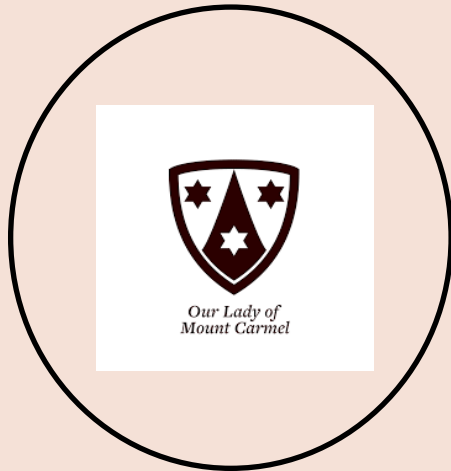


# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 16, 2023 † Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Summer Celebration  
Honoring Our Lady of Mt.  
Carmel!

**Sunday July 16, 2023**  
**Noon Mass followed by**  
**Indoor Picnic!**

Join us to enjoy a summer  
BBQ and stay inside...no  
bugs, no heat, no rain!

**CHURCH PICNIC**

## 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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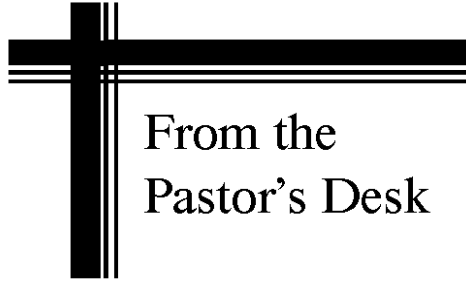
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## From the Pastor's Desk

July 16, 2023

### The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This is a wonderful day of celebration for our parish community. July 16<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is patronal day for our parish and for the Order of Carmelites. We are so blessed as a faith community, and it is all due to Our Lady. Let us celebrate the blessings of Mary on this great occasion.

The first hermits, believed to be former soldiers in the crusades, started to assemble on Mount Carmel near modern day Haifa, Israel, in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century. "Carmel" which means "Garden of God" was an oasis in a barren place. There was also a naturally occurring spring of water called a wadi there, so Mount Carmel became a good location for the hermits to live and it provided for their basic needs. The hermits lived separately but came together for the celebration of the Eucharist and other special occasions. Circa the year 1207 AD, the hermits sought to be officially recognized as a religious community and St. Albert of Jerusalem, the Patriarch of Jerusalem at that time, granted the brothers that recognition. The first brothers had a strong devotion to Mary. It was a common practice at the time, and still is, to dedicate a site to Our Lady of the place. So, Our Lady of Mount Carmel was named. The first hermits took the official name of the Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The fact that we called ourselves brothers to Our Lady has always shaped our relationship. Carmelites tend to have a very familial relationship to Mary since we regard her as a sister. She guides us more as a peer since we are her siblings. The devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has grown through the centuries and the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel (Carmelites for short) has been blessed with so great a lady as our sister. The traditional flower associated with Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the sunflower, hence the arrangements around the statue all have sunflowers. The sunflower always turns toward the sun and follows it through the sky. The unique thing is that it will point its flower downward. This is a sign of Mary following her Son in humility. She follows her son with head bowed down. May Our Lady continue to bless all the brothers and sisters devoted to her on this special day.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

*Fr. Jeff*

### Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18



### ***Cathy's Corner— Seeing the Face of God in Transition***

Jacob was in transition. He was leaving the home of his father-in-law Laban, who had tricked him into marrying the older sister of the woman he loved, in order that he would serve him longer in payment for the younger daughter. After serving Laban for twenty years, at the direction of the Lord he was heading to the land of his birth with his two wives, their two maidservants, and all the children he had conceived with the four of them. Waiting for him there was his brother Esau, his elder by the few minutes it took for Jacob to follow him out of the womb.

Jacob had tricked Esau twice, first into exchanging his birthright for a meal when he had come to him starving. No small privilege that was to barter away as it entitled the first-born son to a position of honor in the family and a double share in the possessions inherited from the father. The second subterfuge was done in cahoots with his mother Rebekah, who had favored Jacob from the beginning, when he deceived his father Isaac into conferring upon him his deathbed blessing for God's abundance, meant for the first-born son. This was the first time since all that occurred that the brothers would cross paths. Jacob had sent bountiful gifts ahead of him for his brother and sent his family and possessions on as well. He himself, however, stayed where he was, spending the night alone, perhaps ruminating on where he had come from and where he was going.

It is not clear, even in the mind of biblical scholars, who exactly was the man Jacob spent that night wrestling with, why the scuffle took place, or even who actually came out the victor. Was it the creature of the night that may have been an angel or may even have been God who could not overcome Jacob until he struck his hip? Or was it Jacob, physically debilitated but spiritually triumphant, having received the new name of Israel to symbolize that he contended with divine and human beings and had prevailed? Truth be told, all that really mattered to Jacob was that he believed he had seen the face of God and lived. And that gave him the confidence he needed to dust his hands of Laban and face his past in Esau.

Transitions are part and parcel of the human existence, most not as dramatic as Jacob's. But in all of our transitions it is vital that we take some time to encounter God. Perhaps we are wrestling with God, as was Jacob, over fear of the future or confrontation with the past. Maybe we are hoping from the Lord for healing of one of the variety of demons that afflict us physically, mentally or spiritually, as were those who sought out Jesus. Or maybe we just feel troubled, abandoned by God and alone. Like Jacob, however, being the victor in whatever transition we are facing is less important than being in the presence of God. Which we always are, but sometimes we just need to dedicate some time to remembering it, most especially as we stand poised on a new horizon, unsure of how to proceed. It is in that encounter with God we will receive the confidence to go forward, knowing that God accompanies us in whatever transition lies ahead.

*Gen 32:23-33; Ps 17: 1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9:32-38*



*Bringing comfort and light through  
compassionate support*

**Next meeting July 19**

***Together in Loss* has summer hours!**

**This grief support ministry is for anyone who has suffered a loss**

**Join us the third WEDNESDAY of the month  
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

**No RSVP necessary and no commitment required**

**Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)  
or 630-852-3303 ext 5**

### ***Help wanted for the Garden!***

### **PLANTING FOR THE PANTRY**

**Help spread wood chips - No experience necessary - Please bring any available cardboard to form a weed barrier**

**Saturday, July 22 at 1 pm**

**Contact Deacon Ed for more information**



## PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **Visitation Catholic Church** in Elmhurst for Year 1 on Mondays 7-9 p.m. OR Zoom in **Live Online** classes for Year 1 on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Year 2 in person classes will be held at **St. Mary Immaculate Parish** in Plainfield on Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. Both sites are open to new students. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

### In Person Preview Events :

• <b>Holy Ghost</b> (Wood Dale)	<b>July 24 (Monday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>St. Pius X</b> (Lombard)	<b>July 31 (Monday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>Ascension</b> (Oak Brook Terrace)	<b>August 7 (Monday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>St. Mary Immaculate</b> (Plainfield)	<b>August 8 (Tuesday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>Visitation Parish</b> (Elmhurst)	<b>August 14 (Monday)</b>	7:8:30 p.m.
• <b>Immaculate Conception</b> (Elmhurst)	<b>August 21 (Monday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>Holy Family</b> (Shorewood)	<b>August 22 (Tuesday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>St. Mary Immaculate</b> (Plainfield)	<b>September 5 (Tuesday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.
• <b>Visitation</b> (Elmhurst)	<b>September 11 (Monday)</b>	7-8:30 p.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!



## Mayslake Ministries

Engaging Catholics in a Modern World  
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You are Cordially Invited!  
Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass  
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond  
Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
Date: July 23, 2023, Time: 2:00pm  
Please RSVP below -  
Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192

*The Holy Spirit arouses thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly today: their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and guards the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, to transmit to young people an experience of life and faith. "*

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## RE NEWS

### *Happy Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel!*

In honor of our Blessed Mother, have your children research Simon Stock and find out about the Scapular. Look around your house and name other sacramentals you can find. After dinner, say a decade of the Rosary together.

### Questions of the Week:

**Question for Children:** Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

**Question for Youth:** When the sower, in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

**Question for Adults:** Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"

### RE 2023-2024

We are now taking registrations for the 2023-2024 RE Year. Classes start on September 10. Check out the website <https://www.ourladyofmtcarmel.org/childrens-religious-education> for more info. We also can use your help! (see below)

### HELP WANTED

Have you ever thought of being a Catechist? Well, we are looking to train and mentor a few good people to help us with our program.

In addition, we are looking for "Room Moms and Dads" who will start the children off with attendance and a simple work sheet or craft at the beginning of class. This only requires 15-20 minutes of your time. All materials are provided. Please contact the RE office if you are interested.

### VBS Thank-you

We just wanted to thank all of our parishioners who stepped up and helped us run a wonderful experience for our children! The event was truly STELLAR!

43 helpers shared their faith and stories with 85 of our students in grades Pre-school through 6. All I can say is that you are awesome!

Thank you also to those who shared their time, talent, and treasure by prepping the sets, and donating supplies. We will post a few pics on the website, and here next week. Thank you to all!

### Save the Date

Want a taste of what VBS was like? Join us (and all our campers) for a reunion, Family night out on August 24, at 6:30 PM-It just so happens to be National Shooting Star Day!

Call the RE Office for info and to register as we will need supplies.

### Activity of the Week

Gather for family prayer around a small bowl of soil. Use this week's responsorial psalm for the refrain. "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." Ask each family member to name one action he or she has done or has seen another family member do during the week that proclaimed God's word of love, justice, and peace.



**Mary Anne Trochim**     **James Curley**  
**Julie Ann Lacey**     **Barb Schunk**  
**Kim Hoover**     **Loren Davis**  
**Jeanette Seebock**     **Nancy Kososki**  
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**Bill Haran**     **Susan Nugent**  
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**Jean & Mark Boyd**     **Allen Raineri**  
**Jamie Carpenter**     **Diana Clohecy**



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 1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army  
 Ted Cook

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**4:30PM** Daniel Mulcahy & Ludmilla Ratio  
 (McMahon Family)

Dorena Brescia-15th anniv (Family)

#### **Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**8:15AM** Anthony & Frank Sesto (Nick Rocco)

Sam Gurgone (Mike & Jeri Boyle)

**10:00AM** Guia Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Jose Alcala (Frank & Darlene)

**NOON** Rudy Smrz-15th anniv (Family)

Victoria & Antonio Marchese (Family)

#### **Monday, July 17, 2023**

**9:00AM** Parishioners of OLMC

#### **Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**9:00AM** Peg & Bob Grimes & Don DrFranza  
 (Pat Monahan)

Jerry Berresheim (Kathy)

Brad Stock-10th anniv (Family)

#### **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

**9:00AM** David Spang (Family)

Pasquale Mastrodomenico (Family)

#### **Thursday, July 20, 2023**

**9:00AM** Joseph DeMasi (Family)

Romeo Manuel (Family)

#### **Friday, July 21, 2023**

**9:00AM** Harry Borucki (Daughter Evelyn)

Nieves Reobica (Family)

Crisanto & Rosa Estrellado (Family)

Donna & Del Kolacki 50th wedding anniversary

#### **Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**9:00AM** Kathleen, Richard & Jeffrey Mladenik  
 (Family)

Luca Antonio Raimondi (Wife)



Rosary Group  
 Every Wednesday  
 7PM  
 Outside in the Gazebo

