

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

September 4, 2022 † Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER

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Fill us at daybreak  
with your kindness,  
that we may shout for  
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:30 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)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** R.E. Classes, (Sept—May) Saturday  
5PM; Sunday 7:45, 9:30, 11:30AM; Monday 7PM. To register call  
The Religious Education Office

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, from 8:00  
a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4-4:30PM or by appointment

## 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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## Happy Labor Day

I want to wish our entire community a happy and blessed Labor Day. This is a day that calls us to rest for a bit and to reflect on the value and importance of work in our daily lives. Work is about more than just earning money. Work brings a certain human dignity. Work brings a sense of respect to the person and to the community. St. Pope John Paul II expressed this sentiment in his encyclical *Laborem Exercens* in which we read: "THROUGH WORK man must earn his daily bread<sup>1</sup> and contribute to the continual advance of science and technology and, above all, to elevating unceasingly the cultural and moral level of the society within which he lives in community with those who belong to the same family. And work means any activity by man, whether manual or intellectual, whatever its nature or circumstances; it means any human activity that can and must be recognized as work, in the midst of all the many activities of which man is capable and to which he is predisposed by his very nature, by virtue of humanity itself. Man is made to be in the visible universe an image and likeness of God himself<sup>2</sup>, and he is placed in it in order to subdue the earth<sup>3</sup>. From the beginning therefore he is called to work. Work is one of the characteristics that distinguish man from the rest of creatures, whose activity for sustaining their lives cannot be called work. Only man is capable of work, and only man works, at the same time by work occupying his existence on earth. Thus work bears a particular mark of man and of humanity, the mark of a person operating within a community of persons. And this mark decides its interior characteristics; in a sense it constitutes its very nature." *Laborem Exercens*, 1981, Pope John Paul II.

On this day let us give thanks for the gift of work in our lives. It is how we often best contribute to the good of the local community. Let us also pray for all those seeking meaningful employment and those whose labor is being exploited.

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

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]


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## OLMC Youth Ministry

# Adult Volunteers Needed!

In order to serve our youth the best we can, we need dedicated adult volunteers to help encourage our students in faith and to keep them safe in the process. Please see the following opportunities to serve. If you feel called to help or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Rawls any time at 630-852-3303 ext.6 or [stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org). Thank you, and God Bless!

**High School Youth Group Leader/Helper** – We are looking for at least one more adult volunteer (over the age of 18) to help lead and prepare our high school youth group events alongside the High School Leadership Team. This role is flexible and we can discuss how you would like to be involved based on your interests.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School Catechists** – We are looking for 5 more adult volunteers to teach our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School catechism classes to help our students prepare for Confirmation. **You do not need to be an expert in theology to be a catechist, all you need is a willingness to learn and a desire to help the students learn and grow in faith.** All lesson plans will be provided for you! In this role you would teach in the grade level of your choice for an hour about once a week on either Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. You will be trained in this role and we will support you every step of the way!

### Diocese of Joliet Office of Pastoral Outreach

*presents*

**a Mass celebrating  
Persons with Disabilities**

*with*

**Bishop Ron Hicks**



Sunday, September 18  
12:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
Joliet, IL 60435

Register by Sept. 12 with the QR Code or  
<https://forms.office.com/r/RaySC43JLt>

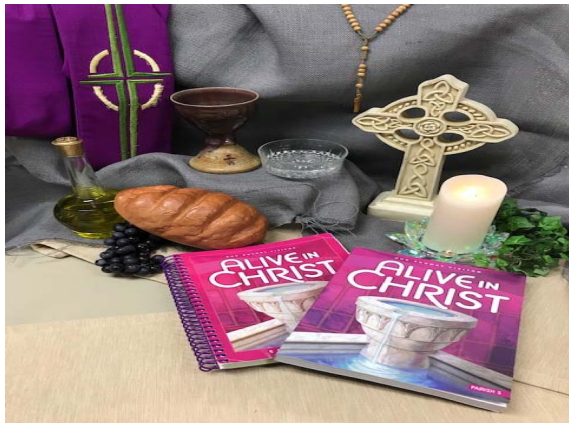


### *Handbell Choir*

Can you read music, and would love to play in our handbell choir? As the group gears up for the Christmas season, we are looking for musicians of high school age and older to join us for rehearsals after the Sunday noon Mass, beginning in October. Please call Karen Krueger, 630-759-6290, if interested.







## RE News

*RE starts September 10-12. If you have not registered yet, now is the time to do so. Call the RE office for information.*

### Help Wanted! RE 22-23

**What is a Catechist?**

*"So, as I look out at you, I think: Who are catechists? They are the people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."*

*(Pope Francis-Homily at the Mass for Catechists-2013)*

Are you a faith filled person who enjoys sharing your time with children? Then you ARE qualified to help our kiddos! We will help with any training, but your faith is what carries you through. Our teacher's guides have step by step instructions along with tips and training points along the way. You can check out the curriculum for grades 1-6 at <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> You can also get the Questions and Activities of the week there.

### Important Info for all returning Catechists:

Remember returning Catechists and RE Volunteers must verify that their background checks are updated and complete the state required Mandated Reporter Training (online). Check with Sherry to see that your safe environment requirements are up to date.

### Upcoming Dates

**RE Parent Meetings during RE sessions-**  
The first meetings are Sept. 10-12

**Family Faith gathering (Home School)-Tuesday,**  
September 13 -7:00-8:15 PM

### Questions of the Week:

**Question for Children:** Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

**Question for Adults:** Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

### Activities of the Week

Plan a time of family prayer. Each family member should reflect on a time when he or she has known the presence and wisdom of God in his or her life. Gather around a lighted candle and invite each person to share his or her story. After each story everyone prays, Oh God, we give you praise.

Together as a family, talk about the crosses you and your family have been asked to carry. (Examples: sickness, financial concerns, issues at school, etc.) On a cross cut from construction paper, write which cross you, as a family will help each other carry this week.

### Prayer of the Week-

We pray for our young people, growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals.

Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start,  
Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and keep alive their joy in your creation:

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# PURIFIED



**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:00-8:00pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**First 50 Tickets are \$8.00 each!**

After the first 50 tickets are sold, tickets will be raised to **\$20 per person.**

Free childcare for those under 7<sup>th</sup> grade is available during this event.

## A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (7<sup>th</sup> GRADE +)

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours.

Purified is a family-based event that invites parents as well as teens to learn about God's plan for love. It combines Jason Evert's presentation on chastity for the family, with a time of prayer, adoration, and the sacrament of reconciliation for everyone. We will also be distributing free resources to every attendee so that every member of the family can take items



**JASON EVERT** is a bestselling author of more than ten books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than one million people on six continents. He and his wife run the website [chastity.com](http://chastity.com).



Tickets available in the parish office [Stephanie.Rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:Stephanie.Rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)

## Altar Server Training

There will be two sessions for any young person who is interested in becoming an altar server. This is for individuals in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up thru high school—even young adults. All are welcome.

Sept. 15 at 4pm

Sept. 25 at 1pm

Any questions,  
please see Fr. Jeff.



## Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30am – 8:00am

We are pleased to announce That Man is You!

Fall session will begin meeting in-person on September 10<sup>th</sup> in the lower level. The theme is "All Things New" and will feature a variety of different speakers including Dr.

Scott Hahn. If you are looking to become a man fully alive in Christ, come

and check it out! New members are welcome!



**Contact Dennis Breier at (630) 536-6060 for more information.**



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### **Mass Intentions for the Week** **Saturday, September 3, 2022**

**5:30PM** John Sparks (Friends)  
 Jim Holloway (Kitty)  
 Peter M. Jurkash-1st ann (Michael Jurkash & Fam)

### **Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**8:15AM** Daniel Caruso (Family & Friends)  
 Margaret & Marco Rocco (Nick Rocco)  
 Felicia Grganto (Family)  
**10:00AM** Jean Belford-6th anniv (Family)  
 Tom Murray (Annie & Michael Hillebrand)  
 Wally & Joe Treaber (Family)  
 Joseph Hochnadel-25th anniv (Family)  
**NOON** Nancy Gleason (Eileen Dolehide)

### **Monday, September 5, 2022**

**9:00AM** Pat Kruse (Dan Sullivan)  
 Margie Begley (Family)  
 Mary Lynch (Family)  
 Josef Lukacisin-1st anniv (Friends)

### **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

**9:00AM** David Parrish (John McFadden)  
 Dolly & Dante Parinas (Family)

### **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**9:00AM** Judy Romano (Jerry Barich)  
 Michael Sisolow, Jr. (Mom & Jerry)  
 Joe & Bernie Nutile (Sheri)

### **Thursday, September 8, 2022**

**9:00AM** Bob Spitkowsky, Jr. (Mom)  
 Francis Vacco Valiarambail (Family)

### **Friday, September 9, 2022**

**9:00AM** Rosario Baradi (Family)  
 Stanley Gancarz (Frank & Fran Modelski)  
 Harry Borucki (Daughter Evelyn)  
 Babu Kamilesh (George & Sally)

### **Saturday, September 10, 2022**

**9:00AM** Annie Mathew (George & Sally)  
 Helen & Chester Burckaski (Leslie)

*Labor Day*



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