

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

August 10, 2025 † Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Lk 12:39-40

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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

Reconciliation on Saturdays 3:15-4:00PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To register call The Religious Education Office at 630-963-3053

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 630-852-3303 phone number

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.

MARRIAGES: Plans should be made at least six months in advance of a tentative wedding date to fulfill Diocesan guidelines. To schedule a date, call the parish office for an appointment with a priest.

BAPTISMS: Are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. Parents and godparents are requested to attend a catechesis class. Call the parish office for arrangements.

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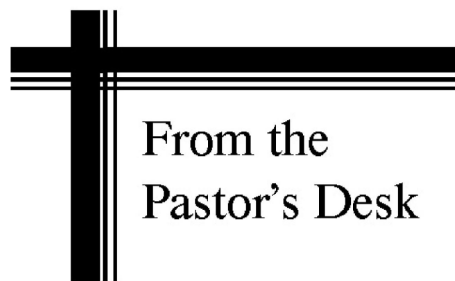
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From the Pastor's Desk

Well, the summer is just about to come to its conclusion. That means the annual August tradition of back-to-school shopping. Countless moms are dragging their kids, who are probably kicking and screaming off to Wal-Mart and Target to stock up on school supplies. You got to get your notebooks, pencils and pens, and markers. You are getting new school clothes and new school shoes. If you are in a Catholic school, you are getting uniforms, most likely hand me downs from an older sibling. It's a Catholic school right of passage. All those things are very im-

portant. You need to be ready for the school year so you can study and try your hardest in order to achieve success. If you are in the working world, well you want to dress for success. It really is incredible the psychology behind how one dresses. Studies and observations have always concluded that dress impacts productivity. People tend to work harder and be more conscientious if they are in professional attire. Productivity usually goes down on casual Fridays. So always dress for success.

The Gospel today tells us to "gird our loins" and light our lamps. In other words dress for success, even in our Christian life. There is no uniform that a Christian wears, but we are called to always keep in mind that attitude to dress for success. I am a Carmelite; if you see me when I can come into the parish on Sundays, I usually have my habit on. I take it off when I put the vestments on because I don't need to be wearing even more layers on hot summer days. However, the main piece of the Carmelite habit is the scapular. Which is intended to look like an apron. That which a person wears when working and getting dirty. The idea is to remind us that we always have our apron on, I must always be ready to work and getting dirty. In other words, to dress for success.

It is when we let our guard down that bad things begin to happen. Usually it starts off with just laziness on our part, not always directly intended. But ahhh, I can do something once, and it won't hurt anyone. No one will know. We give in. Just like the servants, oh the master is delayed, so I can eat and drink and party and have a good time. There will be plenty of time to clean up my act before the master returns home. That is all too common. I had a few friends over the house back in my teens when my parents were gone. Ohhh plenty of time to clean up the mess before mom and get home, they will not know a thing. Well I did get away with things, but it was only pushing my luck. Sooner or later a person is going to get caught. So don't risk it. Dress for success, gird your loins and light your lamps. Because you never know.

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

Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15



Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling to stay together. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then you'll learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together – in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! Since its inception, Retrouvaille has helped over 200,000 married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you too if you are willing to work hard. Our next weekend program is:

September 19th – 21st, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL

Call us today at 815-246-2080, email us at JolietRegistration@HelpOurMarriage.org, or visit us at www.HelpOurMarriage.org/Joliet for more information.



The *Great Adventure Bible Timeline*

Course by Jeff Cavins and Ascension Press is coming to Lemont!

Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:15 PM

St. Patrick Hall

205 Cass Street, Lemont, IL

24 Lessons: Sept 4-Nov 20 & Jan 8-March 26

Ages: High School and Adults

Register by August 20th and we will order your workbooks for you. \$40 per person.

Contact Coleen Mast, Evangelization Coordinator: cmast@archchicago.org

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Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/QJSbtsQ>



GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Recognizing the profound impact of loss, we've developed an exclusive support program in collaboration with Modell Funeral Home. Our team of compassionate mental health professionals specializes in guiding individuals through the intricate journey of grief, offering expertise in healing, resilience, and emotional well-being. You're not alone in this journey; together, we'll navigate towards a place of healing and renewed optimism. Discover solace and strength on your path of grieving and healing with the Ellie Mental Health Grief and Loss Support Group. In this group we will provide a nurturing and empathetic space to openly share your emotions, learn effective coping strategies, and find your way towards renewal and hope.

At Ellie Mental Health, we understand the profound impact that grief and loss can have on individuals. To aid in processing your loss, we have developed a support program exclusively for clients of Modell Funeral Home. We are a group of empathetic and authentic providers with expertise in grief, loss, healing, resiliency, and emotional health.

Weekly Beginning: October 3

Time: 12:30pm

Duration: 60 minutes

- 6-Week Support Group
- Come when available, for 1 or all sessions
- Limited to 12 clients per group



Sign-up via Email
EllieL08101@elliementalhealth.com

Every Tuesday, Starting October 3
at Ellie Mental Health
745 McClintock Dr. Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527



Join us for the Diocese of Joliet JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY *Pilgrims of Hope*

**Saturday, October 4, 2025
11:00 AM
Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL**

RSVP by scanning
the QR code or by
calling 815-221-6192



Questions? Call Jim Elias 815-221-6134

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

**August 17, 2025
2:00 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL
Registration Required**

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is
required by August 8,
2025. Scan the QR code
or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>



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*your
child
belongs*

...in this church
...in this community
...in the body of Christ
...in Religious Education

**Register Now
for Faith Formation**

RE Registration Reminder

If you haven't registered for the 25-26 RE year, please do so as soon as possible. Spaces are filling up.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children:

Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways that he speaks to us?

Question for Youth:

If Jesus were to knock on your door today and give you a report card on your life as His disciple, what grade would you get? Where would be your areas for improvement?

Question for Adults:

On a daily basis, what are some ways to keep yourself "ready for God to act?" How do you pay attention to God's often-less-than-obvious actions?

Activities of the Week:

Have a family fire drill. Before the drill, plan the escape routes with the children and emphasize the need to act quickly. Emphasize that once out, they should never go back in the house without your permission. After the drill, talk about how important it is to be prepared in case of an emergency. Relate being prepared for a fire to being prepared to meet God at any moment.

Together with your family, discuss how each member gets ready for a special occasion. Share with family members about how you would get ready for a really great party!

Pray this week for:

Let us pray that we our hearts may be open to God's word today, and that we may keep ourselves ready at all times.

Catechist Info

It's that time of year, believe it or not. Our CORE team of Catechists will be gathering to finalize this year's lesson plans. If you would like to join us, we will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 12 at 6:00** in the third-grade classrooms. The requirement to be part of the CORE team is that you need to have taught the grade you are considering to help with for 2 years. We can use: 2 CORE members for grade 6 and Pre-school, and an additional CORE team member for grades 1, 4, & 5. Call the RE office for more info

Help Wanted! What we need:

Thank you to all the catechists, aides, office help, parking lot attendees, and all others who work behind the scenes to bring your family a great RE program! It takes a lot of people willing to share their faith with our young parishioners, and we can use your help. Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

This is where we can use your help:

Sunday, 9:00- Grades:

Pre-school, 4th, & 6th

Sunday, 11:00-Grades

Pre-school, & 6th

Monday, 5:00-Grades

Pre-School, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th

Monday, 7:00-Grades:

2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

We can also use Office Help at 11:00 on Sunday and 5:00 on Monday.

***Together in Loss* is a grief
support ministry
for anyone who has
experienced a loss.**

**Please note next meeting
will be**

Wednesday, August 20th

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

**For information-Contact
Lori Prado:**

(lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)

**NAMI Family to Family
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

September 9th-October 28th

Tuesday 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**For more information, contact:
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Saturday, August 9, 4:30PM

Joseph McCue (McMahon Family)

Cynthia Cacvillo (Parents)

Chuck Swartout (Family)

Ben Barnavale (Mary & Bob Mallon)

Sunday, August 10

8:15AM Penny & Jerry Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Curley/Ostrowski Families (Family)

10:00AM Bill Tamkevic-1st anniv

(Frank & Diane Noverini)

Evelyn Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Noon Aldo Costabile (Family)

Rosalind Cruz (Friends)

Jim Murawski (Family)

Monday, August 11, 9:00AM

Frank Opyt (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Mildred Stewart (Family)

Mary Catherine Gallagher (Monahan Family)

Dolores Teotico (Family)

Tuesday, August 12, 9:00AM

Ida Munin (Eugene Munin)

Jack McDonnell (Bridie & John O'Grady)

Wednesday, August 13, 9:00AM

Jim Doddato (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Thursday, August 14, 9:00AM

Charles Antikauskas (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Rodolfo Sabas (Family)

Friday, August 15, 9:00AM

Jose Zalduendo-Calderon, Robert Graham, Thas

Pellino Family (Pellino Family)

Mary Agnes O'Connell (Eugene Munin)

Saturday, August 16, 9:00AM

Martin Boyle (Family)

Joselito V. Reyes-15th anniv (Family)

