

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

September 10, 2023 † Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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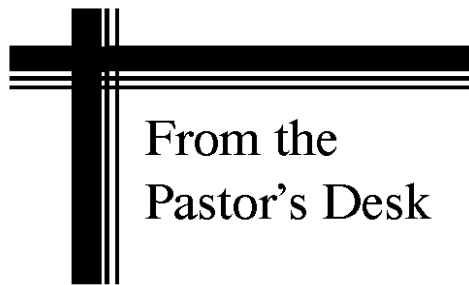
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From the Pastor's Desk

Community is one of our most fundamental Christian values. We are called into community with one other. No person can make it through life without a community around him or her. We are meant to be in relationship. We need human interaction in order to be normal and healthy. People who have been kept in isolation for long periods of time develop mental health issues due to lack of human interaction. Simply put, we need each other and we are responsible for each other. This is also the very reason why we need a church community behind us. The common belief that a person can be “spiritual” but not

religious or that one does not need an organized religion is a false belief. Just like we can't make it through life alone, we can't make it through a spiritual life alone. Our readings all touch on the importance of community. The Prophet Ezekiel tells us that we are responsible for each other. We have an obligation to point out wrong doing and confront others when needed when behavior is troubling the good of the community. The Gospel of Matthew tells us about the duty to forgive others but also of the duty to speak out to others. Then the Gospel tells us that wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst. That is the importance of community. God is telling us that we need each other. St. Paul in the Letter to the Romans, today's second reading, reminds us to love our neighbor as our self and that true love does no evil to a neighbor. So, how well are loving our neighbor?

In addition to being good to our neighbor, we are called to be good to our environment. I am glad to say that OLMC has finally started recycling. We had a designated recycling dumpster delivered last week and are putting in blue recycling bins in the RE class rooms and offices. It is the least we can do to help care of the earth. We are also investigating the installation of solar panels on the roof. We have several different companies doing impact studies and putting in estimates and bids. It remains to be seen how feasible solar power will be for this building.

Lastly, I ask for the prayers of the parish community. I was asked to serve on Presbyteral Council for the Diocese of Joliet. This is a huge honor and I am humbled by the confidence shown by the Carmelites, the Diocese and Bishop Hicks. The presbyteral council is to a diocese what the parish council is to a parish. It is a group of priests chosen by the bishop to serve as his advisors in the governance of the diocese. So I ask for your prayers and the grace of the Holy Spirit to serve Bishop Hicks and the faithful of the Diocese of Joliet to the best of my ability.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49



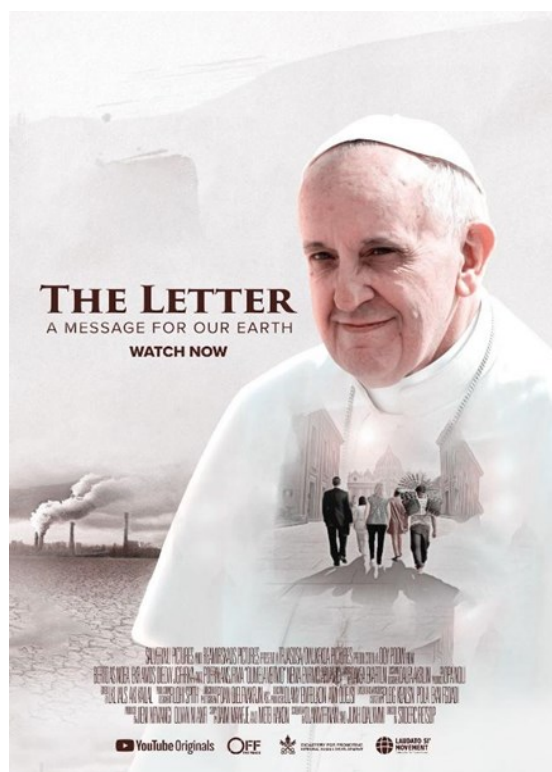
Cathy's Corner— Power and Authority in the Day of the Lord

Jesus taught with authority. Jesus healed with authority. The unclean demon that possessed the man in the synagogue in Capernaum was in a panic. After all, it was the belief in Jesus' time that before the day of the Lord would come - the same day Paul was comparing for the Thessalonians to labor pains coming upon a pregnant woman - the control the evil spirits had enjoyed over humanity would be wrested from them. All evil would be destroyed. God's authority over humankind would be reestablished. And the power to make that happen was vested in Jesus. Indeed, just prior to this exorcism in Capernaum, Jesus himself had proclaimed in the synagogue in Nazareth that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him. The darkness ruled by demons and despair was giving way to the light of salvation in Christ.

The evil spirits of today, however, do not seem to be in the same kind of panic over the sudden disaster that will certainly befall them at the coming of the day of the Lord. They seem to dwell in relative peace and security, all things considered. A world environment in grave peril over climate change created by the disregard and excesses of humankind. An almost constant onslaught of dictatorial leaders seizing power through violence and bloodshed. A pandemic virus that mutates and strengthens every time science and medicine seem to finally discover the key to effectively containing it. And that does not even begin to consider the countless more personal demons that invade our individual lives, our sickness and heartache, our shattered dreams and broken promises, that shackle and embitter us.

The thing is, the unclean spirits dwelling all around us do in fact recognize the Holy One of God. They will recoil in fear and slink away in terror when they are confronted with that authority. Unfortunately, more often than not, they need not face that reality because they are the ones considered as having authority. They are the ones considered as wielding the power. In which case they do. And they will. When we give them that authority and power, we are of the night, living in the darkness. Which will not prevent the day of the Lord from coming, from which those demons will not escape. But let us not be dragged down with them.

It is up to us to wake up and be children of the day. The only true authority comes from our God, which demands us to encourage one another, not ostracize and degrade. To build one another up, not scavenge and humiliate. The authority that comes from our God insists that we work together and make the necessary sacrifices for solutions to our world's crises, not take what we can get for as long as we can get it. The power that was vested in Jesus mandates that we recognize how each and every day we can heal as he did because he sent the Spirit of the Lord upon us all. If we but recognize her authority. If we but acknowledge the Spirit as supreme rather than giving that power to all that is evil. Then all that is evil will recoil from us in fear and slink back into the darkness from whence it came. Thus will we be children of the light. Acting with the full authority given to us by the Holy One of God. *1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37*



Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30pm

During the Season of Creation

Blanchette Catholic Center

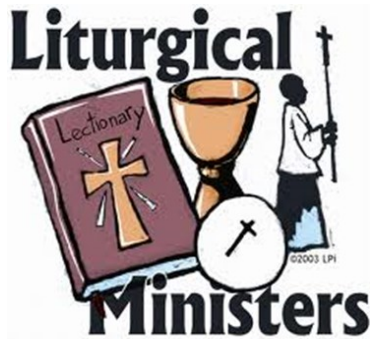
16555 Weber Rd. Crest Hill, IL

Join us to watch this important documentary with Pope Francis about how our faith calls us to take action on the planetary emergency. We are called to hear both *the cry of the earth* and *the cry of the poor*. We will watch the film and have a short discussion afterwards. Refreshments will be provided.



For more info,

contact: 630-334-2007 or jreyes@dioceseofjoliet.org



Jesus is calling YOU – to minister at Mass
Lector ~ Usher ~ Altar Server ~
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
 We will be training in September – contact Cathy Lentz for
 more information – 630-852-3303 ext 5 or
catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, September 30

HOLY HILL



The National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians
 Transportation to/from OLMC 8:15 am – 4:45 pm
 Register in the parish office: \$44 per person
 Parishioners welcome, limited seating, first come



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The Arm of ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

is visiting the United States and is coming to
 THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*,
 Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering
 dedication and steadfast faith. Millions
 have experienced his intercession in times
 of adversity and need.



DATE: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

LOCATION: Saint Julie Billiart Catholic Church

ADDRESS: 7399 W. 159th Street Tinley Park, Illinois 60477 (708) 429-6767

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 1:00 PM

TIME OF MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:30 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 11:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OTHER LOCATIONS.



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VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.





Re News

RE Start this weekend!

Parents, please take care and pray for us as we are looking for several Catechists!

Help Wanted! RE 22-23

What is a Catechist?

"So, as I look out at you, I think: Who are catechists? They are the people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."

(Pope Francis-Homily at the Mass for Catechists-2013)

Are you a faith filled person who enjoys sharing your time with children? Then you ARE qualified to help our kiddos! We will help with any training, but your faith is what carries you through. Our teacher's guides have step by step instructions along with tips and training points along the way. You can check out the curriculum for grades 1-6 at <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> You can also get the Questions and Activities of the week there.

Important Info for all returning Catechists:

Remember returning Catechists and RE Volunteers must verify that their background checks are updated and complete the state required Mandated Reporter Training (online). Check with Sherry to see that your safe environment requirements are up to date.

Upcoming Dates

RE Parent Meetings during RE sessions-
The first meetings are Sept. 10-11

Family Faith gathering (Home School)-Tuesday,
September 19 -7:00-8:15 PM

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

Activity of the Week

Plan a family reconciliation service. Begin by having each member of the family write down on a small slip of paper one thing they did that hurt another family member. Ask each family member to pray individually, silently, to ask forgiveness for his or her action. Collect the slips of paper and burn them in the fireplace or in a metal container as a symbol that they have been forgiven and will change their ways. Close by praying together: "Loving and gracious God, we come before You in our brokenness. Help us see our mistakes. Grant that we may be open to your healing mercy and forgiveness as we seek to change our lives. Amen."

Prayer of the Week-

We pray for our young people, growing up in an unsteady and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals.

Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start,

Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and keep alive their joy in your creation:

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Mary Anne Trochim **James Curley**
Julie Ann Lacey **Kim Hoover**
Jeanette Seebock **Nancy Kososki**
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
 SPC Jonathan Poynton
 Joe Barker
 Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.
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 Nick Radziwon, US Navy
 Gwen Zemaitis Baker
 James Lucas US Army
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 Capt. Mark Sprague
 Zach Wallace
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 Timothy Vaughn, USAF
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 Christopher Johnson USCG
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 Pvt. Dylan R. Hagan
 Danielle Monahan SrA

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 CPO Michael Early, USMC
 Elliot Broccardo, USMC
 Lindsey Johnson
 Diahann Bavan
 Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
 Derek McCarthy
 Joe Michalski
 Steve Baker, Lt
 Luke Fluder
 Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
 Vincent Napoli, USMC
 Nikolas Horskey, Army
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 Capt. Tim Wilson
 Rachael Smith
 Kevin Pope
 Dave Rawlings
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 Nathaniel Rozgo
 Robert DeMatio
 Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
 Captain Jackson Panice
 Ryan Snyder
 Capt. James Lienau
 Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
 Pat Gill Petty Officer
 Brian Sheenhan, Army
 Joseph Higgins
 Gary Hogan
 Kevin Hornett
 Dan Eugene Bavan
 Dan Welters
 Alex Erkiens
 Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
 1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
 Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 9, 2023

4:30PM Regine Frunk (Jerry & Kay Doyle)

Fr. Peter Mary Rookey (Sheri)

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:15AM Max Zostautas (Friends)

10:00AM Damian Trenshaw (Kim Siefert)

OLMC Grandparents

NOON Jane Purpura (Ellen Bovard)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

Monday, September 11, 2023

9:00AM Helen Baggech (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Pat Maloney-living (Tony & Melanie Ruta)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

9:00AM Michael Rafa (Carol Bernaski)

Maria Manaligod (Friends)

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

9:00AM Roy Gracey-1st anniv (Graczyk Family)

Catherine & James Tracy (Pat Monahan)

Jose Macairan (Wife)

Don Brescia (Family)

Felesitas Angliongto (Ampy)

Thursday, September 14, 2023

9:00AM Michele Neill (Family)

Friday, September 15, 2023

9:00AM Joan Stauder (Family)

Michelina Tudisco (Family)

Jeffrey Carioto (Sister)

Felicitas Angliongto (Friends)

Saturday, September 16, 2023

9:00AM James Karnick (Family)

Ricardo C. Barretto (Felisa & Rafael Barretto)

PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR

We invite you to learn more about how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden.

Tuesday, September 12

11:30 a.m.

Jam N Jelly Cafe

7511 Lemont Rd #200

Darien, IL 60561

Presented by:



Presented by: Modell Funeral Home

Space is Limited. Call
 (630) 313-2066 to RSVP