

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

May 7, 2023 † Fifth Sunday of Easter



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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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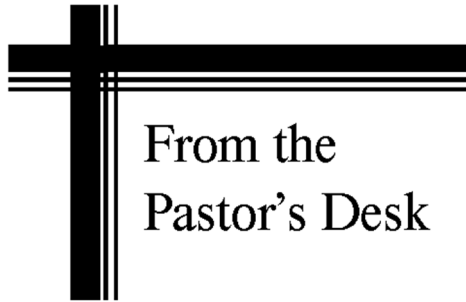
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From the Pastor's Desk

May 7, 2023

I have been blessed with a pretty good sense of direction. I can usually determine north, south, east and west naturally. Maps and the landscape have always been an interest of mine, so much so that I majored in geography in college and earned a master's degree in geography. So, I don't get lost easily. I do recall one incident when I was really little, maybe 5 or 6 years old in a store where I got separated from my mom. I panicked. Fortunately, a kind employee found me and started the PA announcements of "attention shoppers, we have a little lost boy." My mother was so embarrassed to admit that she was the negligent parent who lost her child. I got to tease her about it all through adulthood. Jesus in today's Gospel tells his disciples that they know the way. Thomas speaks up saying that they don't know where is going, how can they know the way? We can often feel like that in life. We can feel lost and bewildered. We can feel hopeless and alone. We can lose our way sometimes. In those moments it can hard to see where Christ is in our lives. We can be like Philip and want to exclaim, "show us the Father." Jesus told them and he tells us as well, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the way that we are all seeking and the answer to the deepest questions and longings of our souls. I hope and pray that we each keep seeking the way to the Father and deepening our relationship with the Lord.

I am glad to share the handicap doors are finally working. It took a few weeks longer than expected. Now, both the outer doors and the wooden inner doors will open and both sides of the doors will open. I hope this makes a positive improvement for parishioners who require assistance. I am also really glad to share that the new sound system has been installed. I am sure that it will make a significant improvement in sound quality. It will take time for us to work the kinks out and learn how to fully utilize the new technology. This includes the hearing assistance that will allow people to connect hearing aids directly into the system. More on how to do things like that as soon as I learn myself. Thanks for your understanding.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



Cathy's Corner— The Roadmap to the Most High

The disciples knew Jesus was describing for them what we think of as heaven, the spiritual dwelling place of the Most High wherein the angelic hosts forever sing praise and thanksgiving to God. As comforting as it probably was to hear that Jesus was going there to prepare a place for them, the practical Thomas was understandably concerned that they had no idea how to actually get there. After all, Jesus was not handing over a roadmap made of papyrus inscribed with secret details of heavenly geography. He was just offering this cryptic pronouncement that they, in fact, knew the way. His follow-up statement that he is the way and the truth and the life likely did not clarify the directions for them. In fact, Jesus was discussing this with them as part of the Last Supper discourse and afterwards, when Jesus was arrested and condemned to death, they did not stay around to decipher what he had meant. They scattered and they hid.

But when God raised Jesus from the dead, as Paul was explaining to those in the synagogue in Antioch, Jesus did not leave them to their confusion and despair. He did not leave them to believe he had abandoned them forever without telling them how to find him. He appeared for many days to those same disciples, and others as well, while they were making their way back into a life without him. And they realized with great joy the good news that Jesus was himself the roadmap, just as he had already said. They realized that the promise made by God to their ancestors to raise up for them the Messiah had been fulfilled in Jesus. They realized that Jesus is the Way.

Indeed, when Paul was still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the risen Lord, that is the name they had given to themselves, those who belonged to the Way. Because following Jesus is a way of life, not a handbook of guidelines that can be picked up and put back down as the mood strikes. It is adherence to a path that is the Lord, the truth that leads to life for all of God's creation, from which neither societal scorn nor financial forfeit can sway us. It is the Way that brings us to the dwelling place of peace and joy that exists only in the Most High, prepared for those who share that peace and joy with all they meet. Even in our own deepest confusion and despair, we have in our grasp that roadmap. And all it takes to get there is to realize that, in Jesus, we already are.

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6



Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 invite you to be *Nourished* in
your caregiving ministry

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy.

Family caregivers need **information**, **strength** and **connection** during the caregiver journey. Let us provide that for you, all with a Christ-centered view.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 13 8:30 am to 10:00 am at Our Lady of Peace

Thrive • Empower • Advance •

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*Questioning your faith?
 Feeling spiritual but not religious?
 Not sure where the church fits in your life?*

Let's talk about it!

**Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm
 May 8 through June 19**

**NO RSVP NECESSARY
 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Alleluia, Donut Day is back Sunday, May 7.

Enjoy a donut after Mass with your parish family.



The Catholic Grandparents Ministry will meet on Friday, May 12. Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May. We will meet in the outdoor Gazebo (on the Carmelite grounds) at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by a luncheon, all are welcome!

For more information, please email: catholicgrandparentsolmc@gmail.com

FIRST MASS

of Fr. Jeremy Leganski

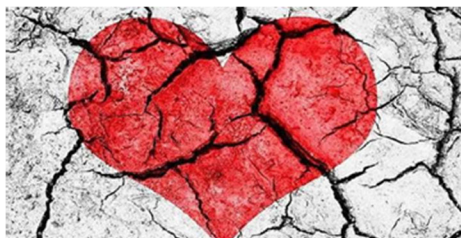
Sunday, May 21, 2023
12:00 PM

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 by May 19th



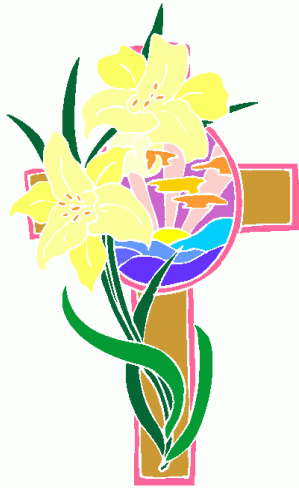
*Bringing comfort and light through
compassionate support*

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
or 630-852-3303 ext 5



RE News...

RE Packets for 2023-2024 are available now. Please check with the RE office for your packet.

We will still celebrate Family Masses on the third Sunday of every month. Our next Mass is May 21 at 10:00 AM. I am looking for readers, gift bearers and usher assistants. If you would like your family to participate, please contact the RE office ASAP- Parents, you may read together with your child!

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?

Question for Youth: Jesus is “the way, the truth, the life” and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus’ way?

Question for Adults: How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

First Communion Updates

Practices for First Communion begin May 1st at 6:30-All readers should be present as you will receive your reading for the Celebration.

Other Practices:

Readers:

Monday, May 8 & 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.

Sign up now for your pictures! with Soriano Photography! She will be taking portraits on the day of First Communion, as well as capturing your child’s reception of the Eucharist with Fr. Jeff. She will also provide a link for the video.

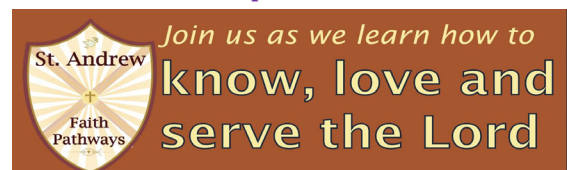
Upcoming Dates

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Vacation Bible School will happen on the week of July 10-14 from 12:00-3:00 PM each day, with a celebration and Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 14 at 3:00. The theme this year is STELLAR: an outer space odyssey where we learn how to Shine Jesus’ Light.

We are still looking for helpers and leaders for stations and small groups. We would like to keep each group to 6 young participants, with 1-2 Jr. Leaders (Grades 5-7), and one Adult Leader, or 2 High School Leaders. We also need station leaders.

FAITH PATHWAYS for Adults with Special Needs



Catholic Faith Enrichment for adults with developmental disabilities

April 23, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm

May 7, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm

May 21, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4:30PM Josephine Ryczyn (Family)

Victoria Knafl (Family)

Marie Frances Hagarty (Friends)

Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:15AM Maria & Nicola Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Helen & Robert Sayre (Rita Thompson)

10:00AM Phil Scheussler (Kathleen Ochs Family)

Michael Sislow Jr. -7th anniv (Mom & Jerry)

NOON Marlene Carioto (Daughter)

Archangela & Lorraine Storino (Family)

Geraldine Dellamorte-10th anniv (Family)

Monday, May 8, 2023

9:00AM Irene Peterson-living (Dorothy & John Gay)

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

9:00AM Simone-living (Family)

Marian Wiczorek (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Thursday, May 11, 2023

9:00AM Eleanor Czachor (Donatello Family)

Margaret H. Cukale (Family)

Friday, May 12, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9:00AM Jose Macairan (Wife)



Rosary Group
Every Wednesday
7PM
In the Chapel

