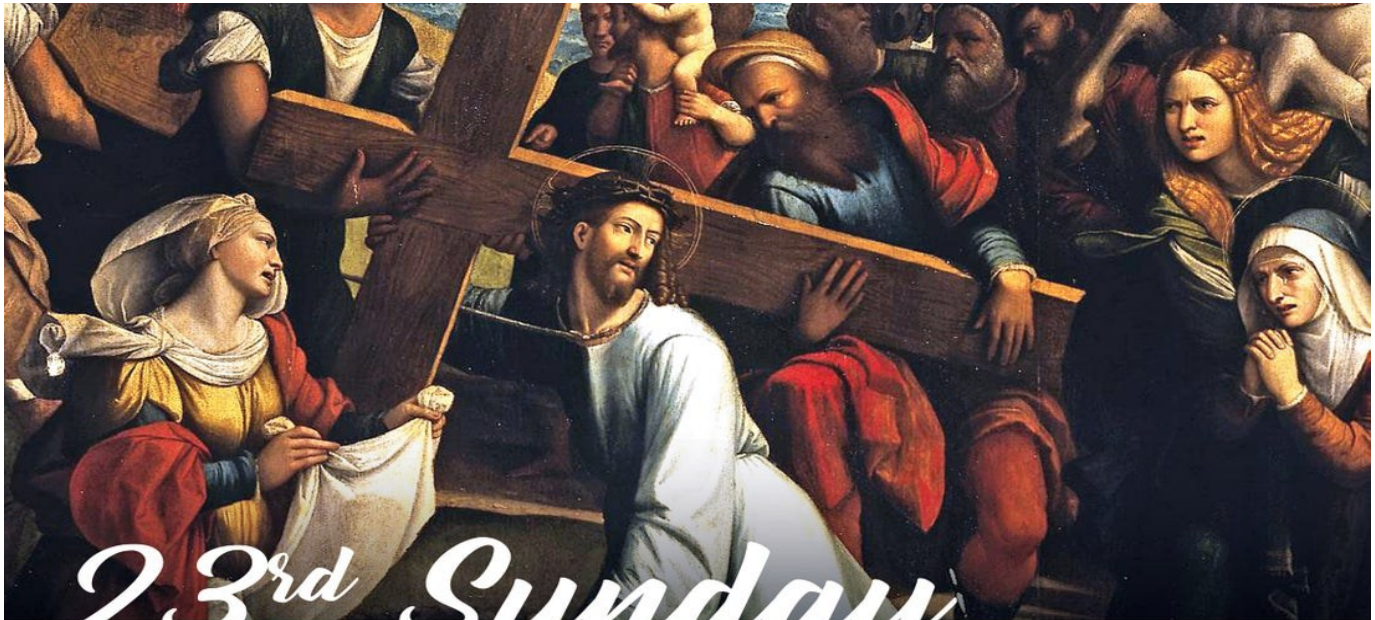


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

September 7, 2025 † Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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 office for arrangements.

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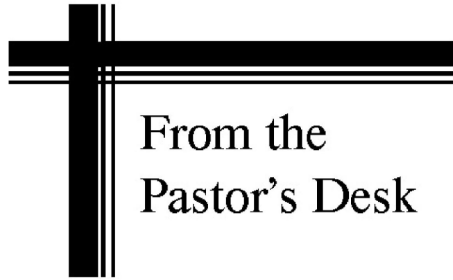
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From the Pastor's Desk

Our Religious education program resumes this weekend. It is great to have the life and energy of the kids back in our community. If only they were here every Sunday. We must continue to focus on evangelization and showing all people the beauty of our Catholic faith. The priests of the Diocese will have our convocation later in September. Evangelization is the theme of the gathering and encouraging all parishes to seek new ways of reaching out and encouraging people to either rediscover or to discover what it means

to be Catholic and to live it out. More to come.

The Gospel this weekend is disturbing at first. Jesus says whoever does not hate brothers and sisters and spouses and children are not worthy of the Kingdom. How can we hate our siblings, our husbands or wives and especially hate our children? What I think Jesus is challenging us to is a sense of willingness to give all to Him. He is asking what is holding us back from totally following Him? Sure, our family is always of utmost concern and should be, but are the worries and concerns of this world holding us back from totally following Christ? Are the worries and concerns of things in this life limiting us? Certainly, very understandable, however Jesus is always challenging us to keep an eye on eternity. What is holding us back? What are our worries and concerns that are preventing us from completely following Christ? The Gospel concludes with, In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

The building continues to fight me on a daily basis. The current issue is the metal roof needs a large amount of work and perhaps a total replacement. As best any we can determine it is original, so that makes it almost 50 years old. It has served its time. It will be pricey but needs to be done in order the stop leaking, especially the leak upper wall behind the altar. The votive candles should be arriving any day. The back area around St. Joseph will look stunning when all is done. I still want to have new carpet before Christmas, but other repairs, plumbing and the roof keep getting in the way.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us!
Fr, Jeff

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

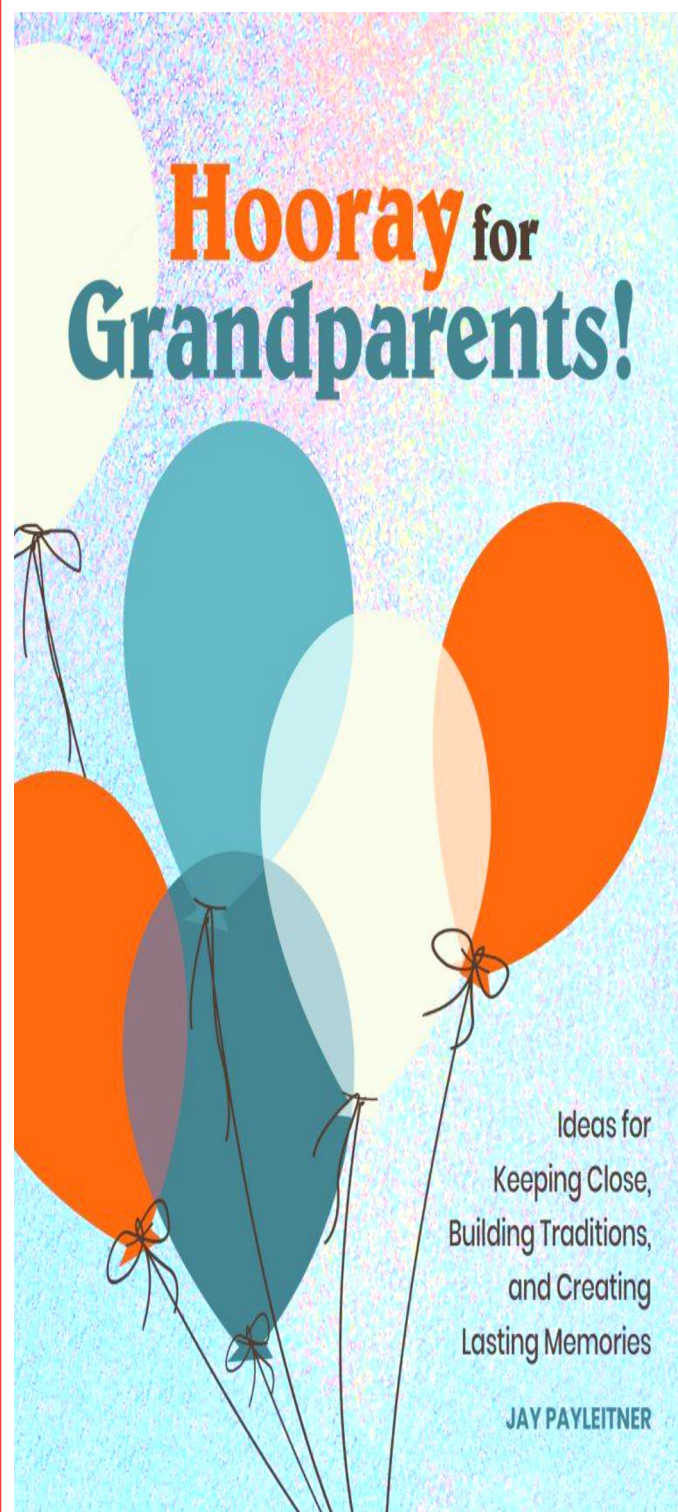
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

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





The Catholic Grandparents Ministry at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Darien) invites you to a special Celebration on Tuesday, September 9, at 9:30 am.

Guest speaker Jay Payleitner has an extensive background in advertising, radio and television, and is also a national speaker at conferences and retreats. He is the author of more than 40 books – having sold more than ¾ million copies – including the best seller “Hooray for Grandparents!”. His latest book – “A Grand Way to Live” – is coming soon.

“These days, speaking into the lives of other grandparents is my sweet spot!”

Jay and his high school sweetheart, Rita, live in the Chicago area where they raised five kids, loved on ten foster babies, and are cherishing grandparenthood.



Bring a friend and join us for a morning filled with encouragement, wisdom, and heartfelt stories that celebrate the joys and challenges of grandparenting. Jay brings a unique blend of humor and insight, drawing from both his professional journey and personal experience, making his talks relatable and inspiring for all generations.

Youth Group Upcoming Events:

The Youth Group Leadership Team will meet on **Wednesday, September 10th** from **6:00 - 7:00 pm.**

We will be finalizing our Back to School Bash! If you're interested in being apart of the team: Scan QR to RSVP



High School Service Opportunities:

Come help put together Mentor Books for our **2nd Grade First Communicants.**

We will have cutting, taping, and stapling **galore!**

Saturday, September 13th : 1:00 - 3:00

There will be snacks and drinks.

Email Jen at:

Jennifer.emanuele@ourladyofmrcarmel.org to let me know if you want to volunteer.

Planning for Life's Final Chapter

SPEAKER SERIES

DARIEN PARK DISTRICT
7301 Fairview Avenue, Darien, Illinois

September 9 Pre-Planning and Hospice
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Learn the benefits of pre-planning your funeral and the functions of hospice

September 30 ESTATE PLANNING AND SELLING YOUR LOVED ONE'S HOME
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Properly setting up your estate documents and the process of selling your loved one's home before or after death

October 20 Transitioning to Senior Living and Letting Go of Cherished Belongings
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Discuss the process of transitioning to senior living facilities and donating & selling your loved one's belongings

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OLMC HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

2025 - 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAYS 1 - 3 PM

SEPTEMBER: - 21 (BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ)

OCTOBER - 5, 19, 26 (TRUNK OR TREAT)

NOVEMBER: 2, 16

DECEMBER 14: (CHRISTMAS PARTY),

19: PARENTS NIGHT OUT

JANUARY: 10 (RECHARGE RETREAT), 25

FEBRUARY: 8, 22, 28 (CONFIRMATION RETREAT)

MARCH: 8, 22, 29 (EASTER EGG HUNT)

APRIL: 19

MAY: 3 (END OF YEAR CELEBRATION)

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**Register Now
for Faith Formation**

RE Registration Reminder

*If you haven't registered for
the 25-26 RE year, please do
so as soon as possible. Spaces
are filling up.*

*your
child
belongs*

...in this church
...in this community
...in the body of Christ
...in Religious Education

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children:

Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Question for Youth:

Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

Question for Adults:

Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

Activities of the Week:

Plan a time of family prayer. Each family member should reflect on a time when he or she has known the presence and wisdom of God in his or her life. Gather around a lighted candle and invite each person to share his or her story. After each story everyone prays, Oh God, we give you praise

Together as a family, talk about the crosses you and your family have been asked to carry. (Examples: sickness, financial concerns, issues at school, etc.) On a cross cut from construction paper, write which cross you, as a family will help each other carry this week

Pray this week for:

Let us pray for RE Program as we begin a new year. We pray for the Catechists, Aides, Volunteers, and all families. May they continue to grow closer to God in faith and love.

Help Wanted! What we need:

Thank you to all the catechists, aides, office help, parking lot attendees, and all others who work behind the scenes to bring your family a great RE program! It takes a lot of people willing to share their faith with our young parishioners, and we can use your help. Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

This is where we can use your help:

Sunday, 9:00- Grades:

Pre-school, 4th, & 6th

Sunday, 11:00-Grades

Pre-school, 5th & 6th

Monday, 5:00-Grades

5th & 6th

Monday, 7:00-Grades:

5th & 8th

We can also use Office Help at 11:00 on Sunday and 5:00 on Monday.

I am also looking for hallway monitors and parking lot attendants for most time frames, Sherry will be in the back of Church after all masses this weekend.

Parent Info

Welcome back to RE! we will start this week off with parents gathering with students on the upper deck (If your child is in kindergarten, please go directly to the room). Other "Getting To Know You" times are as follows:

Grade 6 September 13-14

Grades 1 & 3 September 20-21

Grades 2 & 5 September 27-28

Grade 4 October 2-3

Together in Loss
September 20th 10 a.m.-
11:30 a.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)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

NAMI Family to Family

A free 8-week educational course
for adult family members (18+)
and others who have
adult loved ones (18+)
with a mental illness.

DATE: Tuesdays, September 9, 2025
– October 28, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Contact Lori Prado for information
lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

COST: FREE

TO REGISTER, GO TO NAMIDUPAGE.ORG

-Click on Family Services, and click on Educational Courses for Families



Saturday, September 6, 4:30PM

Arlene Brescia (Michael & Anne Hillebrand)
Charles Labate (Family)

Sunday, September 7

8:15AM Edwin & Florence Moore (Germaine)
Margaret & Marco Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Arlene Brescia (Family)

Sandy Bogue (8:15 Choir)

10:00AM Jean Belford-9th anniv (Family)

Judy Romano (Jerry Baarich)

Noon Joe & Bernie Nutile (Sheri)

Monday, September 8, 9:00AM

Francis Vacco Valiaparambil (Family)

Billy, Dolly, & Dante Parinas

(Sister and Friends)

Tuesday, September 9, 9:00AM

Stanley Gancarz (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Harry Borucku (Daughter Evelyn)

Rosario Baradi (Family)

Wednesday, September 10, 9:00AM

Michael Napoli (Family)

Fr. Peter Mary Rookey (Sheri)

Rejane Shafer-25th anniv (Family)

Thursday, September 11, 9:00AM

Helen Bagech (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Michele Neill (Family)

Friday, September 12, 9:00AM

Roger Lerio (Gina Snell)

Maria Manaligod (Friends)

Saturday, September 13, 9:00AM

Catherine & James Tracy (Pat Monahan)

