

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

August 24, 2025 † Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:29-30

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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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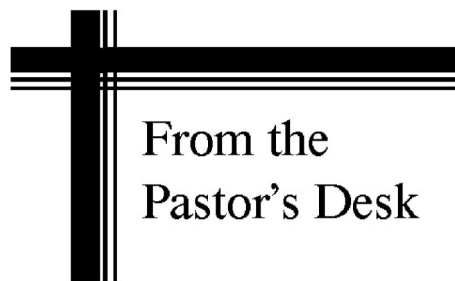
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From the Pastor's Desk

I want to wish all our students and teachers good luck and blessings of the Lord as they return to school. I hope this year is full of growth in wisdom and knowledge. Our parish RE program will be starting up after Labor Day, so it will be nice to see all that life back in our parish community. Sadly, we all forget most of what we learned in school. I sat through all Algebra I and II and pre-Calculus in high school, however don't ask me to solve for X or Y today. I would not have a clue where to even start with solving an algebra equation. It is not something I have used much in my adult life so that knowledge has faded away. However, there are something that I hope never fade, the memories of the good teachers that made a last impact on our life through the love and dedication that they showed. I remember one of my math teachers who sat with me for hours to give one on one instruction and tutoring (math was never my strong subject.) I don't remember what he taught, but I do remember how he taught. He taught with love and care for each student. The old saying that people will not remember what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel is so true. That goes for us in our witness to Jesus Christ. People will not remember our preaching or lecturing, but they will remember our actions and how we treated them. Some lessons we just can't forget. The second reading this weekend from the Letter to the Hebrews starts with the line, "My son, do not forget the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." We need to remember all the lessons that the Lord has taught us, through the good and bad. Sometimes the hardest trials teach us the most valuable lessons. The most important lesson is to remember our own preparedness to meet the Lord. We get prepared through the love that we share and the good that we do in humility and charity. The Gospel closes with "some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last." We work in improving ourselves each day, growing more in love for each other and remembering all the lessons of the Lord that we have been taught.

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

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

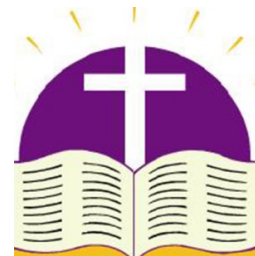
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

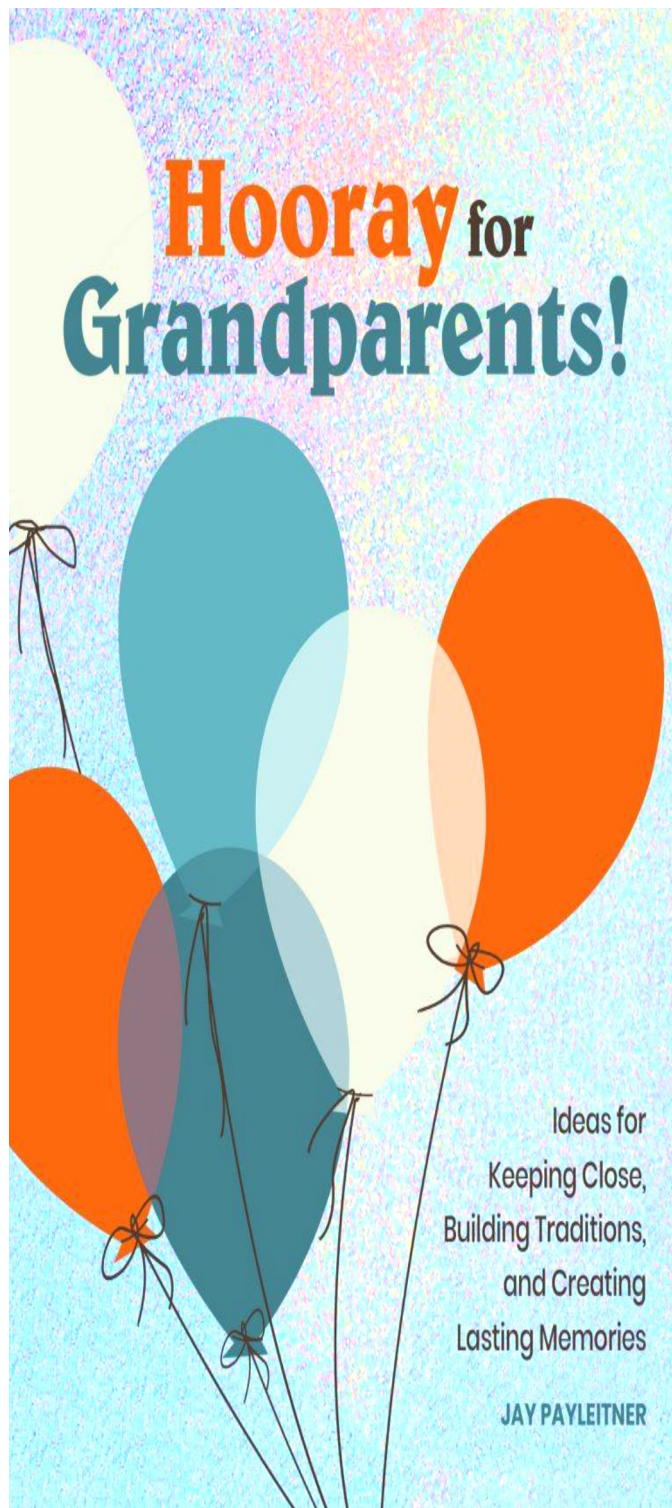
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30





The Catholic Grandparents Ministry at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Darien) invites you to a special Celebration on Tuesday, September 9, at 9:30 am.

Guest speaker Jay Payleitner has an extensive background in advertising, radio and television, and is also a national speaker at conferences and retreats. He is the author of more than 40 books – having sold more than ¾ million copies – including the best seller “Hooray for Grandparents!”. His latest book – “A Grand Way to Live” – is coming soon.

“These days, speaking into the lives of other grandparents is my sweet spot!”

Jay and his high school sweetheart, Rita, live in the Chicago area where they raised five kids, loved on ten foster babies, and are cherishing grandparenthood.



Bring a friend and join us for a morning filled with encouragement, wisdom, and heartfelt stories that celebrate the joys and challenges of grandparenting. Jay brings a unique blend of humor and insight, drawing from both his professional journey and personal experience, making his talks relatable and inspiring for all generations.

OLMC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

2025 - 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAYS 1 - 3 PM

SEPTEMBER: - 21 (BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ)

OCTOBER - 5, 19, 26 (TRUNK OR TREAT)

NOVEMBER: 2, 16

DECEMBER 14: (CHRISTMAS PARTY),

19: PARENTS NIGHT OUT

JANUARY: 10 (RECHARGE RETREAT), 25

FEBRUARY: 8, 22, 28 (CONFIRMATION RETREAT)

MARCH: 8, 22, 29 (EASTER EGG HUNT)

APRIL: 19

MAY: 3 (END OF YEAR CELEBRATION)

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**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:

How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth:

Jesus tells us that being His disciple will be very hard. Of all the things that Jesus tells us about the way that we are to live our lives, what is the hardest thing for you to do? Why?

Question for Adults:

As you wrestle with today's Gospel, what signs do you see in your own life that you are "with God."?

Activity of the Week:

lay one of your family's favorite games. As a reminder, outline the rules to the game before you begin. When you have finished playing it, play it again, but announce that there will be no rules. When you are finished, relate this to other rules in life and what life might be like if we had no rules. Talk about how rules help us live as God's children.

Catechist Meeting

All Catechists, and those considering the possibility of sharing their faith with our young parishioners, are invited to join us for a night of formation, information, and fellowship on Tuesday, August 26.

6:30-7:00 Social with snacks-Meet your fellow grade level catechists!

7:00-8:15 Meeting

8:15-9:00 Grade Level Break-out

Are you a future Catechist?

Help Wanted Who We need. . . YOU!

If you have ever considered working with our youngest parishioners, then now is the time to say YES! There are several ways that you can help us. We are looking for catechists and assistant catechists for all sessions. We would like enough faith filled people to work together in a team-teaching capacity.

People ask if they need to be a teacher by trade to "become" a catechist. The simple answer is no, because what our children really need are faith filled individuals sharing their faith by the way they live. While being a teacher is beneficial, practicing faith is integral. Pope Francis said this in his message to participants in the First International Catechetical Symposium:

Catechesis is not a "job" or a task that is external to the person who is a catechist; because one "is" a catechist and all of life revolves around this mission. In fact, being a catechist is a vocation of service to the Church; what was received as a gift from the Lord should be transmitted in turn. Thus, catechists must constantly return to that first announcement of kerygma which is the gift that changed their life. It is the fundamental proclamation that must continuously resound in the life of Christians, even more so in those who are called to proclaim and teach the faith.

So, if you feel called, we offer the tools and resources you need to fulfil this task. It's not about the knowledge you have, but the willingness to share what you really believe and practice. If you are reading this, then you are already involved. Please prayerfully consider helping our young parishioners.

Welcome

We welcome the following to the
Our Lady of Mount Carmel family:

Isai Aguilar & Maria Santana
Paul & Susan McCarren
Mike & Rachel Yucus
Estela & Antonio Segura
Francisco & Carina Guevara



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 23, 4:30PM

Ellen Nowak (Family)
Patricia Heery (Family)
William Lock (Family)
Ben Carnavale (Mary & Tom Mallon)

Sunday, August 24

8:15AM Paul Lebolch (Nick Rocco)
Rick Schulz-2nd anniv (Kay)
Anil John Valiarambail-living
(George & Sally)

10:00AM Jim Murawski (Family)
Steven Nolan (Family)

Noon Bernard Patrick
(Nancy Cahill & Schneifer Families)

Monday, August 25, 9:00AM

Luis U. Udarbe (Family)

Tuesday, August 26, 9:00AM

John Kemens (Frank & Fran Modelski)
Jack Coffey (Eugene Munin)
Antonio Salerno (Reger Family)
Frank Jasek (Cheska)

Wednesday, August 27, 9:00AM

Ronald Siroky (Frank & Fran Modelski)
Apolinar Pacheco (Family)
Ted Sevier (Cindy)

Thursday, August 28, 9:00AM

Tom Sinnott (Brokeridge Friends)

Friday, August 29, 9:00AM

Ariana Luna-living (Family)
Ken Bala (Family)

Saturday, August 30, 9:00AM

Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello
(Donatello Family)

