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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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July 16, 2023

PENTECOST VII

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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Today is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If you have not been enrolled in the **Brown Scapular**, this enrollment will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be moved to next Sunday.) Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.


¶ SUMMER NOVENA

Bring your intentions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony of Padua during the Summer Novena. The Novena prayers are recited after every Mass on **Tuesdays**.

¶ GAME NIGHT

The game night is this **Friday!** Don't miss all the fun! There will be pizza and drinks for sale after the 5:45pm Mass. Please bring some games to share. The sodality can't wait to see you there!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost VIII. Blessing of Expectant Mothers after all Masses. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM. **Blessing of Cars** during all Masses, for the feast of St. Christopher.  **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost VIII, second collect of St. Apollinaris, third of St. Liborius. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Adan Rodriguez, Pat Kolb, Fr. Thielen, Rick Woods, and Tom Simpson.



¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys' Camp is next week, July 25-27, Tuesday-Thursday. Please contact the office if you have not yet signed your boys up for the camp. The church is accepting donations to cover camp expenses. Envelopes for this purpose can be found in the vestibule.

Lumen Christi

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:

Katie Marie's awakening
(John Mark Gauthier)

¶ LOOK AHEAD

Parish Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 17
Fall Festival: Sunday, Sept. 24

FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love."

"To this end, we should help and support one another and strive for peace and union among ourselves. This is the wine that cheers and strengthens travelers along the narrow path of Jesus Christ."

Wedding  Banns

First time: Joseph Vines & Gabrielle Swinney

Collection Report

Sunday, July 9th\$7,149.00
Thank you for your generosity.



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
"By their fruits you shall know them"

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

O blessed Virgin, full of grace, Queen of all Saints, how sweet it is for me to venerate thee under the title of our Lady of Mount Carmel. It takes me back to the days of the prophet of Elias, when thou wast prefigured on Mount Carmel under the form of the little cloud, from which, as it increased, there fell a kindly rain, symbolic of the sanctifying graces that come to us from thee. Even from the days of the Apostles, thou hast been honored under this mystic title; and today I am filled with joy at the thought that we are united with those first clients of thine, and in union with them we salute thee, saying: O beauty of Carmel, glory of Libanus, thou purest of lilies, mystic rose in the flowering garden of the Church. Meanwhile, O Virgin of virgins, be mindful of me in my misery, and show thyself my Mother. Shed upon me ever more and more the living light of that faith which made thee blessed; inflame me with that heavenly love wherewith thou didst love thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. I am filled with miseries both spiritual and temporal. I am straitened by many sorrows in body and soul, and I take refuge, like a child, in the shadow of thy motherly protection. Do thou, Mother of God, who hast such power and might, obtain for me from blessed Jesus, the heavenly gifts of humility, chastity, and meekness, which were the fairest ornaments of thine immaculate soul. Do thou grant me to be strong in the midst of the temptations and bitterness, which so often overwhelm my spirit. And when the days of my earthly pilgrimage are accomplished according to God's holy will, grant that my soul may obtain the glory of paradise, through the merits of Christ and thine intercession. Amen.

500 days indulgence



THE SCAPULAR IS A PRAYER

The Scapular is a great missionary sacramental. After the Rosary, the Scapular is the most highly indulgenced sacramental in the Church. What terrible shame that so many ignore Our Blessed Mother's request and even more have never heard of it, what a great loss of grace for mankind. Become an apostle of the Brown Scapular.

"O Mother of Mount Carmel, when my last hour shall sound and I take thy holy Scapular into my trembling hands, fill my heart with confidence in thee, and do thou, my loving Mother, receive my soul and offer it to the Sacred Heart of Jesus." Amen. (*Hail Mary three times.*)



THE CLOUD OF CARMEL

"The Lord promised that He would dwell in a cloud." (2 Chr 6: 1)

Symbol of star or lily of the snows,
rainbow or root or vine or fruit-filled tree:
these image the immaculate to me
less than a little cloud, a little light
cloud rising
from Orient waters cleft by prophecy.
And as the Virgin in a most surprising
maternity bore God and our doomed
race,
I who bear God in the mysteries of
grace
beseech her: Cloud, encompass God
and me.

Nothing defiled can touch the cloud
of Mary.
God as a child willed to be safe in
her,
and the Divine Indweller sets his
throne
deep in a cloud in me, His sanctuary.
I pray, O wrap me, Cloud,...light
Cloud of Carmel
within whose purity my vows were
sown
to lift their secrecies to God alone.
Say to my soul, the timorous and
small
house of a Presence that it cannot see
and frightened acre of a Deity,
say in the fullness of your clemency:
I have enclosed you all.
You are in whiteness of a lighted
lamb wool;
you are in softness of a summer wind
lull.
O hut of God, deepen your faith
anew.
Enfolded in this motherhood of
mine,
all that is beautiful and all divine
is safe in you.

—Jessica Powers

(Jessica Powers, †1988, was a Carmelite nun, Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit.)

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through July. The locusts were singing their song to their Creator the last few evenings, a sound I have always found to be pleasant during the summer months—and which brings with it a sense of mystery and calm. Being raised in the country I've never liked the city noises and find the sounds of God's creation much more peaceful.



Fr. Contreras and **Fr. Richards** departed on Thursday morning. It was a busy time, but we discussed many things. A lot of good came from their visit. **Fr. McKenna** and I will be going to Argentina in September to perform an ordination. I look forward to seeing the monastery and how things are run down there. One of their priests, **Fr. Adan Rodriguez**, recently had surgery. The recovery is taking a little longer than he thought, but he is getting better. Do keep him in your prayers.

This week **Fr. McKenna** is taking care of things all by himself while everyone else is away. I am in Milwaukee today administering Confirmations to our fervent flock at St. Hugh's. From there I'll be going to Seattle to preach a retreat for priests. **Fathers Simpson** and **Brueggemann** will be attending. **Fr. Lehtoranta** gets back from Finland later this week. He seems to be enjoying his time away and even sent a couple of beautiful pictures from some of his stops.

Don't forget to look at the calendar of feast days and arrange your schedule so you can attend an extra Mass. With a little advanced planning it's not too hard to make the extra Mass from time to time. We have lots of great saints to be honored this week. The Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne are on Monday. If you've never read their story you MUST. The saints of charity, Camillus of Lellis, Vincent de Paul, and Jerome Emiliani, have their feasts on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday respectively. St. Praxedes on Friday, and our beloved St. Mary Magdalen on Saturday. Pick a day to come and honor a saint by attending Holy Mass, and according to St. Gertrude, a saint will be sent to attend your deathbed one day.

– **Bishop McGuire**

P.S. The Bishop's monument has finally been laid over his grave. Merciful Lord Jesus, grant him eternal rest!

FAMILY GAME Night

This Friday!



Fund Raiser
for the
Sodality
of
CHARITY

*Don't miss out.
on all the fun.*



Bring games to share & Learn new games

Game night takes place after the 5:45 Mass Friday Night.

COME HUNGRY-LEAVE HAPPY

Pizza and Refreshments For Sale!

FOR ALL AGES • GOOD SOCIAL EVENT • FAMILY FUN



MON	7/17/23	ST. ALEXIUS, C <i>HUMILITY OF MARY</i> <i>CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Barbara Packard – Happy Birthday 1/28 <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar)</i>
TUE	7/18/23	ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C <i>ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM</i>
	8:00 AM	Summer Novena, Distribution of Holy Communion
	5:10 PM	Low Mass †Jean Bischel <i>(K.B.)</i> Summer Novena
WED	7/19/23	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Ryan Greenwell – 28 th Birthday <i>(Colleen Greenwell)</i>
THU	7/20/23	ST. JEROME EMILIAN, C <i>ST. MARGARET, VM</i> <i>ST. ELLAS THE PROPHET</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Jean Bischel – rest in peace <i>(Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & Family)</i>
FRI	7/21/23	ST. PRAXEDES, V <i>ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET</i>
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Special Intention F.H. <i>(Jennifer Richesson)</i>
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	7/22/23	ST. MARY MAGDALEN, PENITENT <i>OUR LADY MOTHER OF MERCY</i>
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass For the conversion of an alcoholic <i>(Keith Elflein)</i>
	8:10 AM	Salve, Sermon
	8:20 AM	High Mass Special intention <i>(Michael Simpson)</i>
SUN	7/23/23	PENTECOST VIII <i>ST. APOLLINARIS, BPM • ST. LIBORIUS, BPC</i> <i>BLESSING OF CARS DURING ALL MASSES</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Patrick Brueggemann & Family <i>(Paul & Lisa McConnell)</i>
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Jean Bischel <i>(Donna Alice Patton)</i>
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Our children & relatives <i>(Dan & Mary)</i>
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

SERVERS

FRI 7/21	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 7/22	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, Caggesos
SUN 7/23	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, P. Omlor TH: C. Arlinghaus ACs: D. Hudson, J. Rabjohns TB: N. Hudson, P. & F. Caggeso, C. VanderPutten, L. Rabjohns, I. Smith 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, D. Simpson 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

BY THEIR FRUITS

We read in Sacred Scripture that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, sent on earth for the salvation of the human race, did not begin by teaching; He began by doing. And what He did was to integrate fully into His life every type of virtue. He then went on to teach, by preaching the Good News of salvation to poor people, and by passing on to His apostles and disciples what they needed to know to become guides for others. Now the little Congregation of the Missions wants, with God's grace, to imitate Christ, the Lord, insofar as that is possible in view of its limitations. It seeks to imitate His virtues as well as what He did for the salvation of others....

A genuine effect to put on the spirit of Christ will be needed. How to do this is learned mainly from what is taught in the Gospels: Christ's poverty, His chastity and obedience; His love for the sick; His decorum; the sort of lifestyle and behavior which He inspired in His disciples; His way of getting along with people; His daily spiritual exercises; preaching missions; and other ministries which He undertook on behalf of the people....

Let each of us accept the truth of the following statement and try to make it our most fundamental principle: Christ's teaching will never let us down, while worldly wisdom always will. Christ Himself said this sort of wisdom was like a house with nothing but sand as its foundation, while His own was like a building with solid rock as its foundation. And that is why we should always try to follow the teaching of Christ Himself and never that of the worldly.

– St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul († 1660) devoted his priestly life to charity for all sorts of souls in need, from abandoned babies to last minute help for unprepared ordinands.

