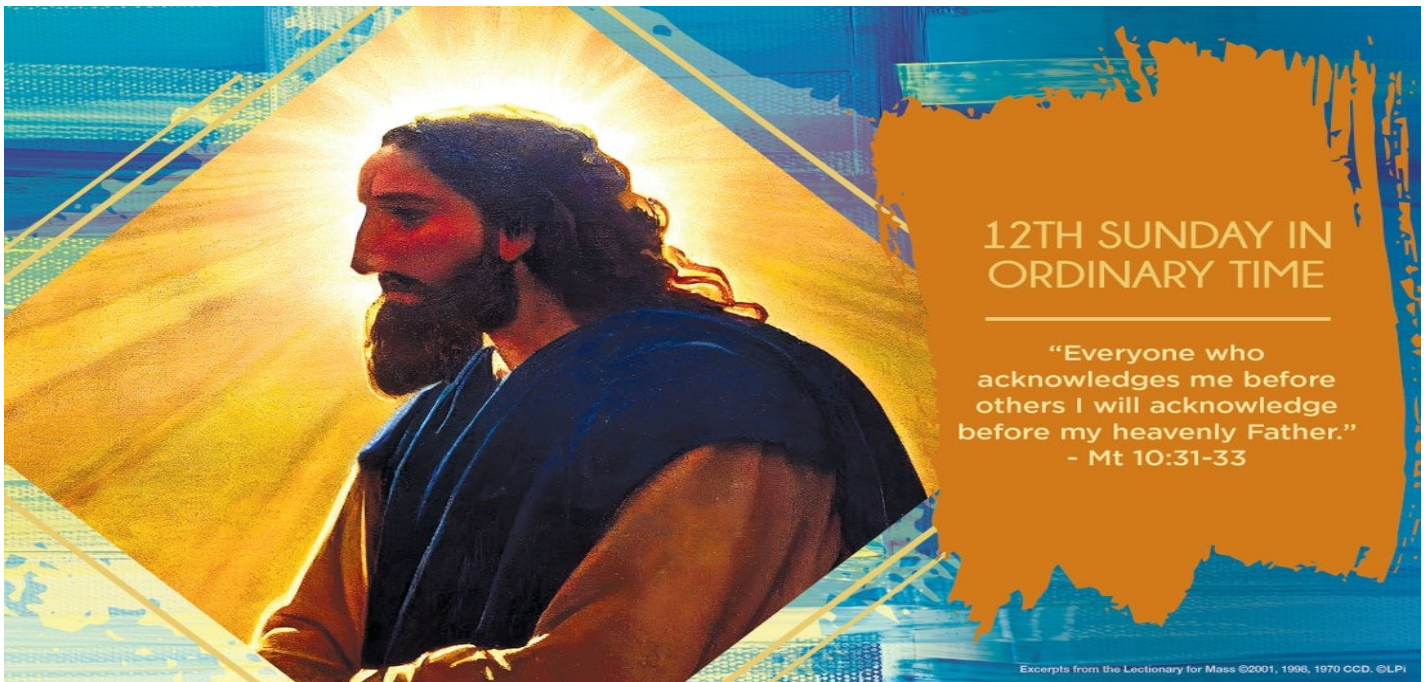


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

June 25, 2023 † Twelfth 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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From the Pastor's Desk

June 25, 2023

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during our Carmelite Chapter last week. It was a wonderful experience and great to be with all the brothers. As we look forward to July, we are blessed that the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which is always July 16th, falls on a Sunday this year. The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patronal feast day of our parish and of the Carmelite Order. So, this is a huge day!!! We will have a large celebration at the 12 noon Mass that day. Also, following mass we will have a parish celebration. We will have a catered picnic style lunch and fun and games for the kids. The food will be served inside and there will be indoor seating, since we do not know what the weather will be. I hope that many of you will attend to celebrate our parish feast day and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun with your parish family. It's a great time to be part of the OLMC community!

The Gospel for this Sunday tells us again of God's great love and care for us. We hear that we are worth more than many sparrows and that all the hairs on our head are counted. That is how intensely God loves us and knows us. We struggle to see that love sometimes when we are going through difficult situations. Those eternal questions of "Why?" plague us often times. That is when our trust in the Lord is needed the most. The Gospel calls us to acknowledge the Lord before others and he will acknowledge us. We are called to show our faith in the Lord through our actions and in our words. We must continually bring Christ to others through our deeds. I hope that we all resolve to constantly bring the Good News to others. So, give a friendly smile, hold open the doors, extend a blessing instead of a curse in traffic (that might be the most difficult one) and always acknowledge Christ before all.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17



Cathy's Corner— Superapostles versus Superministers

Paul was fighting for the soul of the Corinthian community. They had been led astray by those he called ministers of the evil one masquerading as apostles of Christ. These “superapostles” boasted according to the flesh, that is, according to their pedigree and appearance, their practiced preaching. The Corinthians were seduced by their boasting, so Paul, while admitting that he was weak in earthly treasures, himself boasted, but about the treasures he had stored up in heaven. As he explained, just like his spiritual opponents he was a Jew by race as a Hebrew, by religion as a child of Israel and by promise as a descendant of Abraham.

But that is where the similarity ended. Though his opponents may have been superapostles for Satan, Paul was a superminister for Christ, enduring hardship and persecution, danger from the natural world as well as the human one, poverty and homelessness, all for the sake of bringing the gospel message to the ends of the earth. Moreover, he continuously ached with anxiety for the churches he had founded, that they would not lose their way. Physically, emotionally, then, Paul was made weak in the eyes of the world. But he could boast in what that weakness could never decay, that his personal being, the eye through which he saw the world, was soundly grounded in Christ Jesus. His purity of heart in the Lord bathed his body in light, ever propelling him forward with the singleness of purpose of his undivided loyalty to God's people to which he was sent to minister.

We too can be seduced by those who boast according to the flesh, who boast of their wealth or their pedigree, their moral superiority or their media popularity. Whose appearance appeals to us and whose rhetoric enthralls us. But if our own eyes are sound, if our own bodies are filled with the light grounded in Christ, we will see them for what they are: clothed in garments moth-eaten and decayed from prioritizing politics and profit and prestige over human dignity. We do not have to follow St. Paul into difficult and dangerous missionary territory to do God's work; we need only see through the masquerade of public figures that are in reality doing the work of the evil one and reject all for which they stand.

We will store up for ourselves treasures in heaven by supporting leaders who recognize the worth of every human being, who enact laws and espouse doctrines that bring equality and mandate inclusion. They may appear weak compared to the bullies of the world, but theirs is the weakness of St. Paul – solidly grounded in caring for God's people. May we all be weak in that same way that together we may boast in our troves of heavenly treasure.

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

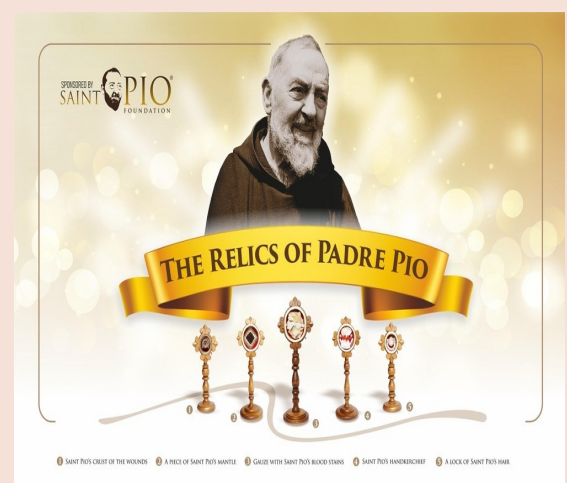
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

9:00 AM Relic veneration begins
6:30 PM Veneration line closes
7:00 PM Mass in honor of Padre Pio

*Saints Peter and Paul will host the only
 2023 Padre Pio Relic Tour in Illinois*

For more information, visit
sspeterandpaul.net/events/padrepio

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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_1SU2EXQaSblAGqv1nkAzq9JFFpK5flmlsZhhURE9BWkNJSVpUQVQxRUZGRDZFRklWMFE1UC4u

or contact Jessica Kreiter at 815.221.6192.



Our High School Youth Group will be selling DoubleGood Popcorn after the masses this weekend to raise funds for them to attend ND Vision this summer. ND Vision is a youth conference at the University of Notre Dame that helps give students the space and the community to ask big questions about how God is calling them to use their talents in service to the Church and world.

Students get to keep 50% of their sales to support them in attending the conference. Thank you for supporting our youth!



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



For info e-mail: Darienfourthofjulyparade@gmail.com

Parade Application can be found at <https://www.darienlions.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 Minecraft-themed scouting fun and games. For more information, see <https://www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org/ros-a-ree>



JDCCS
Joliet Diocese Catholic
Committee on Scouting



RE NEWS

There's still time to sign up for RE 23
-24!

Prices will increase on July 1st.
Contact the RE office for more info.

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

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 if 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 one of our training/run-through sessions on: Thursday, July 6 from 7-8:30PM

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

Disposable Painter coveralls

Sponsorships to help offset the cost of supplies from OSV/Group i.e.-T shirts, Streaming cards,

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

Activity of the Week

Do you personally know someone who has shown courage in the face of hardship or fear? Show your support by writing a note of affirmation or ask that person how you can help.



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



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army
 SPC Jonathan Poynton
 Joe Barker
 Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.
 Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC
 Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army
 S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy
 Ryan Pertile, Army
 Major Thomas Bessler
 Mike Noonan
 Adam Kowalski, Army
 Capt. James Lucas US Army
 Sgt. Greg Burnett
 Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC
 Ron Caruso Jr.
 Specialist Drew Stocks
 Christine Christensen, USAF
 Lt. Joseph A Vacek, USMC
 Colin Cusack
 Michael Sklodowski, Army
 Nick Radziwon, US Navy
 Gwen Zemaitis Baker
 James Lucas US Army
 Capt. Melissa Sprague
 Capt. Mark Sprague
 Zach Wallace
 James Chipman
 Keith Thomas
 L.C. David Treadwell
 Timothy Vaughn, USAF
 Zachary Bell
 Christopher Johnson USCG
 Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army
 Pvt. Dylan R. Hagan
 Danielle Monahan SrA

ENS Allison Early, NAVY
 CPO Michael Early, USMC
 Elliot Broccardo, USMC
 Lindsey Johnson
 Diahann Bavan
 Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
 Derek McCarthy
 Joe Michalski
 Steve Baker, Lt
 Luke Fluder
 Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
 Vincent Napoli, USMC
 Nikolas Horskey, Army
 Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
 Capt. Tim Wilson
 Rachael Smith
 Kevin Pope
 Dave Rawlings
 LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
 Tom Reiter
 Nathaniel Rozgo
 Robert DeMatio
 Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
 Captain Jackson Panice
 Ryan Snyder
 Capt. James Lienau
 Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
 Pat Gill Petty Officer
 Brian Sheenhan, Army
 Joseph Higgins
 Gary Hogan
 Kevin Hornett
 Dan Eugene Bavan
 Dan Welters
 Alex Erkiens
 Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
 1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
 Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 24, 2023

4:30PM Ellen Nowak (Family)
 Rita Martinez & Barnabe Ratio (McMahon Family)
 Hallett Barry (Daughter)
 John Altobelli (Family)

Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:15AM Guillermo Tumaneng (Daughters)
 Lena, Mike, Dominick, Nick & Sarah Poli
 (Nick Rocco)

Juanita Segovia (Family)

10:00AM A. Denison Weaver-16th anniv (Family)
 James Joseph Novak (Ana)
 Donald Kuball Sr. (Family)
 Lynn Fennell Johnson (Brand Family)
 Joe Jokantas-living (Tony & Melanie Ruta)

NOON Alexander Perez (Family)

Roman S. Hernandez (Family)

Antonio Villarreal (Family)

Monday, June 26, 2023

9:00AM Intentions for All Parishioners

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

9:00AM John Lyons-2nd anniv (Family)

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

9:00AM Intentions for All Parishioners

Thursday, June 29, 2023

9:00AM Intentions for All Parishioners

Friday, June 30, 2023

9:00AM Pietro Storino (Family)

Vicente Novales (Family)

Ronald R. Caruso (Family)

Saturday, July 1, 2023

9:00AM Lorraine Storino (Family)

John Barker (Eugene Munin)

Robert Szczesniak (Family)

Simone & Reynaldo-living (Family)

Rosary Group
 Every Wednesday
 7PM
 Outside in the Gazebo

