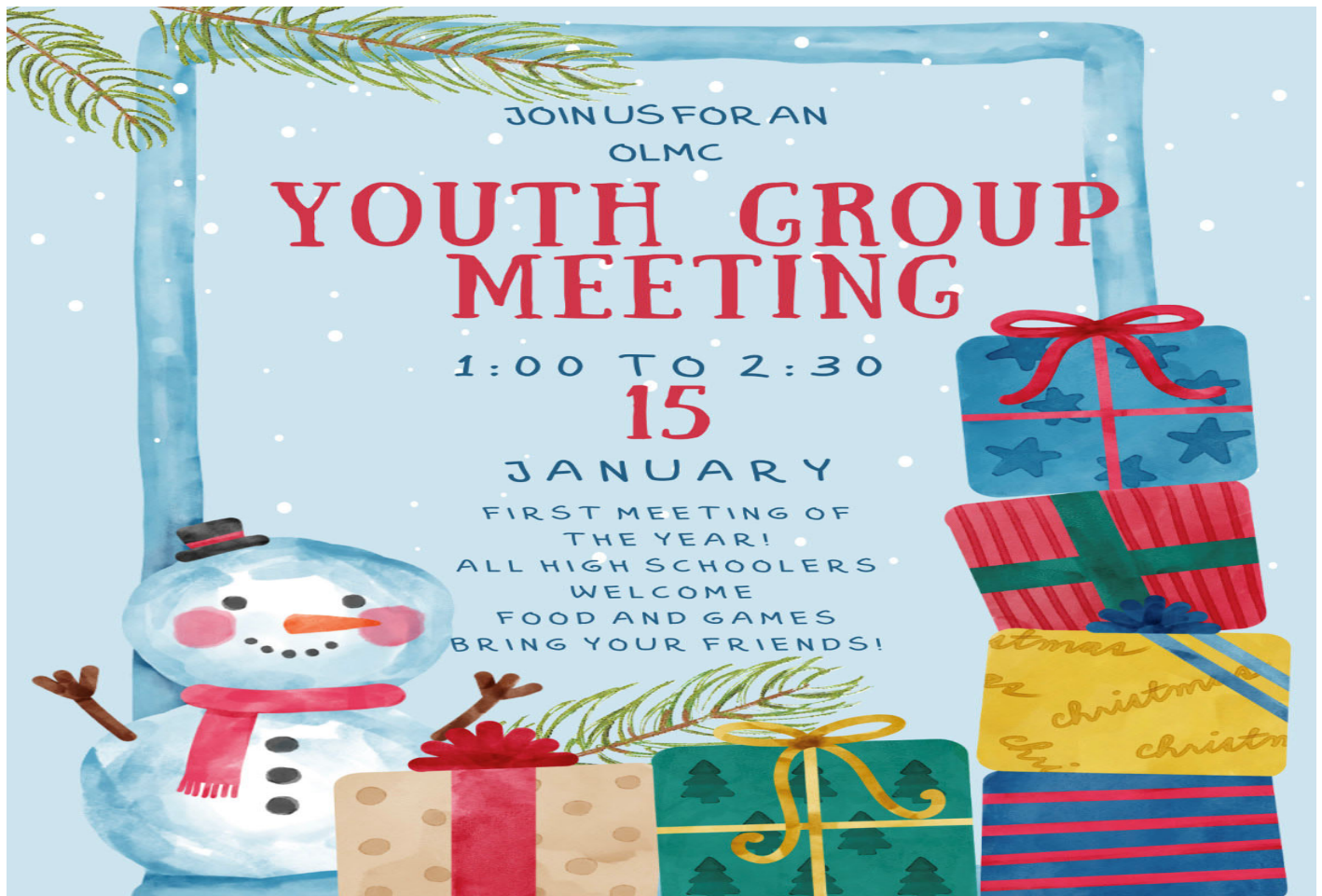
Tuesday, January 24  
6:30 Dinner

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!

Catechists: If you have not done so already, please fill out the form emailed to you concerning the Catechist Evening of Formation on Wednesday, February 8.  
Form due by Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.





**JDCCS**  
Joliet Diocese Catholic  
Committee on Scouting

*Navigating our Catholic Faith:*  
**"Follow me!"**

All Catholic Scouts in the Joliet Diocese are invited!

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting  
**2023 WINTER DAY OF RECOLLECTION**  
**February 25, 2023**  
**Our Lady of Peace Church**  
701 Plainfield Rd. Darien, IL  
**9am—12 pm**  
CONSECUTIVELY RUN PROGRAMS FOR:  
Scouts K—5    Scouts 6 grade +  
**\$5/ per scout**

• Presentations	• Group Discussions	• Mass
• Activities/Games	• Religious Reqs	• Boards of Review



Registration on [jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org](https://jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org)

## Save the Date

### Save the Date!

On Sunday, Jan. 22, at the noon Mass, Fr. Jeff will be formally installed as our pastor at OLMC. Bishop Hicks will officiate and there will be a catered reception immediately following. Please join our parish family in celebrating Fr. Jeff!



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

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Saturday, January 14, 2023**

**4:30PM** Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

#### **Sunday, January 15, 2023**

**8:15AM** Father Jerry Sesto (Nick Rocco)

**10:00AM** Stratis Bahaveolos-1st anniv (Flynn Family)  
Hunter Himes-10th anniv (Family)

**NOON** John Sullivan (Mike & Maryann)

Marilyn Meyers (Barbara & Stan Rys)

#### **Monday, January 16, 2023**

**9:00AM** Dale Donatello (Donatello Family)

#### **Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

**9:00AM** Jerome J. Bukowski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

#### **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**9:00AM** Keith Stockhausen (Pat Monahan)

Librada Manaligod (Friends)

#### **Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**9:00AM** Charlotte Wat (John & Martha DeMarte)

#### **Friday, January 20, 2023**

**9:00AM** Marie Gancarz (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Marlene Carioto (Daughter)

#### **Saturday, January 21, 2023**

**9:00AM** Alex Kolacki-40th anniv (Family)



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  
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Dan Welters  
Alex Erkiens  
Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC  
1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army  
Ted Cook

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,  
10. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-34.

**What Baptism Makes of Us.** We begin Ordinary Times this liturgical year full of baptismal reminders. Jesus ranks ahead of John the Baptist and all of us. But though greater, he, in his good Spirit, remains with all of us. In Baptism, we are God's servants, ordained to show God's glory (and not our own), and be about God's saving plan. And like Saint Paul and the Corinthians, we are called to be holy.

- ⇒ How will I cherish Baptism today and rest in Christ loving me?
- ⇒ How will I manifest God's glory in some simple word or work?
- ⇒ How will I be holier today than I was yesterday?



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