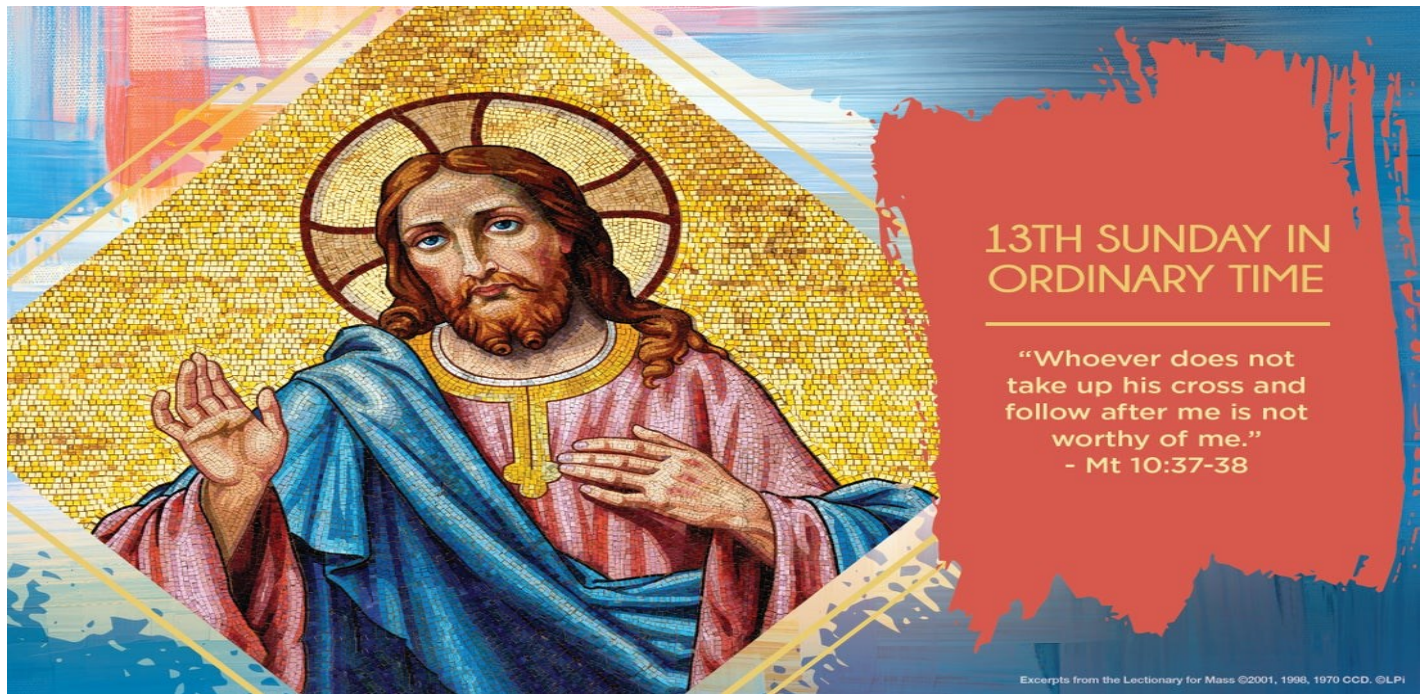


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 2, 2023 † Thirteenth 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

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
(Call Office to verify Mass times)

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m.
to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

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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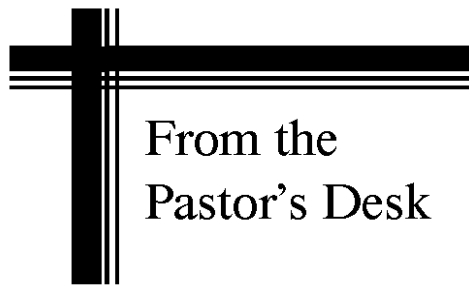
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From the Pastor's Desk

July 2, 2023

All I can say is WOW!!!!!! This weekend marks one year since I came to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I took over as pastor on July 1, 2022, and what a ride it has been. Thank you for the warm embrace and acceptance into this wonderful faith community. I am beyond humbled. Thank you for all the support that has been shown. This is a truly blessed faith community and is alive with the Holy Spirit. So much has been done in the last year with the help and generosity of everyone.

Here some of the highlights from this year:

- ◆ Saturday 4:30pm Mass time
- ◆ Security system installation
- ◆ Sound system installation
- ◆ Handicapped accessible doors
- ◆ Front entrance patio bricks replaced
- ◆ Lobby renovation
- ◆ Sacristy renovation
- ◆ Installation of a confessional room
- ◆ Use of a real presider's chair
- ◆ Repairs to and a new roof on the rectory house
- ◆ Changes to Religious education structure
- ◆ A new marble top on the Altar



There might be more that I forgot! All this was possible because of each of you and your love for OLMC parish. We were also graced with several wonderful celebrations this year. There was my official installation as pastor in January. We got to celebrate the first mass of Fr. Jeremy Leganski in May and the 50th anniversary of Fr. Ed Ward, O.Carm. in June. We also had wonderful celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We were graced to have had our shepherd, Bishop Ronald Hicks with us twice this past year. We are also looking forward to celebrating our parish on its feast day on July 16. I am sure that year 2 will continue to bring blessings upon our parish.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. I always enjoyed it when students would do imitations of me in class back in my teaching days. It showed that they were paying attention. In today's Gospel, Jesus says to us to take up our cross and follow him. Do people see Christ when they look at us? How well are we being imitators of Jesus Christ?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17



Cathy's Corner— The Faiths of Abraham

Ishmael was the first child born to Abram. Abram was 86 years old at the time. The mother of his son, however, was likely substantially younger. She was the Egyptian maidservant of his wife Sarai and it was at Sarai's suggestion that Abram should try to conceive a child with her since they had been unable to do so and were both very old. Sarai had second thoughts after Hagar became pregnant, however, and heaped so much abuse on her that she escaped into the wilderness. The Lord, in the form of a human messenger, appeared to Hagar and brought her back, promising that she would bear a son that she should name Ishmael.

But there was more to the story, because the Lord appeared to Abram some 13 years later, and this man who not long ago had seemed to have no prospect of children was now going to have another son. What was even more amazing was that the mother would be his 90-year-old wife. And he and his wife would now be known by new versions of their names, Abraham and Sarah, to symbolize their new role as parents together, "Abraham" being traditionally interpreted as "the father of a host of nations." This new nation, descended from their son Isaac, was to keep a covenant with the Lord, symbolized by circumcision of every male born, and their descendants would be blessed. The descendants of Ishmael would be blessed as well, because by the Lord would he be made fertile and the father of a great nation. Those offspring would eventually be known as Muslims and those of Isaac as Hebrews, both Abrahamic faiths.

There is indeed a third of these faiths, of which we are quite familiar, sprung from belief in a healer-savior who used miracles to both draw attention to his words of mercy and forgiveness and to express God's love, compassion and saving power. Those who embraced his transformative Gospel message were themselves a patchwork of persuasions – some worshiping the God of Abraham, some the mishmash of pagan gods, some no god at all. Jesus himself lived always a faithful Jew, never founding a different religion. However, the one that developed from his followers is also an Abrahamic faith.

As Christians it is good to remember that our roots go back to the same tree as those of our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters. It is also good to remember that there is indeed only one God, who meets every person where they can best recognize the divine, whether through an Abrahamic faith or one of the other countless and ingenious ways God has opened someone's heart to God's ineffable being, by whatever name that someone may employ. May we use our Abrahamic faith to guide our own actions rather than to dismiss those of another. Jesus did not ask those he healed what religious faith they professed before he offered them his compassionate love.

Neither, then, should we.

Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

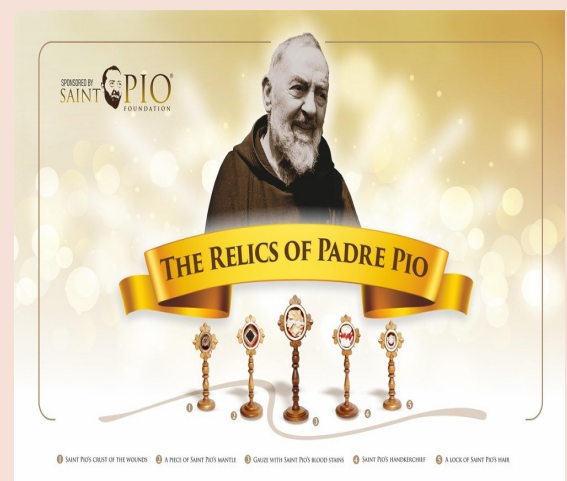
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

9:00 AM Relic veneration begins
6:30 PM Veneration line closes
7:00 PM Mass in honor of Padre Pio

*Saints Peter and Paul will host the only
 2023 Padre Pio Relic Tour in Illinois*

For more information, visit
sspeterandpaul.net/events/padrepio

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You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks.

All are welcome! Please RSVP :

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=o6RE-5_1SU2EXQaSblAGqv1nkAzq9JFFpK5flmlsZhhURE9BWK_NJSVpUQVQxRUZGRDZFRkiWMFE1UC4u

or contact Jessica Kreiter at 815.221.6192.



BEST DECORATED BIKE AWARD



Come decorate your bike or wagon
Walk/ride in the 4th of July parade
Staging at Jewel parking lot - 8:30 a.m.
Top girl and boy winner's awards - ages 2 to 10 years



For info e-mail: Darienfourthofjulyparade@gmail.com

Parade Application can be found at <https://www.darienlions.org/4th-of-july-parade>

The parade is open to all civic organizations, businesses, private groups and citizens.

The parade will proceed promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the staging area in the Jewel parking lot on Cass Ave. to 71st Street ending at Hinsdale South High School.



Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
invite you to be *Nourished* in
your caregiving ministry

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 ext 5 or catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org
for more information

Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy.
Family caregivers need information, strength and connection during the caregiver journey.

Let us provide that for you, all with a Christ-centered view.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 8
8:30 am to 10:00 am
at Our Lady of Peace

Thrive • Empower • Advance •



RE NEWS

Join us for the 4th of July Parade on
July 4!

We are also looking for donations of
candy to toss to the crowds. Call the
RE office if you are interested.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: How can you live as a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: What does Jesus demand of his followers?

Question for Adults: What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship and how does it relate to your experience so far?

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.

Activity of the Week

Invite family members to silently think about how they can make Jesus the most important relationship in the lives. Then ask everyone to look around the house for something that can serve as a reminder to focus their life on Jesus. Provide time for each person to explain their choice.



VBS

Our STELLAR VBS will run from July 10-14. We will have an Ice cream social and final blastoff party for everyone and ALL are invited to attend on Friday, July 14 at 3:00 PM.

Please pray for all our helpers, and participants as they learn how to **SHINE, LIKE JESUS' LIGHT!**

If you are helping with VBS this year, join us for our one of our training/run-through sessions on:
Thursday, July 8 at 6:30
Friday, July 9 at 6:30
Or Saturday, July 10 at 11:00.

We can still use a few helpers and group leaders as we are still getting registrations in.

VBS Wish List

Disposable Painter coveralls
Sponsorships to help offset the cost of supplies from OSV/Group i.e.-T shirts, Streaming cards,

Help us put the final touches to our set on Saturday, July Prop Prep on Saturday July 10-Anytime from 11:00-1:00

Thank you to everyone who has helped us take our event to outer space! Your donations and prayers, help and creativity has been a blessing to all of us!



Mary Anne Trochim **James Curley**
Julie Ann Lacey **Barb Schunk**
Kim Hoover **Loren Davis**
Jeanette Seebock **Nancy Kososki**
Bridget Gallmeier Raineri **Nancy Jisisju**
Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bill Haran **Susan Nugent**
Evelyn Swartz **Abby Grace McCarver**
Jean & Mark Boyd **Allen Raineri**
Jamie Carpenter **Diana Clohecy**



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army
 SPC Jonathan Poynton
 Joe Barker
 Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.
 Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC
 Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army
 S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy
 Ryan Pertile, Army
 Major Thomas Bessler
 Mike Noonan
 Adam Kowalski, Army
 Capt. James Lucas US Army
 Sgt. Greg Burnett
 Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC
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 Specialist Drew Stocks
 Christine Christensen, USAF
 Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC
 Colin Cusack
 Michael Sklodowski, Army
 Nick Radziwon, US Navy
 Gwen Zemaitis Baker
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 Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army
 Pvt. Dylan R. Hagan
 Danielle Monahan SrA

ENS Allison Early, NAVY
 CPO Michael Early, USMC
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 Lindsey Johnson
 Diahann Bavan
 Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
 Derek McCarthy
 Joe Michalski
 Steve Baker, Lt
 Luke Fluder
 Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
 Vincent Napoli, USMC
 Nikolas Horskey, Army
 Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
 Capt. Tim Wilson
 Rachael Smith
 Kevin Pope
 Dave Rawlings
 LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
 Tom Reiter
 Nathaniel Rozgo
 Robert DeMatio
 Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
 Captain Jackson Panice
 Ryan Snyder
 Capt. James Lienau
 Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
 Pat Gill Petty Officer
 Brian Sheenhan, Army
 Joseph Higgins
 Gary Hogan
 Kevin Hornett
 Dan Eugene Bavan
 Dan Welters
 Alex Erkiens
 Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
 1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
 Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 1, 2023

4:30PM Ann K. Mulhall (Friends)

Sunday, July 2, 2023

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

Marie Kolacki-40th anniv (Family)

Salaveria, Aro, DelaPina & DeGala Families

10:00AM Edilberto Baradi (Family)

Rosemarie Kern (Judi & Bill Tamkevic)

NOON Jenny Laurente (Family)

Juanita Echano (Ester Klumpner)

Remedios Rualo Paat (Family)

Magdalena Beleno Rualo (Family)

Monday, July 3, 2023

9:00AM Marilyn King (Friend)

Melquiades Belmonte Paat Jr. (Family)

Rebecca Bayabus Beloy (Family)

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

9:00AM Joe Stockhausen & Jean Taylor
 (Pat Monahan)

Daniel Caruso (Family)

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

9:00AM Lou Munin (Eugene Munin)

Linda Goldbin (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Thursday, July 6, 2023

9:00AM Frank Jasek (Donatello Family)

Friday, July 7, 2023

9:00AM Michael Sislow Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

Saturday, July 8, 2023

9:00AM Larry Monahan (Family)

Ronald R. Caruso (Family)



Rosary Group
 Every Wednesday
 7PM
 Outside in the Gazebo

