

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 23, 2023 † Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will
shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their
Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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

(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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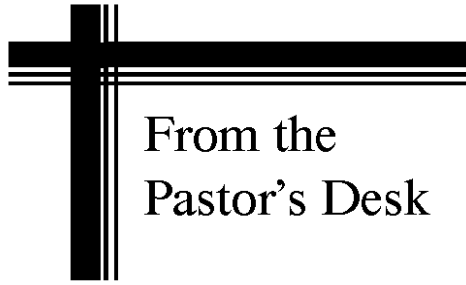
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From the Pastor's Desk

July 23, 2023

What a wonderful celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel last weekend! It was an amazing day. We had a large turnout of people. The Liturgy in honor of Our Lady was spiritually uplifting. The choir was angelic. We even ran out of food, sorry about that but also was a great sign for our community that so many people wanted to be a part of the day. There are so many to thank. The parish staff worked hard. The liturgy coordinators did a fine job. The combined choirs practiced extra and truly

lifted all our voices up to the heavens. A special thank you goes to our party planners extraordinaire, Karen and Mike Flavin. They along with the other members of the parish council planned the day and arranged all the details. It was glorious. The big weekend followed a wonderful week of vacation bible school. The youngsters had a great time. It was amazing to have our parish alive with the sounds of children laughing and having a good time in the house of the Lord. Again, thanks to our parish staff for all their work on VBS and for all the volunteers who helped. There really are some exciting things happening at OLMC.

I want to spend a little time during these summer weeks to reflect upon some Sacramental issues in our community and in the church that are often misunderstood. One of the Sacraments that perhaps has a great deal of confusion surrounding it is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The biggest misconception to try to dispel is the term "last rites." There is no such thing! I grit my teeth every time I hear that said. The proper term is Anointing of the Sick. The whole point of the Sacrament is to pray for healing, not a happy death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1514 states, "The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. As soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from illness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive the sacrament has certainly already arrived." The proper time to receive the Sacrament is when a serious illness begins, not when life is about to end. When you or a family member is seriously ill, the time to call for Anointing is days, weeks, months even before the person reaches the terminal stages. It is best done when the person can still speak and has knowledge of what is occurring and can actively share in the prayers. We want to pray for healing for the sick and strength for family members, not for imminent death.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42



Cathy's Corner— True Disciples of Jesus Before Their Time

The midwives are in truth unsung heroes of the Book of Exodus. The children's children of Joseph and his brothers, the sons of Israel, and their descendants beyond, had continued to thrive in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh replaced pharaoh until no longer was there felt an allegiance to that long ago, larger-than-life Hebrew who had saved Egypt from the great famine. Indeed, a great fear grew in the current Pharaoh that these strong and fertile people would eventually outnumber the native Egyptians on the northeast border and ally with his enemies in time of war. And before they knew it, the peace and freedom the Israelites were experiencing on the land they had rightfully been given was stripped from them. In its place were cruel oppression and bitter slavery.

Still, hard work in brick and mortar at the hands of brutal taskmasters did not stop the enslaved population from growing. So Pharaoh went to the midwives and demanded that any boy birthed by a Hebrew woman must be killed on the spot; only the girls might live. Many scholars believe these women were actually Egyptian and not themselves Hebrew. Whatever the case, the midwives feared God and so defied Pharaoh's evil stipulation, adroitly explaining that the Hebrew women were so robust that they all gave birth before the midwives even arrived. Pharaoh's murderous scheme was not to be derailed, however, and he then commanded every of his subjects to throw into the river any Hebrew boy that was born.

Regardless, a great many were saved by the midwives who were brave and who were clever and who respected the God of life above all else. Likely their families were horrified that they were facing down a vicious despot who clearly had no qualms about murdering even the most defenseless of babies. Yet they were an example of the true disciple Jesus would describe centuries later, prioritizing following God before any familial or national allegiance. By saving other lives they were risking losing their own, rejecting the false peace of going along to get along to embrace the righteous sword of protecting the children of enslaved people.

Although we may take pride in living in a country where slavery is no longer legal, we need not look very far to recognize the forced labor and inhumane conditions that exist in the prison system, overwhelming affecting people of color due to racial and ethnic disparities. Or to see the immigrants detained in detention centers in squalid surroundings, including asylum-seeking children, many whose health and safety are endangered. Jesus minces no words in mandating that allegiance to God must take priority over allegiance to anything, or anyone, else. We are called by Jesus to act as did those resourceful women in the time of Pharaoh, to strike down false peace with the sword of justice. It takes the bravery of the midwives to defend the people despised by those in power or even by those in our own families. In so doing, however, we too will be unsung heroes. And, more importantly, we too will be worthy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ex 1:8-1, 22; Ps 124: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Project Love Thanks You!

Many thanks to all those who took a Mother's Day or Father's Day card to benefit Project Love recently. Three masses at local churches were offered for the intentions of the card recipients.

We received almost \$1700, and it has already been put to good use! Just recently, Project Love has given a grant to help with the rent for a young couple whose premature baby was born with no femur bone in her left leg. The family has needed to visit several special doctors, and because the father had to miss time from work, he was fired. The couple got behind in their rent, and Project Love stepped in to pay it for them, giving them help and hope at this very difficult time in their lives.

So, thanks again, Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners, for your support of Project Love and our card program. Each donation helps a young pregnant woman or new mother in a financial crisis, and it sometimes means the difference between her aborting her child and giving it life. God bless you for your generosity!

Eileen McGleam, Director
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Illinois Right to Life

*Thank
You*  ©LPI



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2023

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.
Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.
Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of
God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.
Amen.

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

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.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

Question for Youth: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults: How would you describe “the weeds” which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know.

Activities of the Week

Like the weeds and wheat in today’s parable, good and evil exist together in our world. Discuss the values in today’s world that might be considered weeds.

The main concern of the landowner in this week’s Gospel is to nurture the growth of the wheat rather than to eliminate the weeds. Remind your children that you love them, even when you dislike their actions.

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!

VBS 0223 Shine Jesus’ Light!





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 Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:30PM Fred Ryczyn (Family)

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:15AM Rose & Anthony Rocco (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Kevin Bueno-living (Families)

Bartolome Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Josie Alcala (Fran & Darlene)

Don Krueger-9th anniv (Family)

Tim & Eve O'Brien 40th wedding anniversary

NOON Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Monday, July 24, 2023

9:00AM Bruno Chapukonis (Jerry Barich)

Edward Bovard & Horan Family (Family)

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

9:00AM Christopher Lyons=16th anniv (Family)

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Thursday, July 27, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Friday, July 28, 2023

9:00AM Eileen Heneghan (Family)

Nelson Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:00AM Adam Smith (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Mariano Manaligod (Friends)



May the force be with you!!