

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

August 3, 2025 † Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:20-21

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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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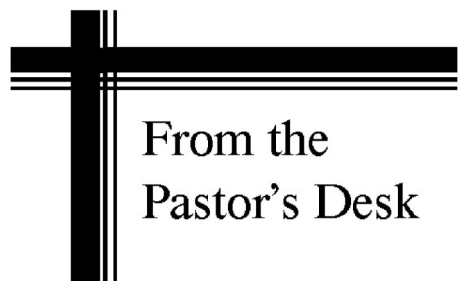
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## From the Pastor's Desk

Have you ever bought new stuff to organize and hold your old stuff in order to make room for more stuff? Do you sometimes find and bring home “good boxes” knowing that someday you’ll probably have stuff to fill those boxes? Container stores and storage unit businesses thrive on that kind of thinking. How many people have to park their car in the driveway because the garage is full? There is nothing wrong with being prepared and keeping supplies on hand for an emergency or having some place to store the Christmas decoration until December, but

how much stuff is too much? I am as guilty of this as the next person. I look at my closet and I have items that I have not worn or used in a really long time. I continue to hold onto things with the thought that one day I will use it again. I have a shelf of music CD’s that I collected over the years and I don’t even own a CD player anymore. Every time we host the St. Vicent de Paul donation truck, I always give a few items away. I sure that we can all relate. I think that we all need to ask the question of when is enough going to be enough? We need certain stuff to survive in life, but there comes a tipping point when stuff holds us back. That is at the heart of Jesus’ message in the Gospel today. Jesus gives a stern lecture about building bigger barns in order to hold more stuff and fooling yourself into complacency. Jesus ends this Gospel with saying, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

What are the things that matter to God? Love, kindness, patience, generosity, peace, understanding, are the things that matter to God These are the things that should be filling our lives instead of boxes in the garage. Are we storing up what really matters in life or are we just accumulating more stuff?

I have returned from my adventures in the Orient. I was blessed to have spent the last two weeks in Japan (with a one day stop over in South Korea). It is good to be back home. I wrote this article before I left due publishing deadlines, so more details on my travel experiences will be forthcoming. Thank you for all the prayers.

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

### *Readings for the week of August 3, 2025*

**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### ***OLMC Youth Group Happenings:***

This past June, our Youth Group attended the Steubenville Youth Conference at Benedictine University. This incredible weekend gave our teens the opportunity to participate in Mass and Adoration daily, listen to incredible speakers and connect with others from across our country! **Steubenville Youth Conference will be June 27-29th at Benedictine University again.** If you are interested in attending next summer, please email [Jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:Jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org) to stay informed.

Below are the amazing reflections from some of our group participants:

*“Steubenville was such a great experience for me, it was a really big awakening. I met people, I sung and danced, I worshiped, I cried, I laughed, it was really a magical experience and I encourage other people to come and experience Christ like we did”.*

– Bella

*“Thank you for letting me tag along, even though I'm a parishioner at a different parish. I had a lot of fun with one of my friends from school and I met some new people. I loved the food, and I really enjoyed the talks. I was inspired by many things and had fun playing bags.”*

- Gwen

*“I had a great time at the Steubenville conference this year. Although this was my third conference, it was just as powerful. I felt like I connected with God on a deeper level this year. I enjoyed Reconciliation and Adoration the most.” - Nick*

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> and we will order your workbooks for you. \$40 per person.

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



***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:**

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## **Care & Creation Laudato Si'**

Sharing God's love through caring for His creation!

**All are welcome!**

Join us for our next meeting:

**Date:** August 6th

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.



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

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## **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/qu9fbEpflr>



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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:**

What is the most important thing in your life?

**Question for Youth:**

It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

**Question for Adults:**

What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

**Activities of the Week:**

Plan a family fun time together—a whole day if possible. Go fishing, bowling, or skating; go out for pizza. Let it be a time when family members can forget their other concerns and simply enjoy each other. Talk about what each family member has learned lately or accomplished lately or done lately.

Together with your children sort through your cupboards. Make a commitment in advance that you and your children will donate to a food bank things from the cupboard which would be appropriate. Discuss with your children that this is part of what Jesus meant when he said, "Share your gifts with others."

**Pray this week for:**

Let us pray that we may open our hearts to the Gospel today, allowing our faith to set the priorities of our lives.

**Help Wanted!**

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.

So, if you feel called, we offer the tools and resources you need to fulfill 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.

**What we need:**

This is where we can use your help:

**Sunday, 9:00- Grades:**

Pre-school, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday, 11:00-Grades**

Pre-school, & 6<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, 5:00-Grades**

Pre-School, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, 7:00-Grades:**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

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

## Attention Altar Servers!

Join us for a **Special Retreat** to deepen your understanding of **Our Sacred Role**. **All Current and Prospective servers are welcome!**

**Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Attendance for the 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
**is highly encouraged.**

For further information,  
 please Contact:  
 Frank or Lori Prado  
 (lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)



### ***Saturday, August 2, 4:30PM***

Charles Heery Jr. (Family)

Sandra Soich (Helen)

### ***Sunday, August 3***

**8:15AM** Grace, Nick, Lucy, Florence &  
 Rose Ann Poli (Nick Rocco)

Arlene Brescia (Germaine Moore)

Roy Randich (Francine Gatto)

**10:00AM** Jim Ruggiero (Mazzolini Family)  
 Jim Murawski (Family)

**Noon** Theresa Ranota (Sheri)

Matthew Scott Izzi & Alberto Sanchez –  
 living (Cabrera & Sanchez Families)

### ***Monday, August 4, 9:00AM***

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

### ***Tuesday, August 5, 9:00AM***

John & Tom Cleary (Pat Monahan)

Jack McDonnell (Bridie & John O'Grady)

### ***Wednesday, August 6, 9:00AM***

Daniel Kerrigan (Friends)

### ***Thursday, August 7, 9:00AM***

Parishioners of OLMC

### ***Friday, August 8, 9:00AM***

Rose Degrazia (Granddaughter)

### ***Saturday, August 9, 9:00AM***

Jack McDonnell (Bridie & John O'Grady)

## **Welcome**

We welcome the following to the  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Family.

Dennis & Jeanine Costello  
 Brandon & Julie Bailey  
 Travis & Theresa Rehrer

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