

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

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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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AUGUST 16, 2026
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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

August 16, 2026/Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am sure we have all had this experience. You dial the 1-800 number help line for a problem, and you get that infamous compute voice, please continue to hold, you call is very important to us, the next available operator will be with you shortly. That is followed by a few seconds of cheap instrumental music and the repeat of that message, please continue to hold.... We've all been there and done that. It is so frustrating. I just want an answer. I want it now!!! We have two choices then; we either stick it out or we hang up. So much of life is like that. It is waiting game. We get that at all stages of life. In our childhood we are anxious to grow up and get through school, but we have to wait. In our work life are anxious to get going and start a career but so often it takes time to build into a success. Family life requires us to wait. Retirement requires us to wait. It can drive us crazy at times but often is for our best.

Life is what you do while waiting. The woman in today's Gospel, made life happen while waiting. She kept calling out after Jesus, and Jesus ignored her, or so it seemed. Please continue to hold and the next available operator will be with you shortly. There are lots of theories as to why Jesus made the women wait. Why does God make us wait often times for an answer? We don't know. We do have two options; we wait it out and keep holding on the line for our answer or we hang up and give up. That option is always before us. The woman today, held on. She did not give up. She kept after Jesus. She kept on the line and was not leaving until she got her answer. That is the example for all of us to follow. To keep on the line and not give up.

School is starting up real soon; the best thing a student can hear is the words "you passed". That is the hope and desire at least. I am sure they will succeed and do great things while in school and throughout life. You passed. That is ultimately, what the woman heard today. That is what we want to hear from God too. Well done good and faithful servant, you passed. The only way we will hear that is by holding on the line. Life is what you do while waiting. Make the wait worth it!

The lobby tile project is coming along nicely. Thank you for your patients with the disruptions. It will look beautiful when completed. Many parishioners have been inquiring about how Fr. Bob Carroll is doing. Sadly, he is experiencing numerous health problems and continued cognitive decline. He has been in the hospital several times in the last couple of weeks. Fr. Bob has been moved into assisted living at Franciscan Village in Lemont. His new address is in the bulletin. I know he would appreciate cards and well wishes.



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

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



Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

August 16, 2026/Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

4:30pm Dorie, Arelene, & Donny Brescia (Family)
Kowalski Family-living (Family)
Andrew Joseph Zeh (Family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:15am Ralph Moore (Nick Rocco)
Arlene Brescia (Family)
Roy Simmons (Family)

10:00am Joselito Reyes (Family)
Wladyslawa Wapiennik (Family)

Noon Virgie LaScola (Niece)
Margie O'Leary (Cousin)
Mark Coughlan (Miles & Pat Cahill)

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00am Tony Corso (Evelyn Antikauskas)
Patricia Heery (Family)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00am John Norbut (Family)
Esteban Family (Family)
Laverne Mynsiyac (Josie)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00am John Biskupski (Frank & Fran Modelski)
Larry Monahan-14th Anniv. (Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00am Mary Clare Karnick (Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00am Edmund Majewski (Family)
Charles Antikauskas (Evelyn Antikauskas)
Kathleen Kasperski-3rd Anniv. (Germaine Moore)
Rose Sunny)Sheri)

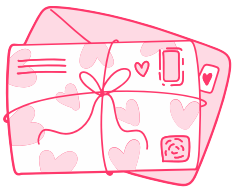
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00am William Mulcahy (Eugene Munin)
Genevieve Augustine (Donatello Family)

Send cards and well wishes to

Fr. Bob Carroll:

Mother Theresa House
1270 Franciscan Drive
Fr. Robert Carroll, Room 111
Lemont, IL 60439



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"COME AND SEE"

Biblical Institute
in the Diocese of Joliet

PREVIEW EVENTS

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St. Michael's (Wheaton)
August 20 7-8:30 p.m.
September 3 7-8:30 p.m.

The Blanchette Center (Crest Hill)
August 18 7-8:30 p.m.
September 1 7-8:30 p.m.

St. Andrew Parish (Romeoville)
August 15 & 16 at Masses

Carlo Acutis Parish (Crest Hill)
August 25 7-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Parish (Winfield)
August 27 7-8:30 p.m.

This September, Mayslake Ministries registers for **TWO** Biblical Institute sites: **The Blanchette Center** in Crest Hill (Year 1) and **St. Michael Parish** in Wheaton (Year 12 ..

If you're interested in learning the Bible, but aren't sure if this is the program for you, join us for a BIDJ Preview Night. You'll learn a lot about this great program—and a few things that will help you with Scripture right now. Jesus invited potential disciples to "come and see." We invite you to "come and see" how BIDJ can help in

- **Learn about** the Catholic approach to Scripture, and how this program uses it.
- **Meet** a BIDJ instructor.
- **Talk to** current BIDJ students.
- **Learn how** this kind of Scripture study can help you grow in your Catholic faith.
- **See** the resources used in this program.
- **Get a feel** for a typical BIDJ class.
- **Ask** your questions about BIDJ and about Bible study in general.

Mayslake Ministries

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RE Updates

Still not registered? That's okay, we are still taking registrations. You may pick up your packets in the RE office, or see one of our RE team members after all masses this weekend. We will be on the upperdeck. 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

1st RE Session-August 30 & 31-

NO RE-September 6-7 Labor Day

Family Faith Session-September 15 at 7:00

1st Communion Parent Meeting-September 29 at 7:00



Questions of the Week

Question for Children: What is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

Question for Youth: Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

Question for Adults: When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

Activity of the Week

Spend time as a family writing letters to Jesus. The letter may be as simple as completing the following: Dear Jesus, the one thing that I most want you to do for me is... Let the young children in the family dictate their letters to an older family member. Place the letters in a prayer space and talk about the need to persevere in prayer and never lose hope.

Catechist Corner

RE starts on August 30 & 31 and we are still looking for a few catechists!

Would you prayerfully consider joining our team? You do not need to be a professional teacher, and our lesson plans are written out for you. You just need to have a desire to share your call with our younger parishioners. And we have a lot of fun!

You will need to have a VIRTUS account and be compliant with Diocesan Safe Environment Policies. Please see Sherry Rochford to get help in creating or updating your account.

If you would like to be part of our team, or are discerning the invitation, please see one of our Faith Formation team members on the upper deck after all Masses this weekend.

Thank you so much for sharing your faith. Please continue to pray for our Program! God Bless!



YOUTH MINISTRY

August Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

August 25th: Youth Group Leadership Meeting.

If you have a teen who is interested in joining our Youth Group Leadership team, join us on August 25th from 6:30 – 7:30. Dinner will be served.



High School Teens: Mark your calendar!!

September 20th is our first Youth Group Meeting!

Confirmation 2027!

Year 1 Students are 7th grade or older who are on their **first year** of Confirmation Prep.

Year 2 Students are 8th grade or older who are on their **2nd consecutive year** of Confirmation Prep.

Upcoming Parent Meetings

Year 1 parents are invited to their student's RE class the week of **September 13 or 14th**. Please plan to stay the entire session.

Year 2 students and parents are asked to attend our Confirmation Meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.**

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. **Classes start on September 13th at 11:00 am.**

I look forward to meeting with you all then!

If you are or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or completing initiation, don't hesitate to get in touch with 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
8/10/2026	\$12,013.00	\$5,387.00	\$17,400.00
8/3/2026	\$13,654.00	\$5,234.00	\$18,888.00
Total			\$36,288.00
7/5/26-7/27/16 TOTAL			
\$68,902.10			

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WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS TO THE OLMC FAMILY!

JOE & JORDAN FRAZZETTA

ANDY & AGNES STRAZAK

ANTHONY & ANGELINA FRATRANTION

Kinship, Courage and Hope



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House



September 25-27, 2026

Ignatian, Semi-Silent Weekend Retreat for Adults

An interfaith, co-ed weekend to explore how to ease our anxiety and cultivate attitudes and practices to bring peace into our daily lives. We will present teachings on the Spiritual Exercises, mindfulness meditation, explore our common humanity, and foster courage and hope for a way forward in a chaotic world. There will be time for silent reflection, new ways to pray, embodied prayer based on qi-gong and tai chi, and the beauty of nature to refresh your spirit.

Retreat Leaders



Fr. Michael Sparrough, SJ



Erin Maiorca



Elizabeth Neubauer

To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code
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The Society of Mount Carmel issued this public statement regarding the Future of the "White House" on the Carmelite Property:

For decades, the building known as the "White House" has stood as a familiar presence on our Carmelite grounds, quietly witnessing the growth and evolution of both our local community and our ministries. We are aware of the structure's significance and the many fond memories it holds for the surrounding community.

In 1959, the Carmelites purchased the building, along with the surrounding ten acres, to become part of the Aylesford Retreat Center of the Carmelite Fathers. The building is now the St. Simon Stock Priory and serves as the home of Carmelite Friars, both active and retired.

For the past eight years, the Society of Mount Carmel has undertaken exhaustive assessments and inspections of this century-old building to address necessary structural repairs. After careful and informed deliberation, we came to the difficult decision to proceed with the demolition of the building.

This conclusion was not reached lightly. Over time, the structure has suffered significant, compounding deterioration. Comprehensive evaluations by facility professionals have revealed that the building requires extensive, systemic repairs to meet basic safety codes and modern operational standards. The scope of these necessary interventions is vast.

As stewards of the resources entrusted to us, we have a profound responsibility to ensure our facilities sustainably serve our mission and the broader community. Unfortunately, the financial reality is that the cost to rehabilitate the "White House" far exceeds what is economically feasible.

Demolition is the most prudent and responsible path forward. It ensures the immediate safety of our grounds and allows us to redirect our focus and resources toward a sustainable future. Although this physical structure will be respectfully removed, the landscape it occupies—including the 400-year-old oak trees—will be preserved and will continue to support the Carmelite mission of prayer, contemplation, and community presence.

The Society of Mount Carmel is currently planning for the site's future use following the completion of the demolition. Prior to the demolition, we are committed to safely removing and preserving key architectural elements. Important historical artifacts—including the Castle Eden entrance gates, stained-glass windows, dining-room wood paneling, and period chandeliers—will be salvaged and integrated into our future plans for the property. A commemorative plaque will be installed at the site to share its rich history.

We appreciate the community's understanding, prayers, and continued support as we undertake this necessary transition.

Anybody with questions should contact the Society of Mount Carmel at 630-971-0050 or email [Karen Dempsey at kdempsey@carmelites.net](mailto:kdempsey@carmelites.net).

