

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

May 21, 2023 † Seventh Sunday of Easter



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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

May 21, 2023

How blessed our parish is to celebrate such a wonderful weekend! On Saturday morning, we held our First Holy Communion for the young people of our community. We welcomed over 60 young members of our parish family to share in the Body of Christ around the Altar of our Father for the first time. These children will continue to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ as they grow into adulthood and all through life. Furthermore, it is our obligation to provide prayer, support and most importantly good example to these children. I hope that is something we will take seriously. A young person needs many good examples of faith in order to grow up in this world. It is my prayer and commitment to provide a faith-filled community for these children, so they grow and walk in their relationship with the Lord.

The children that we welcomed to the Table of the Lord yesterday should inspire hope in each of us as we see them grow and respond to the Holy Spirit moving in their lives. Our community is graced to have a young man, Jeremy Leganski, who grew up in this community and was inspired by the faith of this community to serve the Church as a priest. We thank God for calling a member of our parish to Holy Orders. A parish which produces a vocation is a sign of a healthy spirit filled community. It is a sign that we are doing something right and walking faithfully in the Lord. We pray for Fr. Jeremy as he begins his priesthood and service to the Church. We are honored to host the celebration of his first Mass. We pray for the Lord to bless Fr. Jeremy abundantly. May he always be supported by the prayers of this parish and that he knows that he is always welcomed home at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25



Cathy's Corner— Being Saved in the Saving

Who released whom? Did the jailer release Paul and Silas or did they release him? It did not take long for Paul to cause a stir in Philippi and land himself in jail. He just casually, out of annoyance really, exorcised a slave girl possessed by a spirit that predicted the future who was following them around for days, shouting that Paul and his companions were slaves of the Most High God. Needless to say, her owners were none too pleased about the profit they lost from selling her fortune-telling in the marketplace. The next thing Paul and Silas knew they were brought before the magistrate on a claim of disturbing the city - and, ironically enough, for being Jews - and locked up securely in the innermost cell of the prison.

Perhaps recalling the words of Jesus to his disciples that he would send them the Advocate, who would convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation, they prayed and sang hymns to God. Sure enough, the doors of the prison were thrown open and the chains of all were loosened. Still, it is not clear whether Paul and Silas would have been able to maneuver their way out of the bowels of the unfamiliar hold in the pitch black. Even the jailer needed a light to illuminate his way as he rushed in and fell down before the two. It seems likely, then, that it was he who released Paul and Silas.

Yet, at the same time, Paul and Silas were releasing him from slavery to the ruler of this world. Certainly, the jailer could have converted because of the earthquake that erupted after everyone in the prison heard arising from the darkness the prayers and hymns of Paul and Silas. But he was filled with so much fear of a worldly ruler that taking his own life was a better option than facing the consequences of allowing the prisoners to escape on his watch. Perhaps, then, it was the overwhelming shock and gratitude that Paul and Silas, even as they were unchained, were not attempting to flee. Maybe Paul's calling out "do no harm to yourself; we are all here," made him recognize what it truly meant to be saved. Likely it was little of both, knitted together by the invisible hand of the Advocate sent by Jesus.

Indeed, it is so often the truth that the ones we reach out to save, save us as well. The ones we release from the chains of neediness and despair by our loving care release us at the same time from our own prisons of isolation and purposelessness. And sometimes, like the jailer, we do not realize we are even in need of salvation. It can take a cataclysmic event, or simply the voice of someone calling out in our darkness the words we need to hear, to realize it.

Certainly, the foundations of this world shake with disasters both naturally and maliciously created. And there are voices crying out to us from the darkness of the poverty and sorrow that inevitably results. But the Advocate who convicts those who oppress their sisters and brothers as she defends those who work to set them free guides us to the place where all will find salvation, whether we are the ones reaching out a hand in compassionate care or those grasping that hand to receive it. The place where we are all released with each other into the freedom we can only find in our God.

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

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession Thursday June 8th Beginning with 6:30 pm Mass From Notre Dame to St. Isaacs

Thursday June 8th Beginning with HOLY Mass From Notre Dame to St. Isaacs Be a part of our 10th annual Eucharistic Procession between Notre Dame and St. Isaac Jogues on Thursday June 8th, on the Feast of Corpus Christi. If you've never been, it's just like Eucharistic Adoration, except with music, priests, nuns, seminarians, our bishop, and nearly a thousand others - oh and it's outside on a spring evening, all while walking, singing, and praying. Okay, maybe it's more like a giant, joyful religious parade, or a musical pilgrimage full of pomp and pageantry. Regardless, it is a chance to get outside and literally follow Christ, marching shoulder to shoulder with fellow Catholics and Jesus Himself out in the public square, in a reverent, musical, mile-long procession of praise and worship - and don't we and the world really need that these days.

More information can be found on the parish website <http://www.sij.net/>. It all begins with 6:30 pm Mass at Notre Dame, where immediately following, we process with Jesus to St. Isaac Jogues for a moving, musical, outdoor Benediction, followed by Christian fellowship. Bring your family and friends to what is likely the largest, most joyful Eucharistic Procession in the area and experience the graces and blessings for yourself - you'll be grateful you did. If you can't make the walk, we've got trolleys along the route, and to get you back to your cars when it's over. Come and be a part of the best public display of the Faith this side of martyrdom!



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SCAN ME

**Young at Heart is a group
for men and women age
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month for fellowship.**

Join us for our
June Gathering

**June 1st at
10:00 a.m. in the
Upper Deck**



**For more in-
formation
contact: Barbara Jo Miller
(630) 985-1043**

FIRST MASS

of Fr. Jeremy Leganski

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

Here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Reception to follow



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 by May 19th

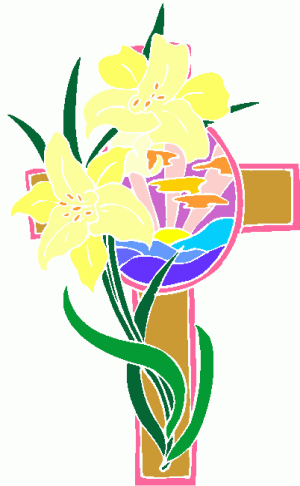


*Ordination
Anniversary*

**On June 11, 2023
Father Ed Ward
will be celebrating
his 50th Anniversary
of
Ordination to the
priesthood at the
12:00PM Mass.**

**Come one, come all.
A reception will follow!**





RE News and Updates

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

CORE Catechist Meeting-Tuesday, June 13
Dinner-6:30-Meeting 7:00 PM
Time to wrap up the year!

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build our relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

Activities of the Week

We pray when we ask God for something or thank God for the many gifts we have been given. Create a family prayer box with your family. Use a shoe box and cut a small opening on top. Give each family member a small piece of note paper. Invite family members to write down what they would like to ask of God. Place the prayers in the prayer box. Thank God for hearing your prayers.

Take time this week to help the younger members of the family memorize the traditional prayers Catholics pray such as the Apostles' Creed, the Sign of the Cross, the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory to the Father. It would also be a good time to check on whether the older children remember these prayers.

Join us for a STELLAR week long adventure through the cosmos as we discover the light of Jesus in every corner of creation. July 10-14 Jesus is with us always, so. . .

when life feels dark,
 when people don't get along,
 when good things happen,
 when people are sad,
 and when people need help, we can all SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

Each day we will focus on a different bible point with a Catholic reflection from the Saint of the Day to illuminate our Catholic Faith. There we will be music, games, crafts, activities, and much more based on the daily theme.

On Friday, we will have a closing celebration complete with ice cream and snacks. Everyone is invited to see how much fun the kids had. Celebration begins at 3:00 PM.

We anticipate many participants so sign up now! We can also use your help.



Our monthly Family Mass is on the third Sunday of the Month at the 10:00 Mass. Please sign up as readers, greeters, gift bearers now for Father's Day-June 18. Parents, you can help your children read or participate too!



Mary Anne Trochim	James Curley
Julie Ann Lacey	Barb Schunk
Kim Hoover	Loren Davis
Jeanette Seebock	Nancy Kososki
Gentel Cabrera	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	ENS Allison Early, NAVY
SPC Jonathan Poynton	CPO Michael Early, USMC
Joe Barker	Elliot Broccardo, USMC
Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.	Lindsey Johnson
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Capt. James Lucas US Army	Vincent Napoli, USMC
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Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC	Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
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Colin Cusack	LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Michael Sklodowski, Army	Tom Reiter
Nick Radziwon, US Navy	Nathaniel Rozgo
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.
Keith Thomas	Pat Gill Petty Officer
L.C. David Treadwell	Brian Sheenhan, Army
Timothy Vaughn, USAF	Joseph Higgins
Zachary Bell	Gary Hogan
Christopher Johnson USCG	Kevin Hornett
Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army	Dan Eugene Bavan
Pvt Dylan R. Hagan	Dan Welters
Danielle Monahan SrA	Alex Erkiens
	Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
	1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
	Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:30PM Thomas Mulhall (Friends)
Charles Heery Sr (Family)
Rose Sunny (Sheri)
Laurence & Theresa Kowalski-living (Family)
Patricia Kruz (Family)

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:15AM Marco, Cynthis & Louis Rocco (Nick Rocco)
10:00AM James Sturino (Family)
Bruno Chapukonis (Jerry Barich)
Ralph D. Considine (Jim Revord)

NOON ORDINATION OF JEREMY LEGANSKI

Monday, May 22, 2023

9:00AM Frank Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)
Cindy McDonnell (Family)
Remigio Echeveri (Family)
Tim Nysten-1st anniv (Family)
Chester & Helen Burchaski (Family)

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

9:00AM Marian Wiecezorek (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

9:00AM Irene Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)
Elizabeth & Domonic Donatello (Donatello Family)
Rita Nemecek (Pat Monahan)

Thursday, May 25, 2023

9:00AM Jeffrey Anderson-25th anniv (Mother Irene)
John J. O'Connell (Eugene Munin)
Helen Ganiec (Dore Gembela)

Friday, May 26, 2023

9:00AM Kathleen Corso (Mother Evelyn)
Marylou Lapena (Friends)
Jack Connelly-17th anniv (Wife)

Saturday, May 27, 2023

9:00AM Eleonora Niziolek (Family)
Lloyd, Violet & Mark Mizuria (Family)

Rosary Group
Every Wednesday
7PM
In the Chapel

