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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Without cost you have received; without cost
you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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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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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

June 14, 2026/The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

PASTOR'S LETTER

We are finally back into Ordinary Time on Sundays. The color green is all around us now in summer. The trees are green, the gardens are growing, people are busy mowing the lawn and trimming bushes, everything is growing. That is what the color green is meant to remind us of. Although the Church calls this ordinary time, there should be nothing ordinary about it. Ordinary time should be a time of continual growth for us. The gardens of our heart and soul should be growing and increasing. The produce we are growing should be shared with others in love. I hope during this season of Ordinary Time that we all grown in love of God and of each other.

It's so hard to find good help these days. We have commonly see "Help Wanted" signs. Many places have been experiencing labor shortages in the last few years. It has gotten bad with longer lines and supply chain problems. Want Ads going unfilled. Sadly, unfilled positions are all too common in the Church. I think God has been holding out the help wanted signs for millennia and not getting all the positions filled. The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. So, what are you going to do about it? Will you step up and reply to the want ad and put in the work?

The Gospel today is the calling of the apostles. Christ continues to call apostles, to call you and I to serve. Here is the best part, Christ doesn't call the perfect, he doesn't always call the best and brightest and most gifted and capable. Christ calls ordinary people. He calls you and I. When you look at the apostles, it doesn't exactly inspire a lot of confidence at first. It was a pretty rag tag group. Most had pretty rudimentary educations, they were not Rhodes scholars by any means. They were fishermen and common laborers. Some had questionable backgrounds, Matthew was a tax collector, so people would have been suspicious of him. Some turn out to be a bust and a real letdown, like Judas. But Jesus still called each of them and gave them a share in the ministry. There was something important that each could contribute. They all did in their unique way. That is what we can do as well. Each contribute in our unique way have to do something. We each have to pick up the want ad and answer the call and say yes, I will do it. God does not call the able, he enables the called.

The apostles were then sent out to find the lost sheep. Who are lost sheep among us? Who in our life needs to hear the Good News? Who can you reach out to? Neighbor, relative, friend, co-worker who needs to hear an encouraging word? Are you going to answer the want ad?

Please hold the Carmelites in prayer as we begin our chapter week. Carmelites from around the world are gathering in Niagara Falls, Ontario to enter into a week of prayer and discussion about our future as well as to elect leadership for the next three years. Fr. Rob has agreed to stay behind in order to keep the parish running. Let's try not to overburden him.



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

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

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34



03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

4:30pm Arlene Brescia (Donatello Family)

Kowalski Family-living (Family)

Victor & Rose Pilipowski (Daughter)

Theodore J. Stucko (Mark & Karen Costa)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:15am Elizabeth & Dominic Donatello (Family)

Dot, Pat, & Tom Sesto (Nick Rocco)

Rick Schultz (Kay)

10:00am Guia Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Donatila Camacho & Rodolfo DeGuzman Sr. (Family)

Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

A. Denison Weaver-19th Anniv. (Wife)

Noon John McMahon (McMahon Family)

Aldo Costabile (Maria Costabile)

Geraldine Dellamorte (Family)

Helen Dellamorte (Family)

MONDAY, JUNE 15

9:00am Robert McAllister (Pat Monahan)

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9:00am Alan Meachan (Family)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:00am Carmen Padilla (Elvia)

Gene Lang (Daughter)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

9:00am Francisco Cabigas (Family)

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:00am Dante Lee Fields (Family)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

9:00am Margaret Grace Munin (Eugene Munin)

OLMC in gratitude (Miranda Aurora)

Jeanette Lang (Daughter)



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

"Your Gifts are God's Blessings - Share Them!" Sign up for Ministry Opportunities!

Contact Lori Prado

Families are invited to serve as Greeters at our 4:30 PM, 10:00 AM, and Noon Masses.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together while warmly welcoming parishioners and visitors.

We look forward to hearing from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Families!



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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Feast Day

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Join us in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with prayer, song, and Mass on July 16, 2026.

We will start this day in person at 10:15 AM with a procession in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel taking place at the **Meditation Garden, 8419 Bailey Rd, Darien**, followed by our special Feast Day Mass at 11:30 AM taking place at the **National Shrine of St. Thérèse, 8501 Bailey Rd.**

If you are not able to attend in person, please join us online on the afternoon of July 16th to watch the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day Mass.



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



04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Questions of the Week

Question for Children: This week, how can you welcome someone at school or in your neighborhood who is feeling left out?

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to see the faith of the woman, even though she was a sinner. Who is in need of your forgiveness, even though they have done you harm? What is one way that you can offer forgiveness to someone in the weeks to come?

Question for Adults: How can you show compassion toward the marginalized members of society today?

Activities of the Week

Jesus welcomes the poor and marginalized. We are challenged to see people through Jesus' eyes. Spend time as a family this week researching another culture, race or ethnic group. Share stories of the wonderful traditions of people from around the world.

Talk about people in your community who are treated unfairly.

What can your family do to show compassion for those who are marginalized?



We really need your help! Spotlight: *Crew Leader*

Crew leaders need 2 important qualification:

- You love Jesus and you love working with children!
- Adult or HS student who are compliant with Diocesan safe environment requirements.

Crew leaders lead a small, mixed age crew consisting of 5-6 children in grades 1-5 along with 1-2 jr. helpers from grades 6-8. Crew leaders do not have to prepare content or teach in any activity. A Crew Leader's main job is to help your crew enjoy the week as you shepherd the children through the various activities.

Do you hear Jesus calling you to help? Call the RE office for more info.



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 Wish List:

Can you help us with a few supplies? Here are some things we can use: spray foam like Great Stuff, dark green plastic table cloths, wet wipes, paints in shades of green or brown., 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

June 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



High School Youth Group Meeting

June 17th 2:00 - 3:30 pm Church Basement

Come and celebrate the start of the summer with our Youth Group! We will design t-shirts, have some delicious snacks, and plan future summer meetings!



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

June 14, 2026/The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



HELP NEEDED

The harvest is great; the laborers are few.

1. We needed help to water the garden on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
2. We also need anyone to pull weeds any day of the week.
3. Lastly, we need harvesters on Mondays and Thursday for the food pantry.

Contact Deacon Ed at 630-254-6934



Join
Bishop Spies
at Chicagoland
Speedway for
NASCAR on
Sunday July 5

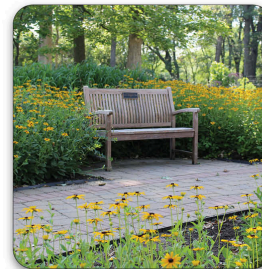
Meet and Greet
at the
North Gate
at 3:30 pm

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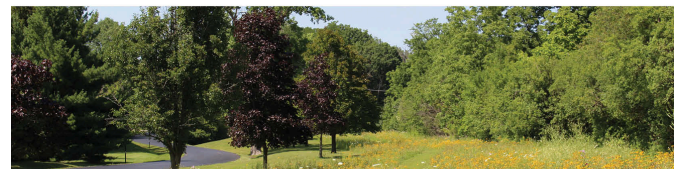
July 15, 2026
*Day of Reflection
for Adults*

Jesus invites us to embrace childlike wonder, while Ignatius encourages us to discover God's presence in all things. This retreat offers prayerful reflection and imaginative contemplation with creation as a sacred reflection of God's presence, and guides us into a deep, heartfelt encounter with the Divine. As we refresh our eyes, return to humility, and open ourselves to awe and wonder, we catch a glimpse of how God sees—the beauty, the mystery, and the surprises that surround us.



Retreat Leader: Mark Blancke

Theology graduate student at the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University; 6+ years of spiritual direction experience; working on two Master's Degrees in Theology (with a certificate in Ecological & Social Justice).



To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code
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Bellarmino's Open House



Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Bellarmine! Visit your favorite places on the grounds, take a guided tour, chat with a Jesuit, or experience our new prayer labyrinth. Bring family and friends, all ages welcome. Lemonade and cookies will be served.

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psalm with devotion
and compunction
than a hundred
with distraction.**

—St. Romuald

