

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

8404 S. CASS AVE. DARIEN. IL 60561



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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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 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
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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 30, 2026/Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is hard to believe that the month of August is over. Fall is officially upon us as we head into September. All the kids are back in school and our parish RE begins this weekend. It will be great to see all the children again. They bring such life and energy to our parish. If only we could get them all to attend mass. I am sure many of the kids spent the summer outside playing some classic childhood games, like follow the leader and Simon Says. It is great to grow up playing with the neighborhood children and forming community. It sure beats staring at computer screen for hours. Follow the leader and Simon Says teach us about the importance of following directions and imitating a good example.

A good question for us to reflect upon this week is what example are we following? Have we had good role models in our life? Are we being a good role model to others? The truth is that we are all following something or someone. Are we following what another person says and acting in a way just to please that person? Are we following our impulses and desires? Are we following our own bad ideas and actions? Or are we following something that is truly good? Are we following Jesus Christ?

The Gospel today has Jesus telling us, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." That is the Follow the Leader or Simon Says that we need to be playing. We should be following the example of Christ. He is the one that we should be striving to imitate. We are called to love as Jesus loves. That is a tall order, no one does it perfectly, but we try. We try to love others. We try to help out where we can. We try to forgive. We try to build up peace and understanding among all people. We try to take up our cross and follow Jesus, our true leader. Who are we following today?

Tile is nearing completion. The lobby already looks so much brighter! There is still work on the basement stairs and ramp by the restrooms and RE area that needs to be done. I am just glad to be in the home stretch. However, the work continues as the roof work begins in late September. As I mentioned in my column last weekend, all these repairs and renovations are possible through our parish savings. Many parishioners who have gone before us so generously donated through the years. Please consider donations to the parish building fund in order to replenish what is being spent, so that years from now our community can continue to thrive and fix what needs to be done.



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

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



Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

03 INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4:30pm Ellen Nowak (Family)

Ken Bala (Family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:15am Rose, Anthony, & Anthony Jr. Pizzisi (Nick Rocco)

10:00am Edward Mueller-12th Anniv. (Family)

Pat Metsch (Friends)

Noon Walter Krupinski (Rob)

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00am Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello (Family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00am Irene Bukowski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Joseph DeMasi (Wife)

Unni Abraham Kardot (Family)

Sam Stauder (Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00am Donald Kimbrel (Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00am Barbara Lomax (Rob)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00am Parishoners of OLMC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00am Martin "Bud" Burke (Pat Monahan)

Christopher Szyal (Family)

David Piel (Family)

Margie Begley (Family)

Mary Lynch (Family)



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.



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 Overnight Retreat/Workshop will be held at this location. *All are welcome!*

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

When: Sept. 12 & 13, 2026 at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, 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



In Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Journeys that Shaped America (USCCB)

Sept. 20, 2026 | 2 PM

Christ the Servant Parish

8700 Havens Dr, Woodridge



Welcome Back!

Young at Hearts

Meets on the Lower Level

Join us **September 3rd at 10am**

Hope to see you then!

Together in Loss



Join our grief support ministry for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Our next gathering will be

Saturday, September 19th

10-11:30am

Contact Lori Prado for info

Send cards and well wishes to

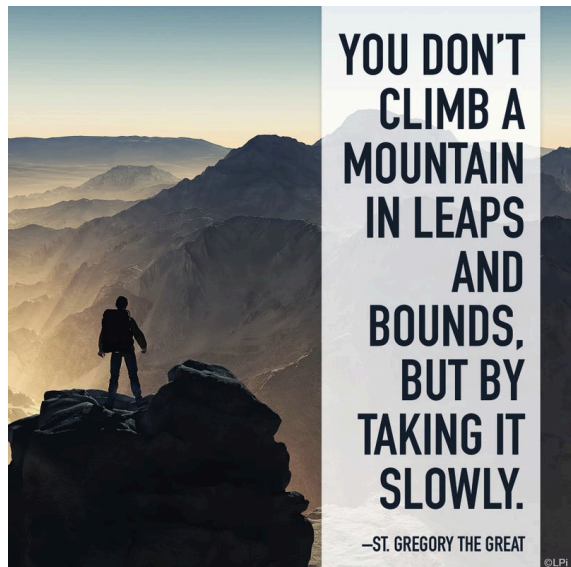
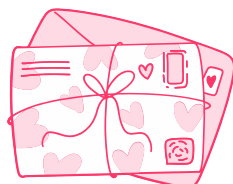
Fr. Bob Carroll:

Mother Theresa House

1270 Franciscan Drive

Fr. Robert Carroll, Room 111

Lemont, IL 60439



04 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RE FAMILIES

WELCOME BACK!

We are so happy to have you back and we are looking forward to another great year.



RE Updates

Still not registered? That's okay, we are still taking registrations!

We are currently looking for a few more people willing to share their faith with our youngest parishioners. Don't worry, you do not need to be a professional teacher. We are looking for faith filled people just like you to bring Christ alive to all our little disciples.

Our current needs are:

Sunday 9:00 AM-Pre School Adult to help the teen leaders, catechists for 1st & 3rd grades

Substitutes and aides-Can also use a parking lot helper

Sunday 11:00 AM-Teen helpers, an Adult Aide for 5th grade, office help & substitutes

Monday 5:00 PM-7th grade Catechist, Substitutes, Aides, and Parking Lot Attendant

Monday, 7:00 PM-Catechist for grades 5 & 6

We are also looking for a few people to help with our Special Needs program

Called CHRISTOS. CHRISTOS meets twice a month on

Saturdays from 3-4 PM



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

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we each called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

Question for Adults: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

Activities of the Week

Have each family member cut a cross from construction paper. On the crosses, describe a cross that you will carry for Jesus this week. Keep the crosses on the refrigerator or in another prominent place in your home as a reminder of your commitment to Christ.

Each day this week pray for your family as you get into the school routine. Pray especially for our Deaconate Candidates, Frank Prado & Pravin Lewis, who are headed back for their last year of formation!

YOUTH MINISTRY

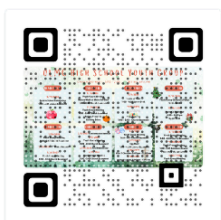
August Newsletter

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

Sept 20th: Youth Group Meeting!

Join us for our first Youth Group Meeting on September 20th from 1:00 - 2:45. We will discuss our faith, enjoy some lunch and play yard games outside. Bring a friend!

Interested in staying up to date with our High School Youth Group? Scan the QR code to view our exciting calendar this year. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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
8/24/2026	\$10,905.00	\$4,396.00	\$15,301.00
8/17/2026	\$11,704.51	\$3,707.00	\$15,411.51
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			\$67,000.51

7/5/26-7/27/16
TOTAL
\$68,902.10

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



**Pray
more
worry less**

Knights of Columbus Council 3738 Reverse Raffle \$5,000 Grand Prize

Link to purchase online [Reverse Raffle - KofC Reverse Raffle](#)
Or see a member of KOC #3737 St. John Council

Saturday, September 26th, 2026; 6pm-10pm
6pm-7pm: cocktails/appetizer
7pm-7:50pm: Dinner
8pm-9ishpm: Reverse Raffle ~ \$5000 to a single winner
\$100 ticket includes food & open bar for 1 person.
Additional person for food & open bar at \$25.00
Consolation prizes drawing to win \$50 for every 10 tickets selected
Minimum 100/Maximum 175 tickets will be sold.
Winners need not be present.
Tickets will be available at Cruisin' Nights or you can also reach out to Steve Conklin (steve.conklin@marriott.com)

Where can you go these days that guarantees you four hours of great company, delicious food and beverages for you and a guest for \$125. And then have a chance to win \$5,000!!



BLOOD DRIVE

Proudly sponsored by The Darien Woman's Club
and the Indian Prairie Public Library

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

12:30 PM to 6 PM

Indian Prairie Public Library
401 Plainfield Rd. Darien, Illinois

Appointments recommended

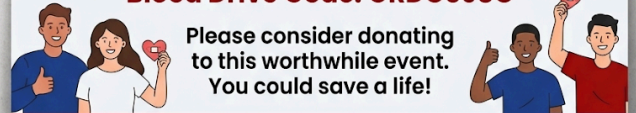
HOW TO DONATE:

Call 877-258-4825

Visit vitalant.org

Walk-ins are also accepted.

Blood Drive Code: ORDO398G



Please consider donating
to this worthwhile event.
You could save a life!

JOIN BISHOP SPIES, PRIESTS & DEACONS ACROSS THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET FOR A Night of Prayer, Music, & Adoration



**This will be
outside.
Please bring
your own
blanket or
chair**

**Wednesday, September 23rd
7:00PM
Dupage County Campus
503 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton**

As our nation marks its 250th anniversary, people across the Diocese of Joliet are invited to gather for a historic public Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join Bishop Spies, priests, deacons, and people across the Diocese for an hour of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration as we pray for our nation.



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