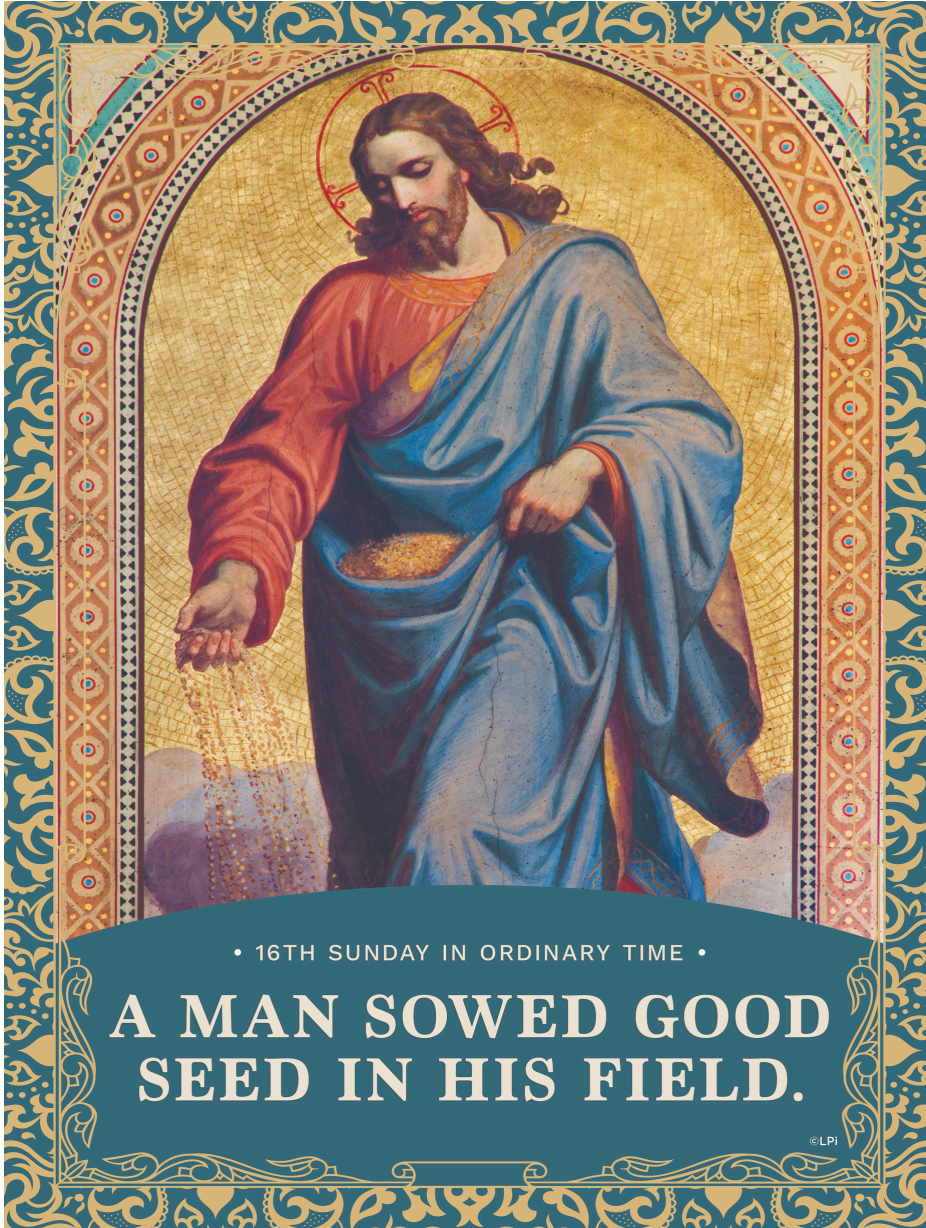


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

July 19, 2026/Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S LETTER

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is patronal day for our parish and for the Order of Carmelites. We are so blessed as a faith community, and it is all due to Our Lady. Let us celebrate the blessings of Mary on this great occasion. Even though the actual Feast day fell during the week, we will celebrate our Parish Feast this weekend.

The first hermits, believed to be former soldiers in the crusades, started to assemble on Mount Carmel near modern day Haifa, Israel, in the late 12th century. "Carmel" which means "Garden of God" was an oasis in a barren place. There was also a naturally occurring spring of water called a wadi there, so Mount Carmel became a good location for the hermits to live and it provided for their basic needs. The hermits lived separately but came together for the celebration of the Eucharist and other special occasions. Circa they year 1207 AD, the hermits sought to be officially recognized as a religious community and St. Albert of Jerusalem, the Patriarch of Jerusalem at that time, granted the brothers that recognition. The first brothers had a strong devotion to Mary. It was a common practice at the time, and still is, to dedicate a site to Our Lady of the place. So, Our Lady of Mount Carmel was named. The first hermits took the official name of the Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The fact that we called ourselves brothers to Our Lady has always shaped our relationship. Carmelites tend to have a very familial relationship to Mary since we regard her as a sister. She guides us more as a peer since we are her siblings. The devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has grown through the centuries and the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (Carmelites for short) has been blessed with so great a lady as our sister. The traditional flower associated with Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the sunflower, hence the arrangements around the statue all have sunflowers. The sunflower always turns toward the sun and follows it through the sky. The unique thing is that it will point its flower downward. This is a sign of Mary following her Son in humility. She follows her son with head bowed down. May Our Lady continue to bless all the brothers and sisters devoted to her on this special day.

We have so much to be grateful as a parish community. The Lord continues to pour out his blessings to all of us lavishly. On our patronal feast we give thanks for all who make Our Lady of Mount Carmel to amazing parish that it is.

I will be away on vacation from Sunday July 19 through Thursday July 30. I have a brief layover in Rome and then cruising around the boot of Italy to the Greek Islands. I will be able to spend a day in Turkey and plan to visit Ephesus. The city of Ephesus was a center of early Christianity. St. Paul visited the city many times and address his Letter to the Ephesians to the local church there. Ephesus is also closely associated with the Apostle John and Mary. It is believed that John and Mary settled in the city. The Basilica of St. John the Evangelist in located there and built over his tomb. The Home of the Blessed Mother and the site of her Assumption are also in the city. I am really looking forward to a "mini-pilgrimage" to this import center of the early Church and the connections to St. Paul, St. John the Evangelist and our Blessed Mother. I will remember all the parishioners and your intentions in my prayers while in Ephesus. Be nice to Fr. Rob while I am gone.



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

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



Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

July 19, 2026/Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4:30pm Dorie Bescia-Anniv. (Family)

Kowalski Family-living (Family)

Jerry Berresheim (Kathy)

Louise Ribando-living (Niece)

Bradley Stock (Family)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:15am Don & Nick Brescia (Nick Rocco)

Arlene Brescia (Nick Rocco)

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

David Spang (Family)

Pasquale Mastrodomenico-10th Anniv. (Family)

Eleonora Niziolek (Family)

Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

Wladyslawa Wapiennik (Family)

Noon Ludmilla Ratio (McMahon Family)

John Kapovich (Liz & Marianne)

Felix Wydra (Denise Andrews)

Rosa Rosales- 5th Anniv. (Family)

Manny Rosales-2nd Anniv. (Family)

MONDAY, JULY 20

9:00am Rich Matus (Charles & Peggy Neach)

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00am Harry Borucki (Daughter Evelyn)

Joseph DeMasi (Family)

Victoriana Quilang (Family)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

9:00am Don Krueger-12th Anniv. (Family)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00am Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00am Martin Boyle (Family)

Bruno Chapukonis (Jerry Barich)

Alvaro Vergara (Family)

Paciencia Vergara (Family)

SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

OLMC YOUTH GROUP

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



HELP FILL THE BACKPACKS!

- WE HAVE 30 BACKPACKS TO FILL.
- BACKPACKS CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER MASS ON JULY 26 OR FROM JEN'S OFFICE.
- PLEASE FILL A BACKPACK WITH THE REQUESTED SUPPLIES.
- RETURN FILLED BACKPACKS TO OLMC BY AUGUST 2ND.
- YOU CAN ADD AN ENCOURAGEMENT CARD IF YOU WISH.
- DONATIONS WILL GO TO OUR FOOD PANTRY THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

ALTERNATIVELY, DONATE SUPPLIES BY SCANNING THE QR CODE ABOVE FOR OUR AMAZON WISHLIST.

Plastic Folders (red, yellow, blue)	1 each
crayons (24)	1 box
# 2 pencils (sharpened)	24
elmers glue sticks	4
highlighters - (yellow)	3
markers broad tip (8-10 count)	1 box
box of tissue	1
colored pencils (12 count)	1 box
dry erase markers - black	4

Backpacks will be given to those in need at our Food Pantry



Announcing the 48th Annual

Wedding Anniversary Mass

AUGUST

SUN **30** 1:00 PM

2026

604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL 60435

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Deadline to register: August 10, 2026

Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:
815-221-6136
dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org

04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

July 19, 2026/Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Questions of the Week



Question for Children: What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

Question for Youth: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults: How would you describe “the weeds” which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know.

Activities of the Week

Like the weeds and wheat in today’s parable, good and evil exist together in our world. Discuss the values in today’s world that might be considered weeds.

The main concern of the landowner in this week’s Gospel is to nurture the growth of the wheat rather than to eliminate the weeds. Remind your children that you love them, even when you dislike their actions.



It’s ON! Rainforest Falls VBS starts Monday. Walk to the back to see how the halls transformed.

We would like to thank all who donated supplies, gift cards, snacks, and prayer with a special celebration to close out VBS.

Please join us on Friday, July 24 at 3:00.

The kids will put on a special performance followed with an ice cream social and games.

All parishioners are invited.



RE Updates

Still not registered? That’s okay, we are still taking registrations. You may pick up your packets in the RE office.

Join us Sunday, August 23 after the noon Mass for a celebration and open house for the new RE year. We will provide Hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have games and activities for all families.

RE officially begins on August 30-31.

Call the RE office for more information.

Pray for our VBS

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you, and with the greater Church.

We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love.

We ask that the truth of who you are sink deep into their hearts so they may share your love with all they meet. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them.

May the impact of VBS last a lifetime!

YOUTH MINISTRY

July Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

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

August 2nd: School Supply Drive
Help organize donated school supplies
1:00 - 2:30. Lunch will be provided.

Scan the QR to RSVP

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THE COMPLETE LIST.**

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**IF YOUR TEEN WOULD LIKE TO HELP
ORGANIZE, COME ON AUG 2ND 1 - 2:30. THIS
IS GREAT SERVICE PROJECT.**

Pre-VBS Tutoring**Middle School Math Tutoring**

(grades 4-6) before VBS, July 20 - 24th
from 10:45 - 12:00!

Interested parents should email:
avalizasoyeh@gmail.com
to sign their child up.

**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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OLMC Giving Report - General Fund

Date	Church Collection	Online Giving	Total
7/12/2026	\$15,765.50	\$4,896.00	\$20,661.50
7/5/2026	\$11,759.60	\$6,822.00	\$18,581.60
Total			\$39,243.10

6/15/26-6/29/16
TOTAL

\$48,393.15

**PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING
UP FOR AUTOMATED ONLINE
GIVING**



A Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, Lemont

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.

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
- * Drinks on the course
- * Buffet dinner
- * Lunch at the turn
- * Cocktail hour
- * Contests and prizes

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses, organizations, and individuals wishing 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.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have lost a spouse over six months ago or if your loss happened some time ago, this program is designed to support you. It helps you take steps forward while continuing to honor and cherish the meaningful memories of your spouse.

Joyful Again! is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

The next unique retreat/workshop will be held at this location. **All are welcome!**

What: 2 Day Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: August 8th & 9th, 2026 at Visitation Parish Elmhurst, IL

For more information on this retreat or to register, visit our website:

www.joyfulagain.org

For more information call: 708-354-7211

or e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

Knights Bingo returns to Westmont!



SUNDAYS BINGO

BEGINNING JULY 12

TECO Taiwan Cultural Center, 55 E 63rd St. (near McDonalds)

ALL ABOUT FUN, NO COMPUTERS!

9 BINGO CARDS FOR \$20
or
\$25 FOR 18 CARDS

SCHEDULE

Doors open at 11am,
Bingo starts at Noon,
usually done before 3pm.

- 10 Games each pay \$100 (single winner)
- Each pack has 3 cards for a \$300 Progressive Game (as listed, single winner)
- Also, other games are played!



For more info:
Hank3738knights@aol.com

CATHOLIC SPORTS CAMPS

Founded by 5x MLB All-Star Mike Sweeney and Fr. Burke Masters, Catholic Sports Camps combines elite instruction with faith-filled leadership.

REGISTER

HOCKEY
July 22-24
Ages 8-12

PICKLEBALL
July 27-28
Ages 8-12

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
July 27-28
Ages 8-12

