

# Thurmont parish welcomes G8 leaders

As leaders of the world's economic powerhouses meet at Camp David in the Catoclin Mountains this weekend, parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Thurmont are putting out the welcome mat.

Barbara Anderson, pastoral life director of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine in Emmitsburg, sent me these photos showing how Mount Carmel is inviting G8 visitors to stop by the parish for worship. The top photo shows the message parishioners posted on a sign outside Mount Carmel. Below is a shot of how the town decorated a Main Street park.

Pretty cool idea, huh? I'm sure we will hear much more if President Obama or any of the other dignitaries take parishioners up on their invitation. With the state of the global economy and its devastating impact on the poor, prayer could definitely do some good.

