

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

August 31, 2025 † Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the
lame, the blind; blessed indeed will
you be because of their inability to
repay you. For you will be repaid at
the resurrection of the righteous."

- Lk 14:13-14

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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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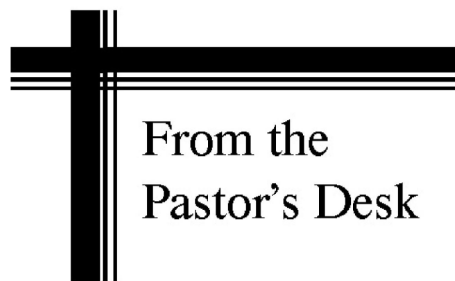
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From the Pastor's Desk

This year seems to be flying by, it is the end of August already! I hope that everyone has a wonderful fall. I am sure that we will still have some pretty hot days in September, but cooler temps are on the way. This weekend is also Labor Day. I hope that we all get to enjoy a day of rest on the holiday. Labor Day is a reminder of the value and dignity of work. Work brings a sense of dignity and self-worth to a person. It allows one to engage in a positive way with society and earns income to support oneself and family. Work is a critical part of life. This holiday gives us a chance to reflect and to give thanks to God for work. We hold in our prayers this

Labor Day weekend, all who are unemployed and those struggling to find adequate work to provide for their family. May God bless us all and the work that we do.

I joined the Carmelites in the fall of 1999, which seems like forever ago. My first step was postulancy. This is the year to begin to learn about religious life and to do the required course in philosophy before going onto theology studies. At that time, the Carmelites had their postulancy in Houston, Texas. On October 1, the Feast of St. Therese, we invited the Archbishop of Houston, Joseph Fiorenza, to join us for dinner and he accepted! We had a wonderful celebration and a great dinner together. As we were taking our seats at table, I got lucky and sat next to the archbishop. He and I had a wonderful dinner conversation including all the standard questions about where I was from, growing up, schooling, etc... I had only been a postulant for a month, so I was being very formal and official when speaking with the archbishop. Every question was "Yes, Your Excellency" or "No, Your Excellency." As the dinner conversation went on, he reached over and grabbed my arm and said, "Stop that!" I was shocked that I seemingly did something to offend him, so my response was "Stop what, Your Excellency?" He said, "That! Stop calling me Your Excellency!" I was surprised and bewildered and asked, "What should I call you?" He said, "You can just call me Joe." From that time on, he was my friend, Joe, the archbishop. Archbishop Fiorenza passed away about a year ago, I watched his funeral mass on a livestream. I was struck by the couple of priests and fellow bishops that gave eulogies. They all spoke about "Their friend, Joe." He left a legacy of humble, selfless service that continues to inspire me. Archbishop Joe got today's gospel message. We all need to remember humbleness in our success. On a side note, the director of postulants at that time was our former associate, Fr. Greg Houck. Which further reinforces the Gospel message to be humble and treat those in positions under you with respect because you never know if one of them may someday be your boss. Be kind..

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

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

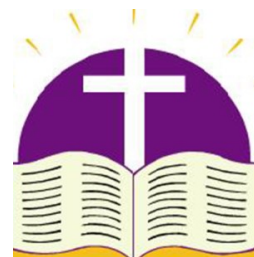
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

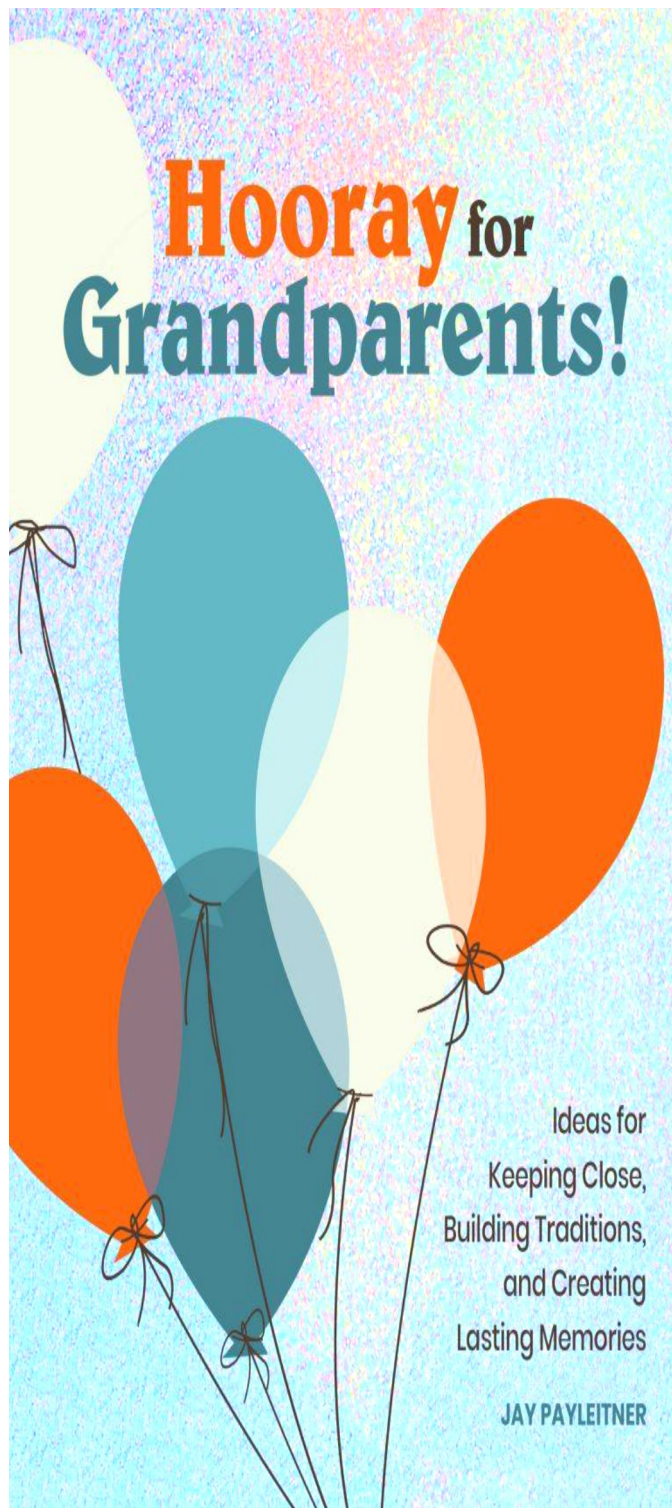
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5





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.

Youth Group Upcoming Events:

The Youth Group Leadership Team will meet on **Wednesday, September 10th** from **6:00 – 7:00 pm.**

We will be finalizing our Back to School Bash! If you're interested in being apart of the team: Scan QR to RSVP

**High School Service Opportunities:**

Come help put together Mentor Books for our **2nd Grade First Communicants.**

We will have cutting, taping, and stapling **galore!**

Saturday, September 13th : 1:00 – 3:00

There will be snacks and drinks.

Email Jen at:

Jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmtcarmel.org to let me know if you want to volunteer.

Planning for Life's Final Chapter

SPEAKER SERIES

DARIEN PARK DISTRICT

7301 Fairview Avenue, Darien, Illinois

September 9 Pre-Planning and Hospice

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Learn the benefits of pre-planning your funeral and the functions of hospice

September 30 ESTATE PLANNING AND SELLING YOUR LOVED ONE'S HOME

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Properly setting up your estate documents and the process of selling your loved one's home before or after death

October 20 Transitioning to Senior Living and Letting Go of Cherished Belongings

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Discuss the process of transitioning to senior living facilities and donating & selling your loved one's belongings

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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:

Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

Question for Youth:

God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Question for Adults:

Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

Activities of the Week:

Invite someone to dinner who doesn't get out very much or who is alone. Remind the family that anyone who comes to your home is your guest and is to be welcomed as Jesus would be welcomed.

Invite family members to create placemats and name cards for the dinner table using colored paper and markers. Have family members place their name cards on the table. Go around the table and write on the name cards the gifts and talents that each person has to give. Then discuss the virtue of humility. When we are humble, we recognize our special gifts and the gifts of others. Let each person read his or her name card before the family meal.

Pray this week for:

Let us pray for RE Program as we begin a new year. We pray for the Catechists, Aides, Volunteers, and all families. May they continue to grow closer to God in faith and love.

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, 5th & 6th

Monday, 5:00-Grades

Pre-School, 5th, & 6th,

Monday, 7:00-Grades:

5th, & 8th

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

I am also looking for hallway monitors and parking lot attendants for most time frames, Sherry will be in the back of Church after all masses this weekend.

Parent Info

We are so happy to start up again! RE starts next week, September 7-8. We will have a Parents Meeting at the beginning of the classes. Please plan on staying with your Child for Opening Prayer.

Kindergarten Parents will attend Class with their Child as soon as RE Starts, for "Getting To Know You."

Other "Getting To Know You" sessions, for other grades, are listed on the Bulletin Board in the RE Upper Deck .

**Welcome Back
Young at Hearts!
Join Us
September 4 at 10:00 a.m.
Meets on the Lower Level
Hope to see you there!**



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

NAMI Family to Family

A free 8-week educational course
for adult family members (18+)
and others who have
adult loved ones (18+)
with a mental illness.

DATE: Tuesdays, September 9, 2025
– October 28, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Contact Lori Prado for information

lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

COST: FREE

TO REGISTER, GO TO NAMIDUPAGE.ORG

-Click on Family Services, and click on Educational Courses for Families



Saturday, August 30, 4:30PM

Eileen Jacques (Friend)

Arlene Brescia (Donatello Family)

Sunday, August 31

8:15AM Frank Jasek (Donatello Family)

10:00AM Edward Mueller (Family)

Jim Murawski (Family)

Noon Joseph DeMasi (Wife)

Mary & Joseph Pater (Family)

Monday, September 1, 9:00AM

Irene Bukowski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Unni Abraham Karodt (Family)

Rosemarie & Ed Kern (Vieni Family)

Antony, Ellen, George, K.T. & Mary George
(Grace)

Sam Stauder (Family)

Tuesday, September 2, 9:00AM

Modesta Tolentino (Family)

Wednesday, September 3, 9:00AM

Dr. Pek Eng Lim (Family)

Dr. Varathit Vathakul (Family)

Carmelita Villarosa (Family)

Thursday, September 4, 9:00AM

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

Janet Niniel-living (Family)

Myra Espulgar-living (Family)

Robert Lukasiewicz-60th wed ann (Family)

Friday, September 5, 9:00AM

Marie Gancarz (Judy)

Margie Begley (Family)

Mary Lynch (Family)

Saturday, September 6, 9:00AM

Rosemary Godfrey (Donatello Family)

