

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 6, 2025 † Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter
and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you,
cure the sick in it and say
to them, 'The kingdom of
God is at hand for you.'"

- Lk 10:8-9

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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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We are definitely at the peak of the summer season. I hope that everyone had a wonderful celebration of Independence Day on the 4th. It is an important day for all of us to pause and give thanks for our freedoms and the values of democracy on which our nation is founded. Summer is also a time for us to get away and take a vacation. I am sure that many families have some travel plans and that is a good thing. We need to get away from the daily grind and relax. It can be easy for us to become too weighed down by the daily routine, so a break helps us keep things in perspective. The Gospel this weekend the calling of the 72 disciples that we sent out. We don't know much about who these individuals were but they were clearly trusted by Jesus

and the apostles to go out and preach. Some scholars suggest these 72 disciples show the beginning of the priesthood, while the 12 apostles show the beginnings of the bishops, but that is unclear. Nice thought though. What is clear is that they went out and proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ. That continues to be our mission as well. We have to go out and proclaim the good news of the Gospel to all lands and people. That starts right in our own homes. The best thing we can do is proclaim, "Peace to this household." Your family needs to hear and more importantly see the Gospel alive in you. Then you can take it into the local community and beyond. The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. We are called to be those laborers now; the world needs to see us proclaiming the Gospel by our witness.

50 years is a great milestone in life. Next weekend, on Sunday, July 13 at 2pm, we will celebrate Fr. Mike O'Keefe's 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. We are so grateful that Fr. Mike spent 22 of those years in this parish community. He served as the associate for 6 years and then as pastor for 16 years. The parish is truly grateful for all that he has done for the community. He tirelessly proclaimed the Gospel and faithfully administered the Sacraments to all in this parish through those years and we are in debt to him. Congratulations on 50 years of Priesthood. Speaking of 50, the day before, July 12 is my 50th birthday. I am getting old! Birthdays with a 0 are always special and the Lord has been so good to me.

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the publication deadlines for bulletins were moved up, so I wrote this article well in advance of this weekend, I hope that by the time you are reading this that the new elevator is working, what a relief.

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

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

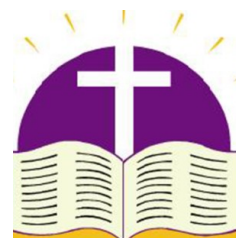
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

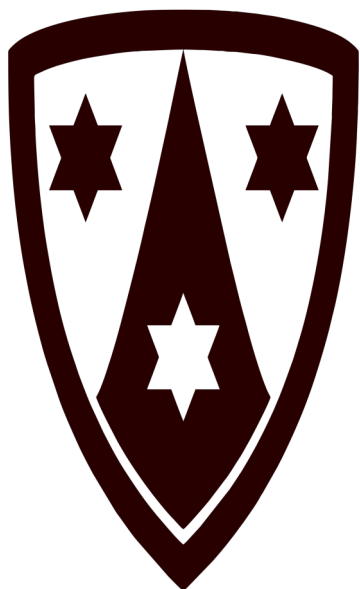
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33





Please join us in honoring -
Fr. Michael O'Keefe, O. Carm.
 OLMC Associate Pastor 1994-2000
 OLMC Pastor 2006-2022
 Celebrating 50th Anniversary of
 Ordination into the Priesthood
Sunday, July 13th
2pm Mass
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
 8404 South Cass Avenue, Darien,
 IL
Informal Reception to Follow
All Are Welcome



Psalm 47: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, O **sing your praises to the Lord**



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. We'd be thrilled to welcome you to our choir family.

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!



CHURCH COOKOUT



Thank you cookout for all choir members!!
All choir members are welcome to attend on
Thursday, July 10 at 5pm, in the yard behind the
rectory house.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and the fixings will be
provided.

Please coordinate among yourselves for salads
and desserts.

Water and soda will be provided (BYOB)

Please rsvp by Monday, July 7 to Fr. Jeff at
frjeff@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: July 9th Time: 6:00 p.m.

National Eucharistic Revival Conclusion

The celebration of the conclusion of the
National Eucharistic Revival will take place at
the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in
Joliet on Sunday, July 13 beginning with the
10:30am Mass. After the Mass, Bishop Hicks
will lead a Eucharistic
Profession around the
Cathedral grounds
ending in the Cathedral
with Benediction.
All are welcome!

Save the date!



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Jesus is the True North!**Totally Catholic VBS****For our Large Group****July 14-18 ~ Noon-3:00****Jesus is the True North!****VBS for Kids with Special Needs and DisABILITIES!****July 28-August 1
Variable schedules**

We are getting ready for a week of fun, but we still need lots of help. Adults over the age of 18 do need to complete Safe Environment protocol and High School Students need to complete "Healthy Relationships 2.0" and have an application on file by July 10. Please visit VIRTUS.org, or check your VIRTUS account to make sure you are compliant. Final Training meeting-Thursday, July 10 at 7:00 all helpers should be here.

Help we Need:Craft Co-Leaders 1-Adults & 2-3 Jr. High assistantsGame Leaders 1 Adult & 2-3 High School studentSnack Station Co-Leader 1-Adult & 2-3 Jr. High Leaders

Field Guides-(Crew Leaders) Lead small groups with the help of Jr. Field Guide. Each crew will be comprised of 5-6 mixed age level campers with 1 Jr. Field Guide (6th graders). We will need enough to fill twelve groups.

Would you rather work with Special Needs students? We can use one on one helpers for our students with DisAbilities during the week of July 28-Aug 1. Please contact the RER office for more info.

Supplies needed: We still need Insulation Foam Board white, Blue, Teal, and Green paint,

Decoration dates-see below

Crafts: small glass jars, bright colored chalk, Finger paint-bright colors, dark markers (Navy, Black, Dark Green),

Questions of the Week:**Question for Children:**

How do you let others know about your faith?

Question for Youth:

Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, but told them that it wouldn't be an easy job. How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

Question for Adults:

To what part of the harvest are you being sent?
What are you being called to do for the Reign of God?

Activities of the Week:

Plan an evening family retreat at your house. Include prayer, Scripture readings and a family activity. For an action, discuss ways that each family member will show love for God, neighbor and him or herself during the coming week.

Add to your meal and bedtime prayers this week, an extra prayer for missionaries who are spreading Jesus' love and message throughout the world.

RE Registration Reminder

If you haven't registered for the 25-26 RE year, please do so. Prices raise after June 30.

Decorating Days

Do you like decorating? If so join us anytime on Wednesday-Thursday, July 10-11 from 10:00-1:00 or 4:00-8:00 to help us bring Alaska here to Darien. Wear painting clothes and bring gloves to "fluff" trees. Call the RE office for More info.

Catechist Formation

We need all formation for the year completed by August 1st. 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.

**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 5, 4:30PM

Sabina McMahon (McMahon Family)

Sandra Soich (Susan)

Sunday, July 6

8:15AM Ben Carnavale (Wyent Family)

Anthony, Frank, Lucy Sesto (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Bill Abraham (Family)

Jim Ruggiero (Mazzolini Family)

Noon Thomas A. Grosso (Mark Costo)

Arvella Chika (Husband)

Gentle Cabrera (Family)

Alberto Sanchez-living (Family)

Monday, July 7, 9:00AM

Brenda Narcelef Banez-living (Family)

Mary Ignatowski (Family)

Fran Modelski-living (Friend)

Tuesday, July 8, 9:00AM

Ken Reger (Family)

Paul Kidagan (Friend)

Wednesday, July 9, 9:00AM

Barbara Dawson (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Thursday, July 10, 9:00AM

Larry Monahan (Family)

Damian Trenshaw-2nd anniv (Mary Ceh)

Pablo Rosete Jr. (Josie)

Arlene Lucente (Sheri)

Friday, July 11, 9:00AM

Timothy Coffey (Eugene Munin)

Margaret Wroblewska (George & Sally)

Saturday, July 12, 9:00AM

Peter Caracello (Family)

