

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

June 15, 2025 † The Most Holy Trinity



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“He will glorify me,
because he will take
from what is mine and
declare it to you.”
- Jn 16:14

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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

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Today is Trinity Sunday, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, three in one. Don't go spending too much brain power on figuring it out. The greatest minds in the history of the Church have tried to explain the Trinity and have failed to do it justice. The Father is God, The Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. How can this be? Well, that is one of the greatest mysteries of our Faith. Jesus spoke of the unity between the Father and the Son and the gift of Holy Spirit. The first disciples and we have held to that belief. The great commission of the disciples in Matthew 28:19 tells us, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." While we will never figure out

what it means to be 3 in 1, the Trinity teaches us a fundamental truth. We are called into community. Even our God exists in community. No person is an island, we need people around us who love us and support us. We need family first and foremost. We need good friends to be the shoulder to lean on difficult times. We are called into work and school communities. We share in community with our local neighbors. Community surrounds us and is indeed good for us. This is especially true when it comes to our faith. We cannot live our faith in a vacuum either. Our faith is nurtured in community and must be lived in community. That is why the Christian people gather on Sundays. We must be with one another; the body of Christ gathers to be nourished by Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. One of the biggest misconceptions of modern times is the belief that a person can be "spiritual but not religious" or that one doesn't need church to love God. You can't truly love God, if you don't love what God has called us to be, that is his body in community. We need each other because we can't make it on our own. That is what the Trinity shows us.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi. I am looking forward to our Eucharistic procession. The procession is a great custom observed around the world on this feast day. Several people have asked what the votive candle rack might look like. Below is a picture of what I am thinking of. We will move the New Life artwork to the other side of the pillar in that back wall. The repair and paint that wall. The votive candle rack will incorporate that existing statue of St. Joseph which was generously donated by the That Man is You group a few years ago. Thank you to all who so generously support this project to bring more beauty and devotion to our community. Thank you so much.

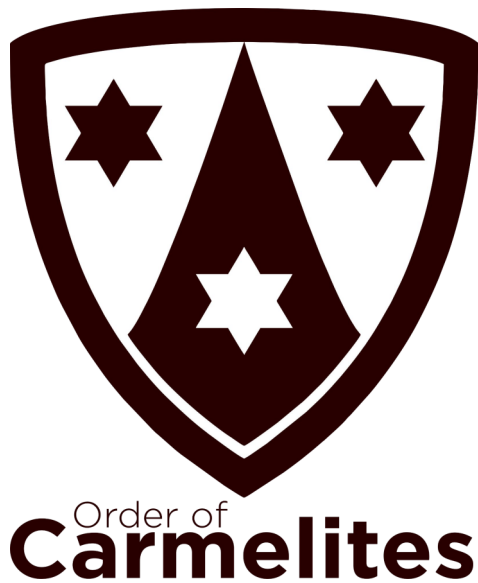
Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us!

Fr. Jeff



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!

Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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

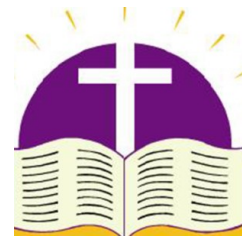
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

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: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34



Garden Report

First of all, I want to thank everyone who helped prepare the garden for planting and helped plant the vegetables. This will surely help the food pantry.

Secondly, we need more help. On Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. , we will be getting a truckload of wood chips. We need to spread them over the cardboard to control the weeds. Please consider helping. We should be able to do this within an hour or so.

Also, since the garden is raised beds, we need to water the plants daily. Please consider volunteering one day a week, unless it rains. Call me and choose your day. 630-254-6934

Together in Loss ***June 18th 6:30-8p.m.***

Together in Loss is a ***grief support ministry*** for anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one.

For Information-Contact Lori Prado:
(lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.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. Call Val Kazich, 630-207-4897 or 630-963-3053.

***Young at
Hearts
Have a
wonderful
summer!***



***See you again on
September 4th***

**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)



**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:**

God fills us with love. How, this week, will you show your family - your mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins - that you love them as God loves them?

Question for Youth:

When Jesus left the world, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. Have you ever given something important to someone else as a sign of your love for them? Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit as a similar gift to you?

Question for Adults:

Today we celebrate the relationship of love among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In what similar community of love do you live?

Activities of the Week:

Picnic season is upon us. With families gathering for BBQs and graduation parties, consider using alternatives to Styrofoam and plastic. You can use paper plates instead of Styrofoam plates, and reusable utensils instead of plastic wear. You can also find compostable items at many retailers now. Remember God's great gift of creation this summer.

Plan a family picnic or other outing to celebrate Trinity Sunday. The time together should help the family develop a feeling of love and security within your family. Such a time enables children to experience a glimpse of the love relationship as expressed in the Trinity.

CORE Catechist Meeting

Our Catechetical CORE team will meet on Tuesday, June 17. Dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:00. I can use co-representatives in grades 6, 5, 4 & 1. If you would like to help plan for the upcoming year, please feel free to join us.

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.

Breakfast Speaker Series Featuring

Fr. Burke Masters
Pastor—St. Isaac Jogues

Friday June 20, 8—10 a.m. Maggiano's Little Italy, Oak Brook \$30



A Morning with Fr. Burke Masters: The Six Tools of Discipleship

We're honored to welcome Father Burke Masters, a priest of the Diocese of Joliet, author, and Chaplain for the Chicago Cubs. Once a standout baseball player who competed in the College World Series with Mississippi State, Father Burke followed a unique path from the ballfield to the priesthood.

In his book *A Grand Slam for God*, he shares his personal journey of faith and calling. Known for his engaging retreats and inspiring talks, he brings a powerful blend of athletic discipline, spiritual insight, and heartfelt compassion. His passion for outreach and service has touched countless lives through initiatives supporting the hungry, homeless, and marginalized.

We are blessed to have him join us and look forward to the hope-filled message he brings.

To Register visit us at:

<https://catholicimpactnetworkinggroup.com> Or scan the QR Code



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Saturday, June 14, 4:30PM

Intentions for all fathers

Sunday, June 15

8:15AM Intentions for all fathers

10:00AM Intentions for all fathers

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Monday, June 16, 9:00AM

Thomas Kramer-1st anniv (Family)

John Alice (Sally & Jeff Brooks)

Tuesday, June 17, 9:00AM

Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Wednesday, June 18, 9:00AM

Marie Gancarz (Judy)

Thursday, June 19, 9:00AM

Rick Filips (Friends)

Friday, June 20, 9:00AM

Margaret Grace Munin (Eugene Munin)

Saturday, June 21, 9:00AM

Raymond Vodar (Donatello Family)

A. Dennison Weaver-18th anniv (Wife)

Are you widowed and still hurting?

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop 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