



Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community #2415 Rochester, Minnesota
Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
September 2026 Newsletter

Dear Lay Carmelites,

On September 8th we are looking forward to Final Professions in our Carmelite family, Suzie Oliver and Deacon Randy Horlocker!

This witness of Carmelite Final Promises is a perfect way to commemorate the beautiful Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Mary.

Indeed, God's singular gift of Our Lady for we as Carmelites, reveals our magnificent charism.

The first hermits on Mount Carmel built a church in the middle of their cells. This was the center of their lives where they converged each day to celebrate Mass together. This little church they named in honor of Our Lady. By this fact the first group of Carmelites took her as their patroness, promising her their faithful service and expecting her protection and favor. They were proud to bear the title of Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, and they defended this title with vigor when their right to it was challenged.¹



"Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin; give me strength against thine enemies...

When thou was born, O most holy Virgin, then was the world made light. Happy is thy stock, holy thy root, and blessed thy fruit...

Have mercy therefore upon me a sinner, and give me aid...

O holy Mother of God, flowering as the lily, pray to thy sweet Son for me...

The Day of the Birth of Our Blessed Mother... was a birth of joy, the hope and solace of its life."

-St Anselm of Canterbury ²

September Carmelite Saints and Blesseds:

Saint Teresa Margaret Redi of the Sacred Heart (1747-1770)-Virgin--1st; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary--8th; Blessed Mary of Jesus (1560-1640)-Virgin--12th; Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary--12th; Exaltation of the Holy Cross--14th; Saint Albert of Jerusalem (1149-1215)-Bishop and Lawgiver of Carmel--17th

September Birthday Remembrances of Holy Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage: Bob Kertis & Michael Kacir - 2nd; Sharon Stanton -5th; Sandra Grosli-14th; Marie Goihl-20th; Faye Schultz (deceased)-22nd

¹ [Carmelites | Carmelitani | Carmelitas :: O.Carm :: Mary, Mother and Sister of Carmel](#)

² [Prayer for the Nativity of Our Lady – The Best Catholic](#)



8am Holy Mass St Pius (optional)
Co-Cathedral of St John the Evangelist. Sept. 5th.
Gathering Space
9:15-12:15 Meeting.
Side 1 Terese; Side 2 **Marilyn**.

Christian Prayer: Week II

Inv. 845.

Hymn #17.

Psalms/Canticle: 845-849.

Reading/Intercessions/Pr.: 849-850.

Volume IV: Week II

Inv. 922.

Hymn "Christ is the world's Light". 926.

Psalms/Canticle: 926-930.

Reading/Intercessions/Pr.: 930-931.

Con.to BVM; Salve Regina; St Joseph; Vocations Pr.
Lectio Divina: St. [Matthew 18:15-20](#) : **Bob Kertis**.

Carmel's Call: pp. 59-61. [#1-19]

Announcements.

On-going Formation: Last Conversations with Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart (Marie Martin) and Sister Marie of the Eucharist (Marie Guerin) pp 211-242.

Announcements:

• September 8th at Co-Cathedral 5:30 Evening Prayer; **Holy Mass with Final Promises at 6 pm** followed by potluck celebration. Contact Niniek to help contribute food.

• SJLCC Adorers Chapel of the Co-Cathedral. We lead on Fridays of each month 4-5 pm. Adore Jesus with us--bring your family and friends.

• "Come and See": We invite Catholics to pray with and learn about our Community September, October, November. Bring your interested friends.

• September 1st Channel One Service.

Contact Niniek to sign up: [Channel One — Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#)



Formation Notes:

On-going Formation is *Last Conversations* with Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart (Marie Martin) and Sister Marie of the Eucharist (Marie Guerin) pp 211-242. Prepare to share your underlined passages/notes that inspire you.

Phase II: Clark, Jasmine, Lise, Anne: Ch. 9 'Living in God's Presence'; pp 197-226 with Dave.

Formation groups meet at St. James Coffee every 3rd Sunday, noon till 2 pm.

TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4
Marie Goihl (Lead)	Bob Kertis (Lead)	Paula Plummer (Lead)	Terese Horlocker (Lead)
Bob Robak	Michael Kacir	Deacon Randy Horlocker	Tia Meyer
Dorothy Loftus-Nall	Dianne Johnson	Mary Hayek	Marilyn Baker
Sharon Stanton	Ruth Wentz	Paul Byron	Dave Reinschmidt
Saundra Groslic	Suzie Oliver	Niniek Pranoto	Anne Cuccio
Clark Amorillo	Jasmine Sexton	Lise Paulik	

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Our Carmelite Charism: Prayer, Community and Service

