

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 13, 2025 † Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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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Who is my neighbor? That was the question asked in today's Gospel. The short answer is EVERYONE!!!! We hear the story of the Good Samaritan. Another one of the classic parables that we can all tell by heart now. It is great that we can tell story by heart, but do we truly have the story in our heart? It is always easier to talk about things than to actual do them. We are challenged to love everyone and work for the good of all. Easier said than done. That is why this parable continues to be a challenge to us. We have difficulty viewing and treating others as our neighbors. Let us always work on loving others and treating all as beloved sons and daughter of God. We celebrate Fr. Mike O'Keefe today and thank him for all he has done for OLMC. He was left a

great legacy of love and example of faithfulness to Jesus Christ that will continue to inspire our community. Congratulations on 50 years of priesthood! What a blessing!

We welcome to our staff Jen Emanuele as our Directory of Youth Ministry. Here is a little bit her: Hello, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish! My name is Jennifer Emanuele, and I am the new Youth Ministry Director for our Parish. I am thrilled to be fulfilling this role within our community. My husband, Mike and I, along with our 4 children, live in Willowbrook. My children attend schools within the Cass School District and Hinsdale South. Our family has been an active member of our parish for the past 12 years. Professionally, I have taught elementary and middle school aged students in both general education and special education classrooms. I then moved into a curriculum writing role, where I wrote a multi-sensory math curriculum for students aged K - 12. While working as a Curriculum Writer, my heart was always at OLMC. I began my journey at Our Lady of Mount Carmel volunteering as an assistant, then as the preschool Core Catechist within our Religious Education classrooms. I have served as a volunteer for 7 years and have loved every moment of it. I am excited to support our young teens as they embark on their journey of living out our faith through Confirmation, and beyond! Please feel free to reach out to me or stop by my office with any questions. I would love to see you, and I look forward to a fruitful year ahead!

Thank you also for all the wonderful birthday wishes. I deeply appreciate it. I will be gone on vacation (a birthday present to myself) from July 17 – 31. I am checking off a bucket list item with a trip to Asia. I will be in Japan and a 1-day visit to South Korea. I'll see you in August!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us!

*Fr. Jeff*

### ***Readings for the week of July 13, 2025***

**Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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

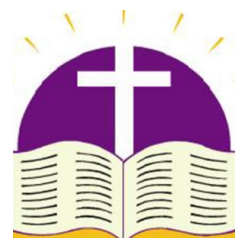
**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

**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:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21



**Volunteers Needed:**

The committee assisting Fr. Mike in planning his special milestone is seeking volunteers to help set-up and clean-up the facility for the celebration on the day of the event, Sunday, July 13th.

Please call, text or email Liz Campbell at 630-824-8170 or [lizanncampbell@aol.com](mailto:lizanncampbell@aol.com) to express your willingness to help.

In addition, we are also seeking volunteers to bring baked good for the reception following the 2pm mass celebration. If you are able to bring a baked good to share please bring it to the lower level of the church before or after mass on Sunday, July 13th. Thank you!

# Volunteers Needed

We hope this message finds you well. We're reaching out to you because we're currently looking for new voices to join our church 12:00 choir. It's a wonderful opportunity to express your faith, meet like-minded people, and of course, enjoy the beauty of music.



Our choir is a welcoming and supportive group, and we believe that everyone has a unique voice that can contribute to our harmonious blend. Whether you're a seasoned singer or someone who simply enjoys singing in the shower, we'd love to hear from you.

We practice before mass every Sunday, but we're flexible and understand if you can't make it every time. The most important thing is your enthusiasm and love for music.

If you're interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Please contact Lenore at 708/712-5496.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

**Current Food Pantry Needs**

The pantry is low on all canned vegetables and canned fruit (no peaches please !)

Our full wish list can be found on the website!  
Thanks for your support of this mission!



## **FULLY ALIVE AT 35...45...55...65 (and between!)**

**Are you looking for more in life? Ready for a new adventure?**

The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary invite you to join us as we reflect on our faith journeys, gifts, and life experiences and consider the future path they may point to.

A free 3-part virtual retreat via Zoom meeting on Saturday mornings.

**Date:** August 9,16,& 23

**Time:** 9:00-11:30 CT

**Cost:** No charge. It is our gift to you.

**Presenters:** Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur, sscm; Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm; Sr. Amy Mejia, sscm;  
Kathy Brady-Murfin, Vocation Director

**To Register:** email to Kathy at [sscm.vocations@gmail.com](mailto:sscm.vocations@gmail.com) or call  
815-814-1414

## **ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL**

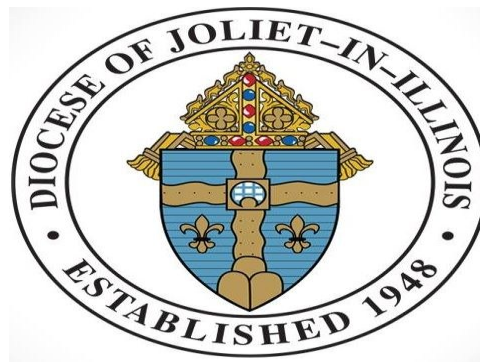
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**August 17, 2025 2:00 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Ramond**

**604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet**

**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.**

**Website link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>**

Office of Lifelong Lay Formation Questions? Contact Jim Elias (815) 221-6134  
[jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org)





### True North VBS Monday-Friday

Pray for our northern adventures as we brave the Alaskan Tundra this week, seeking our Jesus, our "True North." You can still register, and we can always use more help. Please see Sherry after Fr. Mike's Mass this Sunday, for more info.

All Parishioners invited for our closing celebration and Ice Cream Social on Friday at 3:00-We will be serving Ice Cream!

### Questions of the Week:

#### **Question for Children:**

Jesus tells us to love today. Name a time when you showed your love for your family or friends during the past week or two.

#### **Question for Youth:**

The Samaritan reached out to a stranger and helped him. Who are the strangers who you could reach out and help in the coming week or month? How will you respond?

#### **Question for Adults:**

Jesus tells us today to love God, our neighbor and our self. How will you love God this week? How will you love your neighbor this week? How will you love yourself this week?

### Activities of the Week:

Talk with your family about being a good neighbor. Discuss ways in which your family can welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or stranger.

Together as a family, make cut-out cookies in the shape of hearts and have everyone help decorate them. Share a plate of cookies with a neighbor.

### A SHOUT OUT

A special thanks to all who walked, rode, and tossed out candy for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade this year. A special thanks to all who donated candy. We also want to give a big thanks to Fr. Jeff who is always willing to drive the truck in the parade!

We hope you will consider joining us next year to help support the Lions and Darien!

### RE Registration Reminder

*If you haven't registered for the 25-26 RE year, please do so as soon as possible.*

### Catechist Formation

We need all formation for the year completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not finished the workshop *Christ His Person and Works* through the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University, you can still do so online. You will need to register and answer all comments. You DO NOT need a mentor.

If you would like to do this in person, contact the RE office and we can set a date that works in July. The in-person workshop will provide a light dinner or breakfast depending on timeframe. We will also need about 3.5 hours.

### Summer blessing for families:

*May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.*

*May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.*

*Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days.*

*Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us*

*as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

**Ministers of Care  
Share Christ's Love Through  
Communion.**

**We bring the love of Christ in the Eucharist to the sick, elderly, and those with medical restrictions.**

**To arrange for a Minister of Care,  
Contact: Lori Prado  
(lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)**



**Join us for the Diocese of  
Joliet  
JUBILEE MASS FOR  
GRANDPARENTS AND  
ELDERLY  
Pilgrims of Hope  
Sunday, October 4, 2025  
11:00 AM  
Cathedral of St. Raymond  
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL**

**RSVP by calling  
815-221-6192**

***Saturday, July 12, 4:30PM***

Daniel Mulcahy (McMahon Family)  
Margaret McCarthy (Family)  
Christine Brusak-living (Helen)

***Sunday, July 13***

**8:15AM** Rose & Anthony Rocco (Nick Rocco)  
Patrick Kilcoyne (Martin & Margaret)  
Thomas Raslowsky (Family)

**10:00AM** Tom & Karen Krueger-living  
(Deacon Ed)

**Noon** Bart Ribando (Niece)

Gentle Cabrera (Family)  
Manny Rosales-1st anniv (Family)  
Also Costabile (Family)

***Monday, July 14, 9:00AM***

Gregoria Rosete-18yj anniv (Josie)

***Tuesday, July 15, 9:00AM***

Enrique Pabellon (Family)  
Paul Kidagan (Friend)

***Wednesday, July 16, 9:00AM***

Rudy Smrz (Wife)  
Fr. Gavin Quinn-1st anniv (Mary Coughlin,  
Judy Piscitiello & Monahan Family)

***Thursday, July 17, 9:00AM***

Marie Gancarz (Judy)

***Friday, July 18, 9:00AM***

Peg & Bob Grimes & Don DeFranza  
(Pat Monahan)

Melitona Asuncion (Family)

Bradley Stock (Family)

***Saturday, July 19, 9:00AM***

Pasquale Mastrodomenico (Family)  
David Spang (Family)

