

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

June 18, 2023 † Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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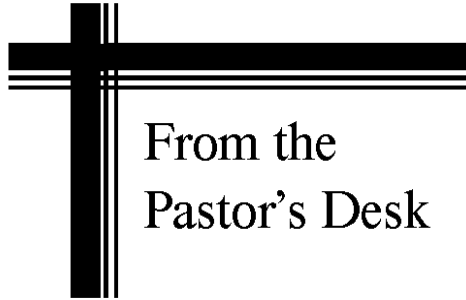
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From the Pastor's Desk

June 18, 2023

I want to wish a very happy and blessed Fathers' Day to all the dads in our community. This day honors all the great men who have impacted our lives and shown us such love and care. I look back with fondness on my father and grandfathers. While not as "warm and fuzzy" as mom and grandma were, but they showed their love in different ways, which is important for a child growing up to experience. A bit more on the tough side, their love was undeniable. Dad was there for every event. While he enjoyed little league baseball and pee-wee football more, he was still there for the school plays and concerts. He taught me how to ride a bike, how to throw and catch a football and baseball, but most importantly he taught me how to be a man. Thank you, dad. So once again, a happy Fathers' Day to all our dads.

Next week will be a special time for our Carmelite community. We will be gathering in what we call Chapter from June 20 – 23. All the members of our province gather every three years for this occasion. Our 2020 chapter was cancelled due to Covid, so the last time we all gathered was 2017. This time we will be gathering here on our Darien campus. Chapter is a time of us to come together with our fellow brothers and share in a fraternal bond as Carmelites. It is also a time for us to discuss internal business affairs and elect our leadership for the next term of 3 years. The Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, of which we are members, spans the western hemisphere. While headquartered here in Darien, we have members around the United States, Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and Peru. We will also be blessed with visiting Carmelites from Rome, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Philippines and beyond. The Prior General of the Order of Carmelites, Fr. Miceal O'Neill from Ireland and The General Councilor for the Americas, Fr. Luis Jose Maza from Venezuela will also be with us. It is truly a gathering of the nations and a wonderful experience. It is a sign that despite our great diversity, the bond of being a Carmelite is stronger and brings us together. Please pray for us during this upcoming week. Since all Carmelites will be gathered in our meetings which begin at 9 am each day, there will be NO mass offered here Tuesday – Friday. Sorry for the inconvenience. Deacon Ed and Deacon Lupe will be having Eucharistic Prayer services with the sharing of the Word and already consecrated Eucharist. The 11 am daily mass at the National Shrine of St. Therese is similarly cancelled those days. The neighboring parishes mass times are: Our Lady of Peace at 7:30 am, Christ the Servant in Woodridge at 8:30 am (no mass on Fridays), and Holy Trinity in Westmont at 8am. We will resume daily mass on Saturday June 24.

We also want to extend an invitation to all the members of the parish to attend a special one-woman play titled "Little Therese", which is based on the life of St. Therese of Lisieux. It will be on Wednesday June 21 at 7pm in the National Shrine. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy learning a little more about St. Therese as well meet all the Carmelite gathers. Hope to see you there!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80



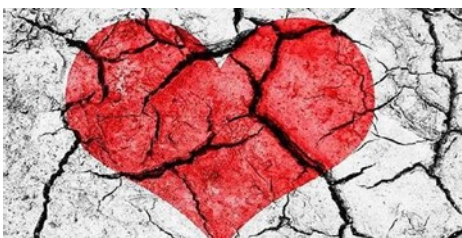
Cathy's Corner— Saying Yes for the Glory of God

The Corinthians were crying foul. Paul had been with them for 18 months, creating a Christian community that had burgeoned under his evangelization into a variety of house churches both ethnically and socially diverse. When he left, he promised to return after visiting Macedonia. Certainly, there had been some friction in the relationship, bubbling up from the first letter he had sent to them. He had gotten wind of what had been happening after he had left, like discrimination against the poor during Eucharistic celebrations, creation of splinter groups vowing allegiance to individual Christian leaders and even participation in the religious prostitution and temple sacrifice of the pagans. Yet the fact remained that the church in Corinth preserved and honored his guidance, to the point of reading his directives at their liturgical gatherings as he had requested them to do. They were so looking forward to discussing everything with him in person. And now . . . deceitful! Untrustworthy! He said "yes, yes" and then he said "no, no!"

But there is not a yes and no with God, Paul explained. There is no either/or. There is only both/and. There is only yes. Whatever the path God ordained for Paul was the path Paul would take. So Paul both intended to return to Corinth as commissioned by God and remained faithful to that commission by being required to make a change in his plans, because all was done for the glory of God. Everything Paul did was meant to shine his light before others for the sole purpose of bringing God that glory. He was both the lamp that lit the church in Corinth, put on a lampstand to give light to the entire community of Christians there, and the lamp set on a mountain, to bring the Gospel to lands beyond that needed to see the good deeds wrought by belief in the Lord. He was the salt of the earth that brought both the flavor of new peoples and cultures to follow Christ and preserved the faith of devoted followers in the face of weakness and persecution.

For many are the promises of God, and the work of the disciple is to say yes to those promises by influencing the world with good deeds. Thus, we can both acknowledge the vast and beautiful differences in the way people live and accept that the presence of God is shining out from them. We can both add the flavor of new ways to embody effective and relevant worshipping communities and preserve the truths of the Gospel message. Light that does not shine with the myriad of colors that make up God's face belongs under a bushel basket. Salt that does not enhance the aroma of the cornucopia of cultures that enrich God's world should be trampled underfoot. True glory can only be given to God when we both admit and encourage all the wondrous variety God has made. With God there is only yes. With God, everyone belongs. May that be the Amen that rings out from our lives, for the glory of our God. 2 Cor 1: 18-22; Ps 119: 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Dedicated to the memory of Rob Lentz, who was salt for our earth and God's light in our world, quietly influencing those around him with good deeds – and who would hate that I am publicly acknowledging what in truth could never be hidden.



Bringing comfort and light through compassionate support

Next meeting June 21

***Together in Loss* has summer hours!**

This grief support ministry is for anyone who has suffered a loss
Join us the third WEDNESDAY of the month
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

No RSVP necessary and no commitment required

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

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.



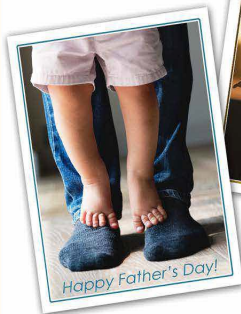
BEST DECORATED BIKE AWARD



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



Project Love
Help and hope in time of need



Pro-life
Father's Day
Cards.
(After all the
Masses)

A 'free will' donation
to help pregnant
women

When God Created Dads
God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of the morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it... Dad!

For info e-mail: Darienfourthofjulyparade@gmail.com
Parade Application can be found at <https://www.darionlions.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.

Registration is now open for the 2023 Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting Ros-a-Ree campout for Catholic Scouts! The Ros-a-Ree is an overnight event for Catholic scouts ages 12+ in Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts of the USA, and American Heritage Girls. The event will be held August 5-6 at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox. The agenda will include inspirational speakers, a living rosary, a campout, service projects, and Mindcraft-themed scouting fun and games. For more information, see <https://www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org/ros-a-ree>



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Joliet Diocese Catholic
Committee on Scouting





Happy Father's Day!

God, you are the giver of all life, human and divine. Bless all those who help our children in the role of "Father," especially fathers and grandfathers. May they be the best teachers for their children, bearing witness to the faith by what they do and what they say, in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: Have you ever had to walk in the dark with no light? How is that like walking by faith and not by sight? What did you have to do to keep going in the dark?

Question for Youth: Do you pray and ask for faith? How do you work on building your faith?

Question for Adults: When do you find it hardest to have faith? Must you "see" answered prayer, or can you peacefully accept God's will?

Activity of the Week

Make a list of the earthly possessions that mean the most to you. Now make a list of ways that you mimic Jesus and the Apostles to build the Christian that you are. Which list is most important to you?

HELP WANTED

We are looking for a few helpers who are dedicated to serving our young parishioners with special needs and disabilities. We have had families inquire about signing up their children for VBS and they have special needs. We are looking for one on one helpers. Please say yes to serving these very special children!

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 is you are interested.



VBS

Join us for a STELLAR weeklong adventure through the cosmos as we discover the light of Jesus in every corner of creation. July 10-14

We anticipate many participants so sign up now! We can also use your help. Call the RE office for more info.

Join us for our next planning session on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 PM

VBS Wish List

Old, light colored, flat sheets

Pool Noodles

Black Flat Paint

Spray Paint: silver, white, gray, purple, blues, orange, yellow

1" Duct Tape: orange, red, yellow, silver, blue

Fluorescent Paint in a variety of colors

Battery operated taper candles

Help us Paint and Prop Prep on Saturday June 24- Anytime from 9:00-4:00

There's still time to sign up for RE 23-24! Prices will increase on July 1st. Contact the RE office for more info.



Mary Anne Trochim	James Curley
Julie Ann Lacey	Barb Schunk
Kim Hoover	Loren Davis
Jeanette Seebock	Nancy Kososki
Gentel Cabrera	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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 17, 2023

4:30PM Intentions for all Fathers

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:15AM Intentions for all Fathers

10:00AM Intentions for all Fathers

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Monday, June 19, 2023

9:00AM Tony Cesna (Friend)

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

9:00AM No Mass Intentions

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:00AM No Mass Intentions

Thursday, June 22, 2023

9:00AM No Mass Intentions

Friday, June 23, 2023

9:00AM No Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 24, 2023

9:00AM Margaret Grace Munin (Eugene Munin)

George Keenan (Family)



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army	ENS Allison Early, NAVY
SPC Jonathan Poynton	CPO Michael Early, USMC
Joe Barker	Elliot Broccardo, USMC
Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.	Lindsey Johnson
Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC	Diahann Bavan
Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army	Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy	Derek McCarthy
Ryan Pertile, Army	Joe Michalski
Major Thomas Bessler	Steve Baker, Lt
Mike Noonan	Luke Fluder
Adam Kowalski, Army	Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
Capt. James Lucas US Army	Vincent Napoli, USMC
Sgt. Greg Burnett	Nikolas Horskey, Army
Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC	Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
Ron Caruso Jr.	Capt. Tim Wilson
Specialist Drew Stocks	Rachael Smith
Christine Christensen, USAF	Kevin Pope
Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC	Dave Rawlings
Colin Cusack	LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Michael Sklodowski, Army	Tom Reiter
Nick Radziwon, US Navy	Nathaniel Rozgo
Gwen Zemaitis Baker	Robert DeMatio
James Lucas US Army	Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
Capt. Melissa Sprague	Captain Jackson Panice
Capt. Mark Sprague	Ryan Snyder
Zach Wallace	Capt. James Lienau
James Chipman	Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
Keith Thomas	Pat Gill Petty Officer
L.C. David Treadwell	Brian Sheenhan, Army
Timothy Vaughn, USAF	Joseph Higgins
Zachary Bell	Gary Hogan
Christopher Johnson USCG	Kevin Hornett
Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army	Dan Eugene Bavan
Pvt Dylan R. Hagan	Dan Welters
Danielle Monahan SrA	Alex Erkiens
	Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
	1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
	Ted Cook

Due to the Carmelite Provincial Chapter, there will be no 9am Mass Tuesday June 20 to Friday June 23. Our deacons will be having Eucharistic prayer services

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