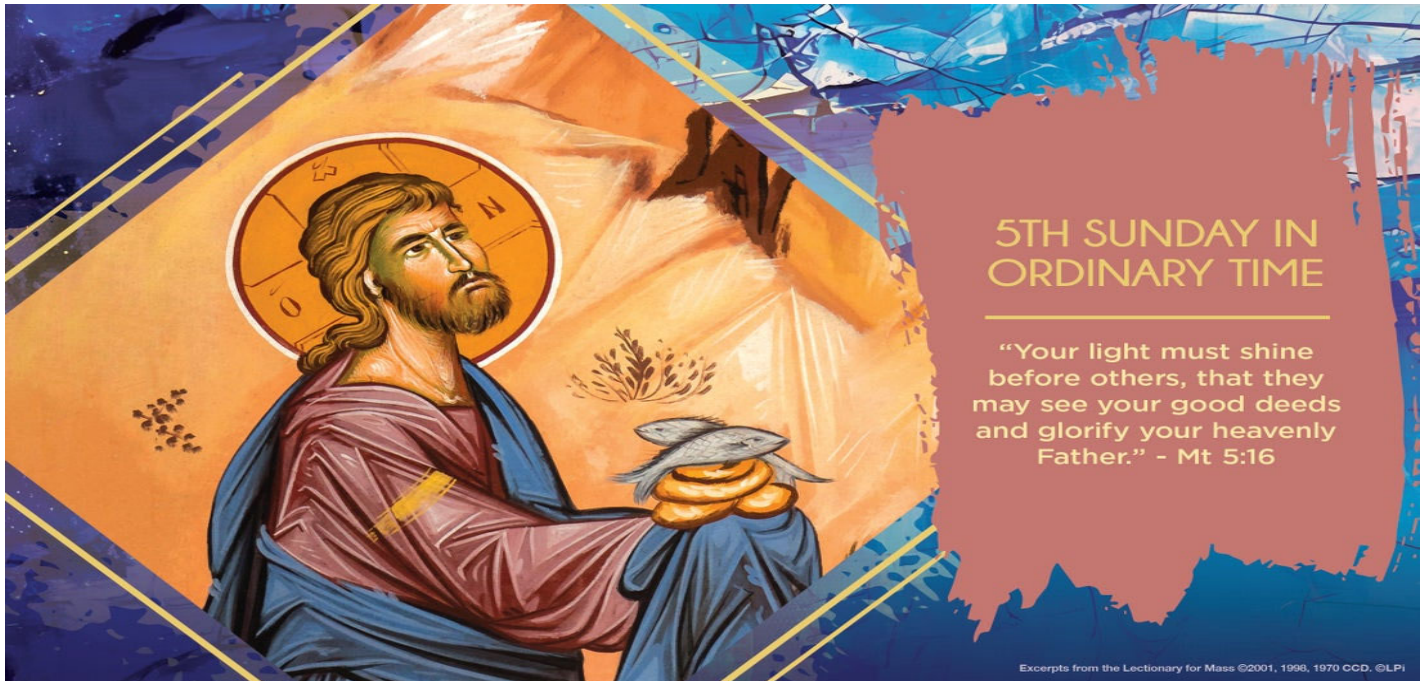


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

February 5, 2023 † Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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DARIEN, ILLINOIS 60561
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Religious Education Phone Number: 630-963-3053

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday - 4:30 PM Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon

Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM

Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM Holy Day - 9 AM - 7:00 PM
(Call Office to verify Mass times)

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

Parish Mission Statement

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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Salt is one of the most valuable substances on earth. We may not think of it that way today considering most of our doctors are probably trying to tell us to limit our salt consumption. In Jesus' time salt was a highly prized commodity. You could barter for goods with salt and to have salt to add to food was a luxury few could afford. While today, salt is plentiful and relatively inexpensive, it is still an important item. Our human bodies cannot function without some salt present. "The human body requires a small amount of sodium to conduct nerve impulses, contract and relax muscles, and maintain the proper balance of water and minerals. It is estimated that we need about 500 mg of sodium daily for these vital functions." (Harvard School of Public Health website). In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth. I think this is a two-fold challenge to us. First, we are called to bring "flavor" to the life of others. We should be the ones bringing a little bit of happiness to others. Are people happy and excited to see us or do people try to avoid us? Are we bringing life and excitement into others or are we a burden to others? Just how are we bringing "flavor" into our homes, our workplaces, and into your community? Even more important than bringing "flavor" is to bring life. Just as physical life can't exist without salt present, are we nurturing the faith life in others? Are we sharing the Good News in such a way that people are being drawn deeper into the life of Christ? Life without salt is not possible, just as life without Jesus Christ is not possible. Are we truly being the salt of the earth?

Fr. Jeff

<i>January 29, 2023 Collection</i>			
	<i>Church</i>	<i>Online</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	<i>9,686.00</i>	<i>3,666.22</i>	<i>13,352.22</i>
<i>Build Oper & Maint</i>	<i>110.00</i>	<i>102.00</i>	<i>212.00</i>
<i>Needy</i>	<i>115.00</i>	<i>132.00</i>	<i>212.00</i>





Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 invite you to be *Nourished* in
your caregiving ministry

Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy.
 We understand family caregivers need somewhere to turn to for information, strength and connection during the caregiver journey.

Let us provide that for you, all with a Christ-centered view.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 11

8:30 am to 10:00 am at Our Lady of Peace

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thrive • Empower • Advance •

Cathy Lentz 630-852-3303 catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org OR
 Kellie Moore 630-323-4392 kmoore@olopdarlen.org for more information

Donut Sunday on Feb. 12th!

Start out SUPERBOWL SUNDAY with a donut after mass! Football is fun, but life is good at OLMC when we share our faith, family and FOOD! We cheerfully welcome any volunteers for this delicious ministry.



Contact Karen and Mike Flavin
Flavinfamily1@gmail.com



Retrouvaille is a program designed for married couples who are struggling. Retrouvaille helps couples learn to communicate on a deeper level, and has helped thousands of couples return to a healthy, God-centered marriage.

>>> Our next weekend will be held March 17th - 19th, 2023 <<<

For information please contact:
 Retrouvaille of Joliet - 1-815-246-2080

Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting

Navigating our Catholic Faith:
"Follow me!"

All Catholic Scouts in the Joliet Diocese are invited!

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting
2023 WINTER DAY OF RECOLLECTION
February 25, 2023
Our Lady of Peace Church
 701 Plainfield Rd. Darien, IL

9am—12 pm

CONSECUTIVELY RUN PROGRAMS FOR:
 Scouts K—5 Scouts 6 grade +
\$5/ per scout

- Presentations
- Activities/Games

- Group Discussions
- Religious Reqs

- Mass
- Boards of Review

Registration on jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

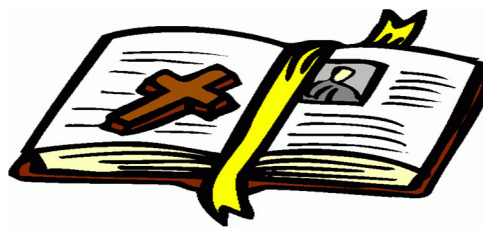
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]



Cathy's Corner—*The Whole Truth in the Kingdom of God*

Misinformation creeps out in many forms, but one of the most insidious is the half-truth, a mixing together of fact and fiction so that neither can be identified. It was true that God said the man and the woman could not eat from a tree in the garden, but false that it was from all trees. It was true that God said they could not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden, but false that they could not even look at it. It was true that eating of the forbidden fruit would open their eyes to good and evil but false that it would make them like gods because nothing could make a created thing into the one that had created it. So, confused by what was really true, and seduced by what was really false, Adam and Eve violated the one simple and straightforward command God had given them. And in an instant, rather than becoming like gods, they separated from God, the good and beautiful bodies God had made for them bringing them only shame. Cunning indeed was that serpent, interpreting a truth in a way that was false, leading the woman to do the same.

Jesus was aware of the danger of half-truths. He knew that he was becoming famous with people as a healer and an exorcist. But that was just a part of who he truly was. It was not until the cross and the resurrection that the whole truth would be revealed. His miraculous works were signs of the inbreaking of the kingdom of God, but the crowds just cared about witnessing a deaf man who could now hear and a mute man who could now speak. Hence he ordered those who had experienced his compassion and his mercy not to tell anyone. Because the resulting misinformation could become an insidious half-truth about the kingdom of God, characterizing it as only about seeking from the Lord our own healing and happiness while deciding for ourselves who is or is not worthy of the same. But the world God created for us is about so much more than that.

The simple and straightforward truth about the kingdom of God is that it is about prioritizing the needs of others who suffer so deeply and anonymously in this world that exists on our side of Eden. It is about seeing everybody as does our God, made in God's image and likeness, treating each therefore as precious and worthy of our compassion and our mercy. Can we reach out to God for healing for ourselves and those we love? Absolutely. But if that is all we do in our relationship with God we risk separating ourselves completely from the kingdom Jesus gave his life to open for us. We risk being seduced by the half-truth that our faith is only about us and God. Every body is good and beautiful, created by God and deserving of all that is good and beautiful. What miraculous works we can perform if we recognize that as the whole truth.

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37



RE News...

We are looking for a few catechists and seasonal helpers. If you would like to share your gifts with our youngest parishioners, please call the RE Office.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?

Question for Youth: How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?

Question for Adults: What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

Activity of the Week:

Pop some popcorn for a family snack. Leave some of the popcorn unsalted and salt the remainder. Then salt a small portion too much. Can the salt be removed from the too salty popcorn? Without salt, how does the popcorn taste? Discuss how this relates to the Christian who maintains his/her salty walk despite what the world thinks. What is a salty Christian? How is one different from an unsalted one?

Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, in your holy face we see the face of God. Help us to keep our eyes always fixed on you, so that in everything we do, we may be pleasing to you. May we love you and follow you all the way to God's Kingdom where you live and reign with God the Father, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Dates

Reconciliation-Grade 2 and 4 Families

Tuesday, February 7 (A-L) or
Wednesday, February 15 (M-Z)
6:30 for instruction and sharing
7:00 Service begins

Catechist Evening of Formation

Please keep our Catechists in prayer as they join other catechists from around the diocese for an evening or reflection about the Eucharist. Catechists: if you signed up for dinner, please be at St. Thomas aby 6:00 PM and enter through Door A. If you signed up for the speaker only, please be there by 6:45 PM and enter in the main Church doors.

Family Mass-

We are looking for RE students to do the readings, bring up the gifts, and help usher or greet at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, February 12. Call the RE office if you are interested.

Family Faith Session-

Our Family Faith Session will meet on Ash Wednesday this month, between the 5:00 and 7:00 Masses. The theme -Morality and Lent. Join us in the 3rd grade classrooms at 6:00 pm.

Teaching Mass

Join us at 3:00 on Sunday, February 26 as we learn about the Mass. Fr. Jeff will walk us through the Mass parts, and we will learn about why we do what we do at Mass. This is required for 3rd and 5th grade students as part of their curriculum, but all are invited.



Mary Anne Trochim	James Curley
Julie Ann Lacey	Barb Schunk
John Guzior	Frank Jasek
Jeanette Seebock	Nancy Kososki
Donald W. Pecor	Bridget Gallmeier Raineri
Nancy Jisisju	Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bill Haran	Susan Nugent
Evelyn Swartz	Abby Grace McCarver
Jean & Mark Boyd	Allen Raineri
Jamie Carpenter	Diana Clohecy

Lindsey Johnson	Diahann Bavan
PFC Jonathan Poynton	Ronand Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
Joe Barker	Derek McCarthy
Elliot Broccardo, Marines	Joe Michalski
Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC	Steve Baker, Lt
Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army	Luke Fluder
S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy	Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
Ryan Pertile, Army	Vincent Napoli, USMC
Major Thomas Bessler	Nikolas Horskey, Army
Mike Noonan	Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
Adam Kowalski, Army	Capt. Tim Wilson
Capt. James Lucas US Army	Rachael Smith
Sgt. Greg Burnett	Kevin Pope
Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC	Dave Rawlings
Ron Caruso Jr.	Cpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Specialist Drew Stocks	Tom Reiter
Christine Christensen, USAF	Nathaniel Rozgo
Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC	Robert DeMatio
Colin Cusack	Frank McKenna, Navy
Michael Sklodowski, Army	Captain Jackson Panice
Nick Radziwon, US Navy	Ryan Snyder
Gwen Zemaitis Baker	Capt. James Lienau
James Lucas US Army	Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
Capt. Melissa Sprague	Pat Gill Petty Officer
Capt. Mark Sprague	Brian Sheenhan, Army
Zach Wallace	Joseph Higgins
James Chipman	Gary Hogan
Keith Thomas	Kevin Hornett
L.C. David Treadwell	Dan Eugene Bavan
Timothy Vaughn, USAF	Dan Welters
Zachary Bell	Alex Erkiens
Christopher Johnson USCG	Ted Cook
Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army	
Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC	
Pvt Dylan R. Hagan	1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
Danielle Monahan SrA	

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 4, 2023

4:30PM Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Sunday, February 5, 2023

8:15AM Carmella & Steve Scamardi (Nick Rocco)

Ethel Louise Gicei (Rita Thompson)

10:00AM Dr. Cornelio Casaclang Jr. (Friend)

Rob Cotner (Friend)

Niel Sanchex-living (Family)

Lucille & Timothy Noble (Family)

Myron Pengiel (Family)

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Monday, February 6, 2023

9:00AM Amando Calucin (Sisters-in-law)

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

9:00AM Gene Chesen (Family)

Michael Sislow Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9:00AM Gene Saffold (Eugene Munin)

Thursday, February 9, 2023

9:00AM Dom Donatello (Donatello Family)

Avery Krashen (Ampy)

Juanito Seqovia (Family)

Friday, February 10, 2023

9:00AM Julie Meehan-living (Family)

Saturday, February 11, 2023

9:00AM Recaredo Novales (Family)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10. Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Matthew 5:13-16.

Being Salty. In old Roman times, soldiers were paid in salt (it is the root word for "salary"). We are not paid with salt but are told to be salt today. Salt of the earth. Told, not to use "salty" language, but to be seasoned, tasty. We are also told to be light today. Light of the world. Told, not to show the goodness of our deeds, but to let our good deeds manifest the glory of God.

⇒ How will I season, enliven someone's life today?

⇒ How will I shine God's light on some gloom in today's world?

⇒ How will doing this mercy work _____, show the blessedness of God and Christ and Spirit?