

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

April 16, 2023 † Second Sunday of Easter

The Feast of

Divine Mercy

Holy Hour 3 p.m.



***A Day of
Extraordinary
Grace!***

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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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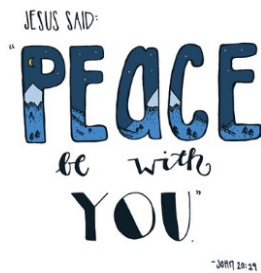
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April 16, 2023

What a difference a week makes. The celebrations were inspiring and meaningful and the crowds plentiful. Now, on the Second Sunday of Easter things are back to normal. We pray that all who were here last weekend come back again before Christmas because the promise made last week was the hope of our share in the Resurrection and of Christ's all consuming love for us and the promise of peace. In today's Gospel, the apostles are gathered together and we hearing the story of Doubting Thomas. In this passage, the first words that Jesus spoke to his apostles were

"Peace be with you." Jesus continued to wish peace upon them multiple times in this Gospel. That is Christ's greatest desire for us, peace.

However, that is one of the things we are lacking the most. We look at wars such as in the Ukraine. We look at mass shootings and crime and violence in our cities. We look at natural disasters such as the storms and tornados that have affected so many in recent weeks. We struggle with peace in our relationships and in our own homes and families. Peace seems to be very elusive. Yet, Christ says "Peace be with you." No wonder Thomas doubted. We do too. Why is the one thing Christ wishes for us, often the hardest thing to achieve? We still struggle with putting our passions and desires aside and trusting in Christ. That is the challenge now for us. It is our job to take Christ's message of "Peace be with you" and make it real. The mission after Easter has been handed onto us. We have to bring about the peace that we desire. That is a good question for each of us to reflect on during this Easter season, am I bringing peace? Are all my actions and dealing with people bringing peace or division? Christ wishes us peace, but it is up to us to bring it about.

I also want to wish everyone a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday. We always throw ourselves on the abundant mercy of God.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray to us.

Fr. Jeff



"Creating a Spiritual Autobiography"

Interactive Workshop

Our Life Story is a unique rendition of how God's love works in the world. Join us as we reflect on the various ways our personal life experiences have led to an encounter with the wisdom of God.

Sharing our Faith Story is the legacy we leave for our grandchildren.

All are welcome!!

Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church (lower-level)
8404 Cass Ave, Darien, IL**

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Cathy's Corner— Breaking Bread with a Stranger

What if the pair of travelers had never offered hospitality to the stranger they met on their way to Emmaus? What if they had been so absorbed in their own self-pity over all that had happened in Jerusalem, the brutal execution of the prophet they had hoped would redeem Israel, that they just let him continue to walk on when they approached their village? What if the fact that they had reached their own safe homes clouded their perception that, as evening was drawing near, this unknown man would be walking alone in the vast darkness between settlements which could be quite dangerous?

If that had been the case, they never would have known he was God. Because it was only in opening their home to him, in sharing a meal with him, in giving of their own resources to him, that they recognized this stranger as Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. In truth, they had been fleeing Jerusalem defeated, leaving the other disciples that had also experienced the deed and word of Jesus mighty before God that now seemed so meaningless. They were not convinced by the women who astounded them with the news that the body was not in the tomb, nor by the vision of angels proclaiming he was alive, nor even by the confirmation of others who went there and found it just as had been described. Indeed, shockingly, they did not even comprehend who this stranger really was from his interpretation of all in the Scriptures beginning with Moses and the prophets that referred to him.

Yet they felt something stirring deep in their hearts they could not ignore. It was a burning, subtle at first, but enough to make them reach for him, to not want to let him go. And when he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them, all of a sudden it flashed in their minds the multitude of times Jesus in his ministry had shared bread with others, had eaten with even the most rejected of society, had blessed the poorest and most vulnerable, and they knew it was Him. They recognized their Lord even as he disappeared from their sight. Did they remember that Jesus had said just a few days ago in the upper room that he would not eat again with his disciples until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God? Did they realize then that fulfillment had indeed come in the resurrection of their Lord?

When they hurried back to Jerusalem, they learned that the Lord had appeared to Simon, forgiving him his three-fold denial. He had given him, and indeed all who believe in him, the power to heal in his name, and so Simon Peter was able to heal a man crippled from birth as Jesus himself had done so many times. And the burning in their hearts exploded in the knowledge that the Lord has truly risen. But only because they reached out in compassionate hospitality to a stranger they met on the way. May we never miss our chance to do the same. There is no end to the ways we ourselves will recognize Jesus every time we do. *Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35*



Ministry Scheduler Pro has come to OLMC! **ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS!**

Training Sessions are being held to assist you in
completing your profile

Wednesday, April 19 **6 – 8 pm**
or Saturday, April 22 **10 am -noon**

Or contact Cathy Lentz at catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org
or 630-852-3303 ext 5

Serving at our liturgies has never been easier!

“Creating the Life You Deserve” **An Empowerment Group for Women of Divorce**

Presented by

The Oasis Experience, Inc.®

Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm at OLMC
April 27th – June 1st

Appropriate for women contemplating, in the process or already divorced

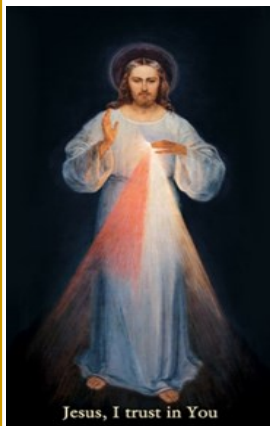
Facilitated by Linda Lucatorto, M.Ed, CPC

There is NO COST but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Call 630-887-0374 or visit www.oasisexperience.com

to reserve your place in the group

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*****You Are Invited*****

The Feast of Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, April 16th, 3-4pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

A Day of Extraordinary Grace

The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Come experience the wonders of Jesus' Love and Mercy.

Jesus told St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy itself. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me even though its sins be scarlet. My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the whole world. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. I want the whole world to know of My infinite Mercy." The message of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. He is love poured out for us and He wants no one to escape that merciful love.

Please join us to celebrate His Merciful Love and Forgiveness!



St Vincent De Paul Joliet Diocese

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Here are the items we do accept:

- Clothing, shoes, boots
- Jewelry
- Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
- Books, records, CDs, DVDs
- Games, toys, sports equipment
- Housewares: dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps, small appliances
- Hand tools and power tools
- Linens, curtains, blankets, etc
- Stereos, radios, VCRs, DVD players, Blu-ray players, CD players,
- Gaming consoles, remotes, video games
- Camcorders, cameras, camera lens attachments
- Office supplies
- Office equipment: printers, copiers, scanners, toner cartridges, electric typewriters, word processors
- Furniture: Dressers, tables, sofas, bed frames (not including water bed frames) etc.
- Refrigerators, freezers, stoves/ovens, washers/dryers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers,
- Old clothes (ripped, worn out clothes; just ask that bags or boxes are marked recycling)
- Old book and magazines; just ask the boxes or bags are marked recycling

Here are the items we do not accept:

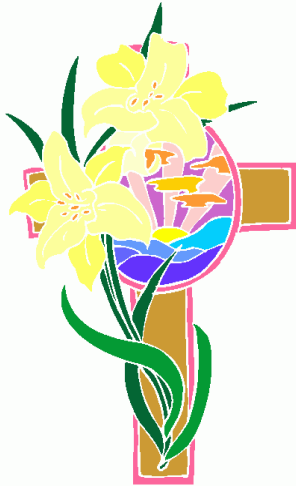
- CRT "Tube" TVs
- Cribs, car seats, etc.
- Household chemical products: pesticides, paint, paint thinner, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, aerosols, etc.
- Automotive hazardous waste: tires, lead acid batteries, additives, gasoline, oils, antifreeze, etc.
- furnace, trash compactors, water heaters
- Any furniture with the following: stains, animal fur, missing or broken pieces
- Used mattresses or box springs
- Open/partially used personal care: Shampoo, conditioner, nail polish remover, shaving cream, hairspray, shavers, perfume
- Weapons

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

April 22 and 23, 2023

In upper church lot

Before and after Masses



RE News...

RE Packets for 2023-2024 will be available next week and handed out after RE sessions on the upper deck. Please note, we will not be going back to the old format. Re Sessions will be:
 Sunday 9:00-10:00 or 11:00-12:00
 Monday 5:00-6:00 or 7:00-8:00
 Please call the RE Office for more information.
 Check the website for VBS Information!

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?

First Communion Updates

We will have just one Mass at 11:00 AM for First Communion on Saturday, May 20. Practice will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 for readers, Gift Bearers, and Banner Carriers, with a PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE AT 7:00 PM.

Sign up now for your pictures with Soriano Photography! She will be taking portraits on the day of First Communion, as well as capturing your child's reception of the Eucharist with Fr. Jeff. She will also provide a link for the video. (See pricing sheet for more info.)

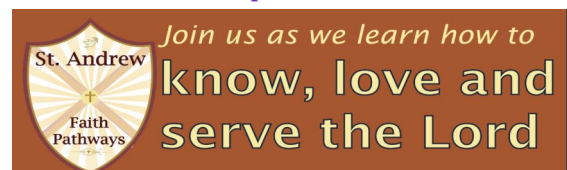
Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Vacation Bible School will happen on the week of July 10-14 from 12:00-3:00 PM each day, with a celebration and Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 14 at 3:00. The theme this year is STELLAR: an outer space odyssey where we learn how to Shine Jesus' Light.

We are still looking for helpers and leaders for stations and small groups. We would like to keep each group to 6 young participants, with 1-2 Jr. Leaders (Grades 5-7), and one Adult Leader, or 2 High School Leaders. We also need station leaders.

FAITH PATHWAYS for Adults with Special Needs



Catholic Faith Enrichment for adults with developmental disabilities

April 23, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm

May 7, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm

May 21, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm



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| | Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC |
| | 1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army |
| | Ted Cook |

Mass Intentions for the Week **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

4:30PM Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8:15AM Marco Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Louis & Theresa Ricci (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Roy Gracey (Graczyk Family)

Dr. Cornelio Casaclang Jr (Friend)

NOON Phyllis Scolire (Family)

Robert Kozubik (Family)

Theresa Dudasek (Family)

Monday, April 17, 2023

9:00AM Jeffrey Carioto (Sister)

Kathy Malhas (Sheri)

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

9:00AM Kathleen Corso (Mother Evelyn)

Pietro, Archangela, Rose, Henry & Lorraine

(Storino Family)

Arthur C. Munin (Eugene Munin)

Marylou Stefanski-1st anniv (Family)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Thursday, April 20, 2023

9:00AM Dr. Cornelio Casaclang (Friends)

Friday, April 21, 2023

9:00AM Laverne Munsayak-4th anniv (Josie)

Bernie Nutile (Cousin)

Saturday, April 22, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC



Rosary Group
Every Wednesday
7PM
In the Chapel

