

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

May 14, 2023 † Sixth Sunday of Easter



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me  
will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and  
reveal myself to him."  
- Jn 14:20-21

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## HAPPY MOTHER'S day

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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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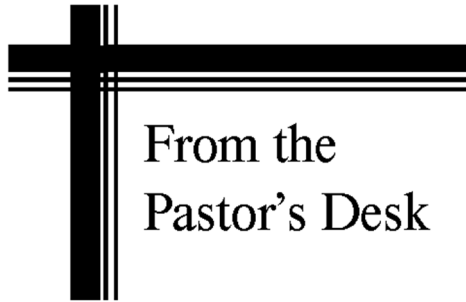
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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Happy Mothers' Day

What a wonderful and blessed day on which to celebrate our mothers! To those who are fortunate to spend this day with your mother, treat her like the princess that she is and love her, respect her and most importantly tell her thank you. Give thanks for all that she does for you and for putting up with any difficulty that you may have caused. Furthermore, give thanks to God who selected that special woman to be your mother, just as Mary was selected to be the mother of Jesus, in God's wisdom that wonderful woman was selected to be your mother, so say thank you to God. For those of us who no longer have our mothers present with us, again give thanks to God for your mother and all that she did for you during her lifetime. Mothers are incredible human beings. Mom is a parent, teacher, mentor, nurse, chauffeur, cook, friend and so much more all in one person. Perhaps most significantly, moms show us the love of God in their unconditional love, support and forgiveness that they show. They are often the first role models of faith to us. I am so grateful to my mother for all the lessons she taught me and all the love she showed me. I miss her dearly. Celebrate your mom in a special way today!!!!

The first reading and Gospel today speak about the coming of the Holy Spirit. We had a wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation recently and it was great to see our young people filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. All of us who are baptized and confirmed have been sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge piety and fear of the Lord. Let us all try to continually use and develop these amazing gifts in our lives.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

*Fr. Jeff*

### *Readings for the week of May 14, 2023*

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28





### Cathy's Corner— Paul's Definition of Peace

Maybe Paul wasn't paying attention when the disciples shared with him the words of Jesus that he was leaving his peace with them. *Merriam-Webster* defines peace as "a state of tranquility or quiet" or "harmony in personal relations." In both of those arenas, Paul was a dismal failure. Everywhere he went it seemed he stirred up extreme controversy at best and potentially lethal violence at worst.

And he kept coming back for more, back to Antioch where they expelled him, back to Iconium where they attacked him, back to Lystra where they stoned him and left him for dead outside the city walls. Paul caused trouble even by doing good. In fact, just before today's excerpt from Acts of the Apostles, Luke related that he and Barnabas had inadvertently riled up crowds of Gentiles who proclaimed them gods and tried to offer them sacrifices after witnessing Paul heal a man who had been lame from birth.

Another definition for peace is "a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom." Maybe at least Paul was somewhat attempting that by strengthening the spirits of disciples, and indeed making a considerable number of new ones, everywhere he went. After all, it was in the city of Antioch where our reading ends today, which was also the end of Paul's first missionary journey in 49 CE, that the disciples were first called Christians. As well Paul and Barnabas appointed leaders as they traveled. It is unlikely that during Paul's journeys they were actually called presbyters, since that is an office that was only in place some thirty to forty years later when Luke was drafting Acts of the Apostles. Still, these small church communities, located primarily in private homes, had individuals to guide them in faith, even if not in a state of security or order.

But perhaps Paul was surrendering the dictionary definitions of peace for Jesus' own description. Indeed, Jesus made it clear that the peace he gives is not the peace envisioned by the world. His peace is a peace wherein one's heart is never troubled or afraid. It is a peace that no worldly ruler, even no underworldly one, can take away. The violent mobs, full of jealousy and hate, that beset Paul wherever he went could not take his peace away. The authorities, both Jewish and Gentile, that incited hostile and unruly crowds could not take his peace away.

Certainly, we have our own of these worldly rulers that have many faces. They look like politicians who garner popularity by encouraging racism, xenophobia and hatred for the queer community. They look like business moguls who exploit the environment to increase their shareholder profits. They look like inspirational speakers who use their charisma to foster division and discrimination rather than acceptance and inclusion. The peace that Jesus leaves with his own is the assurance that as the rulers of this world have no power over him, they have no power over us unless we give it to them.

The rulers of the world make it seem like they have the ability to bring about peaceful existence, but that is the peace the world can give. That peace comes at the immeasurable cost of the destruction of dignity and respect accorded to each and every human being as a child of God. And it is paid by the most vulnerable and most rejected among us. Embracing the peace given by the Lord warrants repudiation of those who would dehumanize any person for any reason. Taking that position opens our own selves up to many hardships, that is true. Just ask St. Paul. But in doing so we will discover the Kingdom of God. In doing so we will know for our own selves the peace that only Jesus can give. *Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a*

**Like to garden? Want to help feed the hungry?**

## VOLUNTEER FOR PLANTING FOR THE PANTRY

No experience necessary – give as much or as little time a week as you have!

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**PLEASE HELP 'PROJECT LOVE'  
HELP MOMS IN NEED**

**Mother's Day Cards  
May 14th (After all the Masses)**

**A 'free will' donation to help pregnant women and new moms in financial crisis.**

Just imagine being pregnant or a brand-new mom and receiving an eviction notice because you can't pay your rent. How about losing your job because you needed to be on bed rest for the last few months of your pregnancy. Imagine your husband, boyfriend or parents abandoning you because you refuse to have an abortion.

Unfortunately, these are very often the situations of the young women who seek help each week from Project Love. They are referred by pregnancy care centers all over Illinois.

For 27 years, Project Love, a charitable program of Illinois Right to Life, has given over a half million dollars to mothers in need. In addition to financial support, they are given help and new hope in a time of crisis in their lives. Project Love is the answer to prayers by being the support they need to raise their children and move forward with their lives.

All money for Project Love grants comes from private donors like you. The money goes directly to their creditors (landlords or utility companies, etc.), and then Project Love sends a note of support and assurance of our prayers to each of the moms.

Thank you in advance for your support!



# FIRST MASS

of Fr. Jeremy Leganski

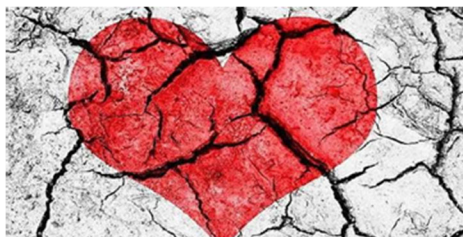
**Sunday, May 21, 2023  
12:00 PM**

Here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



We are excited to invite all parishioners with wedding anniversaries in 2023 for **10, 25, and 50 yrs. and above** to the 2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks! The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Raymond in Joliet at 2pm on August 27, 2023.

Please respond to [jeli-as@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jeli-as@dioceseofjoliet.org) by May 19<sup>th</sup>



*Bringing comfort and light through  
compassionate support*

**Next meeting May 17**

***Together in Loss* meets at a new time on a new day**  
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](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)  
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### A Prayer for Moms

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.*

*Bless our mothers.*

*Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.*

*Grant that her beloved family members honor her always with a spirit of profound respect.*

*May she emulate what is good and holy in the family. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

### Questions of the Week:

**Question for Children:** Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

**Question for Adults:** Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

### First Communion Updates

First Communion is Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 PM. Please pray for all our families as they continue their journey to the Table.

First Communion Practice times:

#### Readers:

Monday, May 15 6:30 PM

Friday, May 19 at 6:15 PM

#### Gift Bearers, Banner Carriers, and Altar Servers:

Monday, May 15 7:00 PM

Friday, May 19 at 6:30 PM

**PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE on FRIDAY, MAY 19 at 7:00 PM.**

There's still time to sign up for pictures. Call the RE office for more Info.

**Stellar VBS Planning Session**  
**Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 PM**

## Perfect Attendance!

As we wind down the RE Year, we would like to thank all the catechists, assistants, office staff, and especially the parents of our children. Your dedication to raising your family in the Catholic Faith is to be applauded!

We would also like to recognize all the students who had perfect attendance this year:

Teagan Baggot, Gavin Baggot, Maggie Bartlett,  
Brayden Berner, Natalia Camarena,  
Aleksandra Chowanec, Olivia Kasper,  
Robert Kovacevic, Savana Mapleton,  
Lauren Martin, Kinley Mullen, Beckham Oakey,  
Stanley Potocki, Mila Soto, Anthony Worley

### May Crowning/End of Year Celebration.







<b>Mary Anne Trochim</b>	<b>James Curley</b>
<b>Julie Ann Lacey</b>	<b>Barb Schunk</b>
<b>Kim Hoover</b>	<b>Loren Davis</b>
<b>Jeanette Seebock</b>	<b>Nancy Kososki</b>
<b>Gentle Cabrera</b>	<b>Bridget Gallmeier Raineri</b>
<b>Nancy Jisisju</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Jenne Gallmeier</b>
<b>Bill Haran</b>	<b>Susan Nugent</b>
<b>Evelyn Swartz</b>	<b>Abby Grace McCarver</b>
<b>Jean &amp; Mark Boyd</b>	<b>Allen Raineri</b>
<b>Jamie Carpenter</b>	<b>Diana Clohecy</b>



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
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S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy	Derek McCarthy
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Major Thomas Bessler	Steve Baker, Lt
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Adam Kowalski, Army	Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
Capt. James Lucas US Army	Vincent Napoli, USMC
Sgt. Greg Burnett	Nikolas Horskey, Army
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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.
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L.C. David Treadwell	Brian Sheenhan, Army
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	Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
	1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
	Ted Cook

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**4:30PM Masses for all Mothers**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**8:15AM Masses for all Mothers**

**10:00AM Masses for all Mothers**

**NOON Masses for all Mothers**

**Monday, May 15, 2023**

**9:00AM** Adam Modelski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Kathleen Wadas (Evelyn Antikaukas)

Anthony Nowak (Nowak Family)

Librada Manaligod (Friends)

Rose Cesna (Friend)

Lucille Christianson (Family)

Lloyd Francis Smith (Family)

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**9:00AM** Marian Wieczorek (Frank & Fran Modelski)

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**9:00AM** Don Brescia-2nd anniv (Family)

Sam DeGrazia-living (Niece)

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**9:00AM** Fortunata Quilang (Family)

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**9:00AM** Parishioners of OLMC

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**9:00AM** Peggy Chandler & Ozzie Kremer  
(Pat Monahan)

HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY

**Rosary Group**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**7PM**  
**In the Chapel**

