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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.” - Mt 13:49-51

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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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JULY 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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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 26, 2026/Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S LETTER

I grew up in an old house in my hometown of Norwood, New Jersey. It was well over 100 years and had a rich history as the first post office in town, a general store and a boarding house. Can you imagine all the nooks and crannies in the house? It was a great place to explore or play hide-n-go-seek. One day we were exploring the basement and found some storage rooms with smaller rooms off them. In one of them was an old trunk. When we opened it, we discovered a doll that came out of the 1920's or 1930's. We ran upstairs excitedly and showed it to our grandmother. She didn't say much but the expression on her face showed memories coming back to her. Maybe she received a doll like that for Christmas or her birthday. Sometimes you don't want to throw something out, so it's put in a box or trunk to be discovered again along with all the memories and people connected to it.

Christ is a great storyteller. A man happens to be in the right place at the right time and literally hits pay dirt. A treasure waiting to be found and he's the lucky guy! He pays off the bills, sets up a college fund for his children and finally goes on a great vacation. He didn't earn it. The treasure just came to him, and it changes everything. That's pretty much like the Kingdom. The Father is breaking into the world through His Son to bring life, forgiveness, and salvation. The long reign of sin, death and Satan is ending, with the final victory shown in the death and resurrection of Jesus. It all comes as gift, a total unexpected surprise given by the Father to all people.

While this is a gift that can never be earned, it does call for a response that goes beyond a nice feeling, but a change of life and a willingness to give one self to Jesus. With all that is given by Christ, nothing remains the same. A person gradually sees him or herself, others, the world and God through different eyes. It can mean becoming more patient, more willing to spend time in prayer with Jesus, a greater generosity shown in helping others or a parish ministry.

The treasures of God are all around us, in the Scriptures, the Mass, the sacraments of the Church, and in each other. All we need is the time to see them, a willingness, with the Lord's help to live them and a generous heart to share them.

FEATURING
FR. ROB!



**REV. ROB TRAUDT,
O.CARM.,
PAROCHIAL VICAR**

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



Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 25

4:30pm Dolly Aguilar-Godinez (Myer Family)

Christopher Lyons (KB)

Eileen Leslie-1st Anniv. (Family)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:15am Grace, Nick, Lucy, Florence, & Roseann Poli (Nick Rocco)

Arlene Brescia (Family)

10:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Uhl Family (Family)

Scott Arnold (Family)

Mary Both-10th Anniv. (Family)

Nora & Mike Geraghty (Family)

Dan & Pearl Kenealy (Family)

Eleonora Niziolek (Family)

Wladyslaw Niziolek (Family)

Wladyslawa Wapiennik (Family)

Noon Kathy Gearhart (Sheri)

Jim Cunneen (Family)

Mary & Chuck Bruce (Family)

Joanne & Dick Weigus (Family)

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00am Don Brescia (Donatello Family)

TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00am Adam Smith (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Mariano Manaligod (Family)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00am Lloyd Stauder (Pat Monahan)

James Barry (Sister)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00am Laverne & Steve Szynal (Daughter)

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 26, 2026/Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 i-tunes.) Discuss: How does faith in Christ help you when you are afraid?

Say a family prayer with petitions for people who live in frightening surroundings.

Include your own intentions.

Respond, "Lord, in your great love, hear our prayer."



RE Updates

Still not registered? That's okay, we are still taking registrations. You may pick up your packets in the RE office. Tell a friend about our program

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.

As always, we are looking for a few great people willing to share their faith with our young parishioners. If you would like to join our amazing team, we can sure use your gifts and talents. Check our website for updated needs, or call the RE office to find out how you can help. May God bless all of you!

Safe Environment

In order to maintain an environment that puts the safety of our children and vulnerable adults first, all church personnel, and volunteers who minister with minors and/or vulnerable adults on a regular, recurring basis are required to complete the Safe Environment requirements as identified by the Diocese, currently including the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults program (or PGC). Volunteers who work with minors must also complete the Mandated Reporter Training as required by State law.

For more information, please see our website:
<https://www.ourladyofmtcarmel.org/safe-environment-information>

Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to
be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer
season.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.

YOUTH MINISTRY

July Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

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

Scan the QR to RSVP



Confirmation 2027!

If your student is beginning their 2nd consecutive year of Confirmation preparation start thinking about

- Confirmation Sponsor
- Confirmation Name
- Baptism Certificate – if Baptized at a different church

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

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
7/20/2026	\$12,159.00	\$3,882.00	\$16,041.00
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			\$55,284.10

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

\$48,393.15

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



WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS!

DAVID & JENNIFER DE LA PIEDRA

MIKE & GINA ABBINANTI

Knights Bingo returns to Westmont!

BINGO
Knights of Columbus

**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



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CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS
ASSOCIATION

**World Day for
Grandparents &
the Elderly**

2026

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026 · FEAST OF
SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE



PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!



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PEACE BE WITH YOU



**"I WILL NEVER
FORGET YOU"**
ISAIAH 49:15