

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

June 22, 2025 † The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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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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As we head into the summer months, I am looking forward to many cookouts on the deck. It is one of my favorite summer activities. There is nothing better than hamburgers, brats, chicken or a good steak done on the grill. Food is one of the most important aspects of human life. Food does so much more than just nourishing us physically. Food nourishes our souls as well. Food is often how we show our love and form bonds with others. We mark all the important occasions in life with food. Whenever there is a wedding, funeral, baptism, graduation it is standard to have party and invite the whole family over to share in a meal. We mark the holidays by gathering the family and sharing a meal. We connect with friends by saying, "Let's get together for lunch or dinner." The family dinner is indispensable for good healthy family relationships. The family meal is when we share our daily experiences and what is happening in our life with those closest to us. In short, food is love.

God certainly knew the importance of food to human beings and knew that food is an expression of love. That is why God chose to come to us and be closest to us in the form of food. One of Jesus' last wishes was to eat the Passover with his disciples. It was during the meal that Jesus told his disciples to continue to do this in memory of him. Jesus told us to eat his body and drink his blood in order to continue to be nourished and brought into relationship with him. The sharing of the Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Catholics. It is how we are nourished spiritually and how we are drawn deeper into communion with one another. We celebrate today the Feast of Corpus Christi. This special day is set aside each year for us to come back to the central element of our faith, the Eucharist and focus again on the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. May the Body and Blood of Christ nourish us into eternal life. After the 12 noon Mass today, we will be having a Eucharistic procession around the property. This is a wonderful public display of our faith.

I mentioned in my article the last two weeks about installing a votive candle rack in the church. I am overjoyed to announce and thank a very generous parishioner who handed me a check for \$20,000 and said do it! The generosity is amazing, and I am so deeply grateful. Many extra prayers of thanksgiving have been said. The donor wishes to remain anonymous, which is humbling. God knows who the person is, and blessings will be given. Several others have also made generous donations toward the project, which is now completely paid for. Thank you!!

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

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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

Tuesday: 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

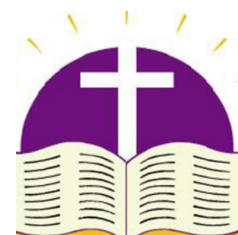
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

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

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

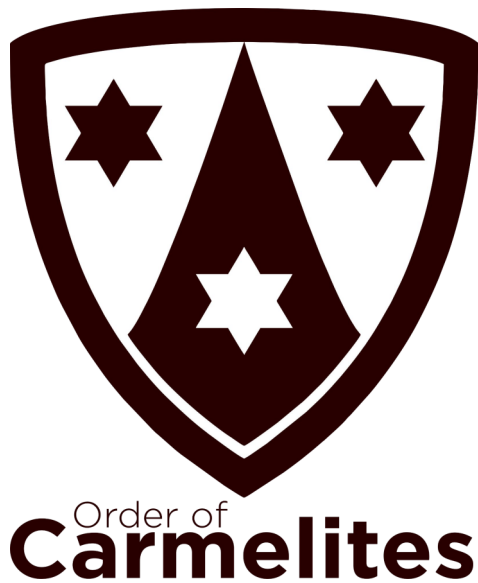
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

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



Volunteers Needed:

The committee assisting Fr. Mike in planning this special milestone is seeking volunteers to help set-up and clean-up the facility for the celebration. Please call, text or email Liz Campbell at 630-824-8170 or lizanncampbell@aol.com to express your willingness to help.



SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Michael O'Keefe

OLMC Associate Pastor 1994-2000

OLMC Pastor 2006-2022

Celebrating his

50th Anniversary of Ordination

To the Priesthood

Sunday, July 13th

2pm Mass

Informal Reception to follow

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Darien, IL

All Parishioners are Welcome!

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!



Young at Hearts
Have a
wonderful summer!
See you again on
September 4th



PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **St. Michael's Catholic Church** in Wheaton for Year 1 on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Year 2 in person classes will be held at **Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church** in Oakbrook Terrace for Year 1 on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

In Person Preview Event in June:

June 26 (Thursday) at St. Michael (Wheaton) 7-8:30 p.m.

June 28 (Saturday) at Ascension (Oakbrook Terrace) 9-10:30 a.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Phone 630-852-9000 OR 630-698-8961
- Email jgorski@mayslakeministries.org
- Web site mayslakeministries.org

Calling all musicians! We need handbell ringers for the Corpus Christi celebration on Sunday, June 22, immediately after the noon Mass.



No experience necessary. You'll get only one or two notes (bells). Easy to learn! No rehearsal needed.



**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.

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 need you! We are looking for many field guides to help us explore our northern frontier. We can use anyone in high school or older to run small groups or lead one of our adventure stations. Jr. high students can serve as assistants and Jr. Field Guides. We will have a training session on Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 PM. If you want to help with our DisABILITIES week, we will have a meeting on Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00 PM.

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

Supplies needed: Decorations-Insulation Foam Board white, Blue, Teal, and Green paint,

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

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

How can you share what you have received from Jesus with others this week?

Question for Youth:

Each week, when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist we are asked to "do this in remembrance of me". How else do you acknowledge the importance of Jesus in your life? Through prayer? Through the ways that you treat others?

Question for Adults:

How can you prepare yourself to be nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist this week?

Activities of the Week:

The Eucharist is the center and heart of Catholic Christian life. Make a loaf of bread for the evening meal. Light a candle and say a blessing for the family. Have each member pull off a piece of the loaf as a reminder that we are one in unity with each other

Make a meal together as a family and bring it to a homeless shelter or soup kitchen. Share Jesus' love and care by serving the meal.

Mentorship program Meeting

We have some wonderful women in the Parish who do amazing things for the community and in business. We would like to share some of your wisdom with the girls in our parish. Join us for a meeting of minds to brainstorm ideas on how to implement some new faith filled programming that will empower girls in our area. We will have a Meet & Greet on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM-business attire. Join us if you would like to be part of this venture.

4th of July Parade

We will once again participate in the Darien 4th of July Parade. If you and your family would like to walk with us, please call the RE office for info.

We can also use candy donations for the kids to toss in the parade.

RE Registration Reminder

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

30.

**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, June 21, 4:30PM

Ellen Nowak (Family)
Rita Martinex (McMahon Family)
Absalon Torres-2nd anniv (Family)

Sunday, June 22

8:15AM Lena, Mike, Dominick, Nick,
Lucy & Sarah Poli (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Guia Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Robert Lukasiewicz (Family)
Jerry Reszel-2nd anniv (Family)
Faithful Departed (Benigno Banez)
John Altobelli (Family)

Noon Adele Jamrog (Family)

Benidno Banez (Family)

Monday, June 23, 9:00AM

Monika Joyce (Friend)
Declan Johnson-living
(Martin & Margaret Minogue)

Tuesday, June 24, 9:00AM

Hallett Barry (Daughter)
George Keenan (Family)

Wednesday, June 25, 9:00AM

Efren Jamir (Family)

Thursday, June 26, 9:00AM

Efren Jamir (Family)
Michelle Neill (Family)

Friday, June 27, 9:00AM

Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)
Lawrence & Theresa Kowalski-living (Family)

Saturday, June 28, 9:00AM

Eric Kiehl (Sally & Jeff Brooks)

**Are you widowed and still hurting?
What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Work-
shop and Spiritual Retreat
When: June 28th & 29th 2025
Where: St Julie Billart, Tinley Park, IL
(Commute or stay overnight.)**

**For further information ,
call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org
website: www.joyfulagain.org**