

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 20, 2025 † Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

The Lord said to her in reply,  
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious  
and worried about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her."  
- Lk 10:41-42

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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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## Bishop Hicks' Column July 2025 A Revival on the Road



"Please don't let this be a one and done!"

That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this [National Eucharistic Revival](#).

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its [journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles](#).

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at [St. Mary Parish in Paxton](#), Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, [Bishop McNamara High School](#), with [Bishop Spies](#), hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50 beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of

thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of Joliet. Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

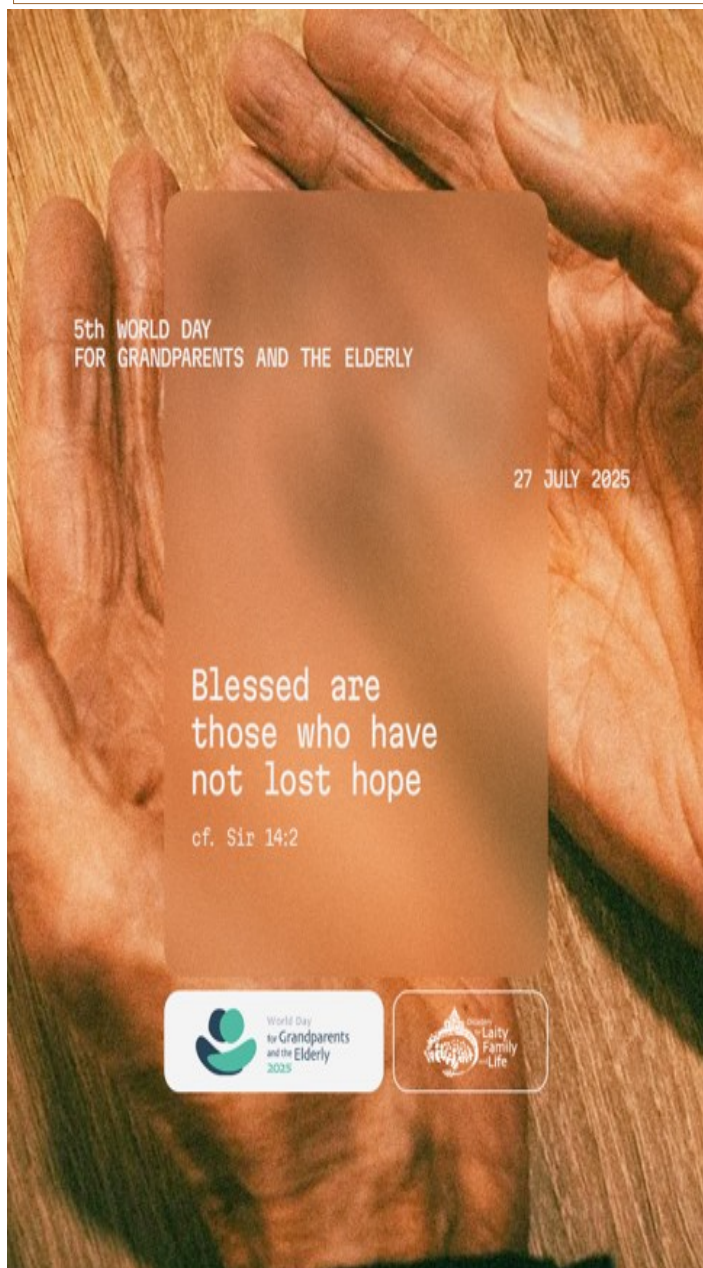
As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to [Bishop Lou Tylka](#) in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached [Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi](#). This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the [National Eucharistic Revival](#) is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the [2029 National Eucharistic Congress](#) is already on the horizon!

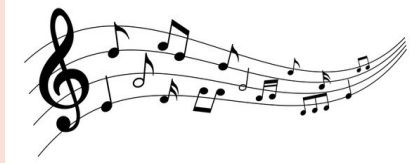
But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this [Eucharistic Renewal](#) is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival) or email us at [dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org).

*Readings for the week of July 20, 2025***Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42**Tuesday:** 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**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:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

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!

Contact Lenore (708) 712-5496 for more information or stop by after Noon mass.



***Together in Loss* is a grief support ministry for anyone who has experienced a loss.**

**Please note next meeting will be**

**Wednesday, August 20th  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**

**For information-Contact  
Lori Prado:**

**(lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)**

## Care & Creation Laudato Si'

Sharing God's love through caring  
for His creation!

**All are welcome!**

Join us for our next meeting:

**Date:** August 6th

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.



### 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report

Results through 7/13/2025

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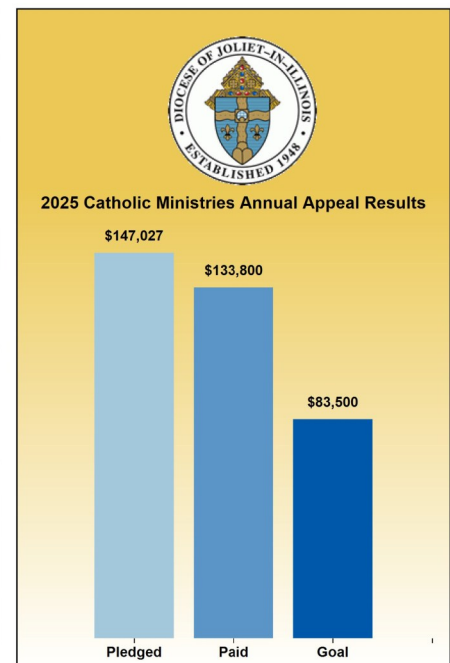
	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$83,500	\$82,400	\$1,100	\$82,400
Amount Pledged	\$147,027	\$131,001	\$16,026	\$172,211
Amount Paid	\$133,800	\$120,244	\$13,557	\$171,911
Balance Due	\$13,227	\$10,758	\$2,469	\$300
Donors	424	422	2	461
2025 Rebate	\$35,210			

2025 Parishioners	
<b>4,600</b>	<b>9%</b>
# of Registered Parishioners	Participation Rate
<b>\$351.48</b>	<b>4,176</b>
Average Gift	Nonparticipants

Number of LYBUNTs (Last Year But Not This Year)
<b>106</b>

\*\*\*For full LYBUNT listing view last page of report\*\*\*

Giving Circles	2025 Donors	2024 Donors	Difference
Queen of Peace Circle (\$25,000+)	0	0	0
Xavier Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999.99)	0	2	-2
Bishop's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999.99)	2	1	1
Patron Circle (\$2,500 - \$4,999.99)	8	7	1
Sponsor Circle (\$1,000 - \$2,499.99)	34	35	-1
Circle of Hope (\$0.01 - \$999.99)	380	416	-36
<b>Total Donors</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>-37</b>





### True North VBS Monday-Friday

Our Adventurers who braved the Alaskan Tundra returned home! They learned that We Can TRUST JESUS whenever we wonder, feel alone, feel powerless, when we need hope, and we need help.

Save the Date:

Join us next year as we move from Alaska to Rainforest Falls

July 20- 24, 2026

Thank you again and God Bless!

### Questions of the Week:

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

Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school.

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

Martha chose to serve, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him. Of those two actions, service or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?

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

The Gospel today invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

### Activities of the Week:

Imagine Jesus is coming to your home. Talk about how you would prepare and what you would plan to do while he is visiting. How would you make Jesus feel welcomed? Would you do things differently when he is visiting?

Evaluate with your family; are you more like Martha or Mary? Do you do the jobs that are given you or do you feel as if you have to do more than other members of the family? Do the jobs you do include doing the work of the Lord?

### A SHOUT OUT

Thank you to all who donated their gifts of time, talent and treasure to help us bring VBS to life! Your prayers and dedication helped us bring the love of Jesus to about 85 young Catholic Christians!

Thank you again for all your help.

### 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.

### Closing VBS blessing for families:

May God bless you with grace to see that you can always trust in him.

May God bless you with mercy so that you can share the message of hope in Jesus with others.

May God bless you with compassion and forgiveness, so you might see the needs of others and show

God's love and trustworthiness to them. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. Amen.

## Attention Altar Servers!

Join us for a **Special Retreat** to deepen your understanding of **Our Sacred Role**. **All Current and Prospective servers are welcome!**

**Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Attendance for the 4:30 p.m. Mass**  
**is highly encouraged.**

For further information,  
 please Contact:  
 Frank or Lori Prado  
 (lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)



### ***Saturday, July 19, 4:30PM***

Dorie Brescia-16th anniv (Family)  
 Ludmilla Ratio (McMahon Family)  
 Jerry Berresheim (Kathy)  
 Theresa & Lawrence Kowalski-living (Family)

### ***Sunday, July 20***

**8:15AM** Maria & Nick Rocco (Nick Rocco)  
 Roy Randich (Jim & Ida)  
 Arlene Brescia (Nick Rocco)  
 Donald Joseph Urbaur, Sr. (Smith Family)  
**10:00AM** Bartolome Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)  
 Tom & Karen Krueger-50th anniv-living  
 (Jim & Marie Lynch)

### **Noon** Joseph DeMasi (Wife)

Magdalena Ramas (Family)

### ***Monday, July 21, 9:00AM***

Harry Borucki (Daughter Evelyn)  
 Victoriana Quilang (Family)

### ***Tuesday, July 22, 9:00AM***

Tom Farrell (Peggy & Mick Geffinger)  
 Don Krueger-11th anniv (Family)  
 Paul Kidagan (Friend)

### ***Wednesday, July 23, 9:00AM***

Edward Bovard (Wife & Family)  
 Horan Family (Family)

### ***Thursday, July 24, 9:00AM***

Martin Boyle (Family)  
 Bruno Chapukonis (Jerry Barich)

### ***Friday, July 25, 9:00AM***

Edward Szot (Family)

### ***Saturday, July 26, 9:00AM***

Monika Joyce (Cindy)  
 Aurora Manio (Paula)

