

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

June 29, 2025 † Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



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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Today we celebrate the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. This is one of the few occasions that bump a Sunday liturgy. The Feast of these two great saints is celebrated even when June 29 falls on a Sunday. Peter and Paul are the two great apostles, who laid the foundation of the Church. St. Peter as the one entrusted with the keys to the Kingdom and called to be the Rock of the Church and the first pope. St. Paul is the great missionary who carried the Gospel to all the lands of the gentiles. Indeed, we would not have a Church if it were not for these two men.

However, they could not be two more opposite individuals. St. Peter is impetuous and prone to speaking before he thinks and sometimes rash decision making such as jumping out of boats and trying to walk on water. St. Paul is much more organized, logical and everything is well thought out as is evidenced by the clarity of all the letters that Paul wrote. Sts. Peter and Paul show us that the Church needs both types of people. We need people who are willing to take risks and speak out. We also need people who are thoughtful and organized. They also show us that we all have gifts to offer, and we all don't need to think or act exactly alike in order to be disciples. It takes all types of individuals and all sorts of gifts to make the Church into the Body of Christ. Sts. Peter and Paul continue to teach us by their example.

WOW! Time flies as the old saying goes. This week, July 1, will mark my third year as pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It seems like just yesterday, hard to believe that three years have gone by. It has been a great blessing to be part of this wonderful faith community. The parish community continues to thrive and grow due to all the gifts that we bring together. We stand out locally and throughout the Diocese as a parish that is alive and well, that is vibrant and enthusiastic and a parish that is welcoming of all people. Most importantly as a parish that is animated by Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all the members of our parish community for all the love and support that you have shown to me. I look forward to many more years.

I also want to wish everyone a very happy Independence Day, July 4th. We thank the Lord for all the blessings that we enjoy in our great country. I am looking forward to the annual Darien parade, I am sure I will see many parishioners along the route. Please be safe during your family celebrations. May God bless the USA!

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

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of June 29, 2025

Sunday: 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

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

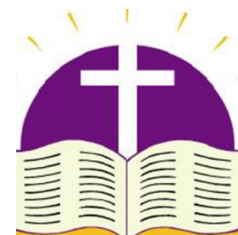
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

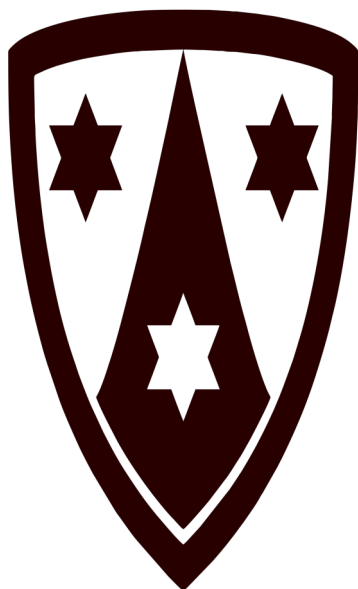
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17





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!



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

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- Web site mayslakeministries.org

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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**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 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-Thursdays, 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:**

Who do you say that Jesus is?

Question for Youth:

How does the way you live your life show that you are a follower of Christ?

Question for Adults:

Before the Resurrection, Peter denied Jesus three times. But in today's Gospel, we hear about a Peter who has unshakable faith. He clearly proclaims that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. What can you do to strengthen your faith and draw nearer to Christ?

Activities of the Week:

In order to love someone, we need to really get to know that person. And getting to know someone takes time. Invite family members to share about a person they really know well and love. Then discuss how we can really get to know Jesus.

Talk about how your family remains faithful even when life is difficult. Or talk about a person you know who has remained faithful to God even when life has been difficult.

4th of July Parade

We are in the parade on Friday, July 4th. Meet us at the Jewel parking lot at 8:00 AM to help us decorate the truck for our entry.

Please drop off any candy donation to the RE office or call the RE office for more info.

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 Saturday, July 5th from 10:00- 4:00 or Wednesday-Thursday, July 10-11 from 10:00-Noon 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.

**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 28, 4:30PM

Barnabe Ratio (McMahon Family)

Sunday, June 29

8:15AM Dot, Pat & Tom Sesto (Nick Rocco)

Dolores Jamroz (Carol Pisanko)

Arlene Brescia-living (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Sylester Koszewski (10:00 Choir)

Elaine Mitchener-living (Laura Sunderhaus)

Jim Ruggiero (Lily & John Kunz)

Noon Judy Vodar (Donatello Family)

Phillip Carioto (Daughter)

Monday, June 30, 9:00AM

Patrick Durkin (Ruta Family)

Tuesday, July 1, 9:00AM

Carole Falanga (Kathi)

John Barker (Eugene Munin)

Wednesday, July 2, 9:00AM

Edilberto Baradi (Family)

Jenny Laurente (Family)

Thursday, July 3, 9:00AM

Parishioners of OLMC

Friday, July 4, 9:00AM

Joe Stockhausen & Jean Taylor (Pat Monahan)

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

Janine Kucera (Mike & Sophie Davis)

Saturday, July 5, 9:00AM

Lou Munin (Eugene Munin)

