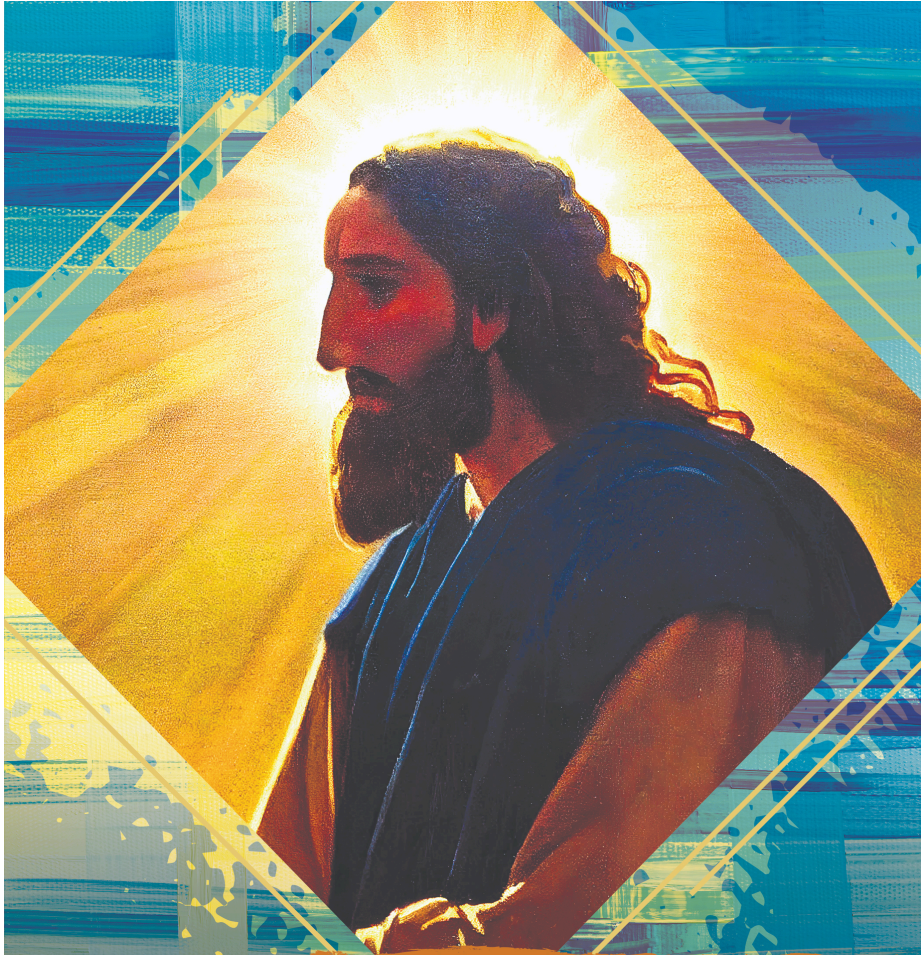


OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

HAPPY
FATHER'S
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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” - Mt 10:31-33

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JUNE 21, 2026
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
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We honor all fathers and
father figures today. May
God bless you for your love
and sacrifice, and may God
our Heavenly Father guide
you always.

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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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

June 21, 2026/Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S LETTER

I want to wish a very happy and blessed Fathers' Day to all the dads in our community. This day honors all the great men who have impacted our lives and shown us such love and care. I look back with fondness on my father and grandfathers. While not as "warm and fuzzy" as mom and grandma were, but they showed their love in different ways, which is important for a child growing up to experience. A bit more on the tough side, their love was undeniable. Dad was there for every event. While he enjoyed little league baseball and pee-wee football more, he was still there for the school plays and concerts. He taught me how to ride a bike, how to throw and catch a football and baseball, but most importantly he taught me how to be a man. Thank you, dad. So once again, a happy Fathers' Day to all our dads. One important lesson that my father modeled was service. He was active and involved. He was an usher and an extraordinary minister of communion in the parish, in the holy name society and Knights of Columbus. He modeled giving back to me as a child, that lesson has stuck. Which goes to prove the old lesson, your actions are more important than your words.

There is an old saying that the only things guaranteed in life are death and taxes. Sadly, true. However, I would like to add one more thing to that list, change. Change might be the hardest one of them all. We do not like change much at all. Some might be good change, we have been blessed to celebrate several weddings in recent weeks here and it is great to see a young couple willing to take the leap into the unknown together, that is a big change. Graduation season was just recently, and I know the transition from one school to another or into the work force is a big change that causes worry. We all experience change so often in life, and it can be nerve wrecking and we don't enjoy it. More often than not, we would like things to slow down and just stay the same, however that is not life. Change happens. We might feel like Jeremiah did, wanting to scream terror on every side and feeling like the world is conspiring against us. But the Lord is with me like a mighty champion. That needs to be our constant refrain.

The Gospel today gives us courage and tells us to fear no one. We are then reassured of our great love and worth. We are worth more than many sparrows and all the hair on our heads are counted. For some of us that is easier than others. However, there are two items for us to be aware of. We should live a life without secrets because those are dangers. It is only a matter of time before they come out. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed. So, live a life without secrets. Most importantly, acknowledge God before others. Let others know what God means to you in your life through your actions. I keep mentioning it is our actions that count. Show that we acknowledge God through what we say and do. Most importantly, take courage, we are loved, we have the strength and ability to do this. Don't fear change because God is on our side.



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

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

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026



Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

June 21, 2026/Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

4:30pm Intentions for All Fathers

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:15am Intentions for All Fathers

10:00am Intentions for All Fathers

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MONDAY, JUNE 22

9:00am Venigno Banez (Family)

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TUESDAY, JUNE 23

9:00am Betty A. Kapelka (Family)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00am Venigno Banez (Family)

Hallett Barry (Daughter)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9:00am Wendy Kovar (Family)

Bill Klaeseek (Family)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00am Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC



INTO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
YOUNG ADULT MINI-RETEAT

June 28th, 1:00PM-4:00PM
Join us for a **FREE** young adult mini-retreat at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Darien!
RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE AND JOINING THE GROUPME. WALK-INS ALSO WELCOME.

Together in Loss is a grief support ministry for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.
Summer Gatherings | Wednesdays
July 15th
August 19th
6:30pm- 8:00pm
For information, contact Lori Prado

“ INDEED THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST RUNS THE RISK OF BEING DISBELIEVED PRECISELY BECAUSE IT IS SO INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL. ”
- ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day

Thursday, July 16, 2026

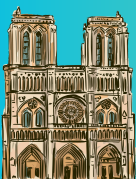
Join us in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with prayer, song, and Mass on July 16, 2026.

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 (<https://www.littleflower.org/>) on the afternoon of July 16th to watch the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day Mass.



PARISHONERS AROUND THE WORLD

Traveling this summer? Share photos of your family in front of churches you visit. We'll display them on our lobby screens. Email: frjeff@ourladyofmtcarmel.org.





Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

Activities of the Week

Today's readings remind us that God watches over and protects us. Together with your family listen to the song "Be Not Afraid," by Bob Dufford. (It can be downloaded from iTunes.) Discuss: How does faith in Christ help you when you are afraid?

Do you personally know someone who has shown courage in the face of hardship or fear? Show your support by writing a note of affirmation, or ask that person how you can help.



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 26 - 28 : Steubenville Conference

July 16th VBS Set Up - come help set up for VBS!

July 20 - 24 VBS! We need your help!
Come help run our VBS groups!

Prayer Request

Please keep the teens attending Steubenville in your prayers!

We have an amazing group of teens getting ready to attend Steubenville at the end of the month. We are looking forward to this fruitful weekend.

For the battle belongs to the Lord.
1 SAMUEL 17:47

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. **There are a few spots still available!**



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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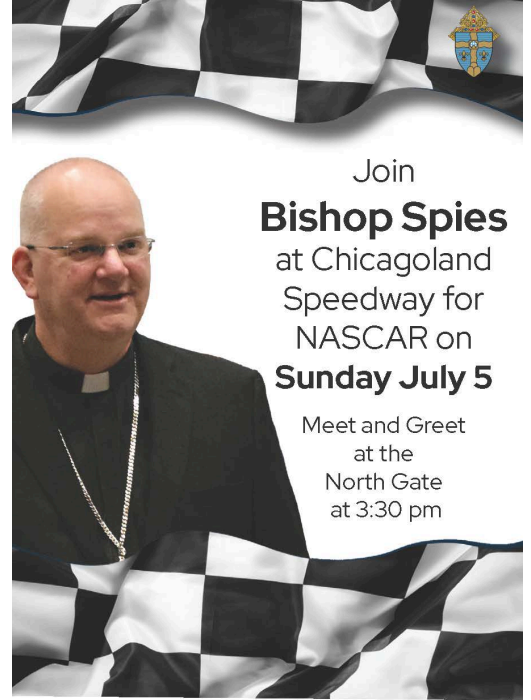


HELP NEEDED

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

**CHICAGOLAND
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Joyful Again!

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 Billiart Parish, Tinley Park IL
No overnight accommodations available
708-354-7211 | info@joyfulagain.org
For registration visit: www.joyfulagain.org

A Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing

Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for A Swing and a Prayer, our annual golf outing benefiting programs and services that provide hope, help, and support to individuals and families throughout the Diocese of Joliet.

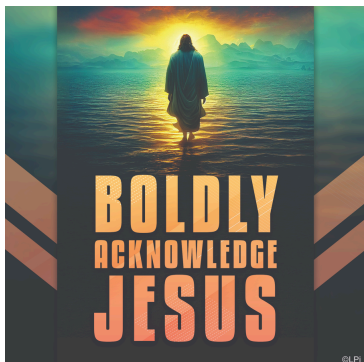


Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, Lemont.

Enjoy a day of golf, fellowship, and fun while supporting the important programs and services provided by Catholic Charities. Golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and the opportunity to participate in contests and win prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses, organizations, and individuals who wish to support the event and the mission of Catholic Charities.

To register or learn more, visit <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/event/swing/> or call **815-724-1140**.



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