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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.— Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday Communion Service 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
unless otherwise noted in bulletin
4pm; 8am; 11am Mass Streaming **YouTube** (search Our Lady of Mount Carmel Buckeye Lake)

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Inquirers to the Catholic Christian Faith (*adults not yet baptized or currently practicing a non-Catholic faith*) call Pastor Fr. Bill Hritsko (740-928-3266) for more information about the Catholic Church and our parish. Inactive Catholics Returning to the Faith call Pastor for information.

SACRAMENTS & PROGRAMS

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:15–3:45 p.m. or by appointment call the Office (740-928-3266).

Infant Baptism: Workshop required before infant baptism. Call the Office (740-928-3266) for more information.

Marriage: Active parishioners must call the Office (740-928-3266) **no later than 6 months** prior to tentative date of wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: available upon request. Call the Office (740-928-3266).

Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Homebound Sick: For visitation requests call Pastor. If possible, please inform pastor prior to admittance (740-928-3266).

Home Communion: To arrange long-term home communion, call the Office.

Parish School of Religion (PSR): PK–12; meets between Sunday Masses during school year. Call Pamela Klein to register or volunteer to teach (740-928-3264).

Prayer Warriors: Email based prayer chain. Contact Sally Oldham to submit requests at sallyoldham2002@yahoo.com.

Protecting God's Children: This parish is fully compliant with all PGC requirements and best practices. All parish volunteers working with minors must comply. Call Pamela Klein for more information (740-928-3264).

SOCIAL SERVICES

LEADS Buckeye Lake: For food and other assistance, 740-928-4481.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: For financial assistance call 740-527-2230 (leave name & phone number).

OLMC Food Pantry: Kris Helphrey, Food Pantry is open Wednesday 1pm—2:30 p.m.

Alcoholic Anonymous and AL-ANON: Meet Thursdays 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Buckeye Lake Senior Citizens: Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

WIC: Services available in Parish Hall monthly on 1st Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline is Monday 8:00 a.m.
Email: olmcmmedia@yahoo.com

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CONFESSION / MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday, December 18,

4pm Mass Cecelia Daugherty †

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Mass Ray Bollendorf †

9:15am Eucharistic Adoration (NO PSR)

11am Mass Patti White †

Monday, December 20,

8 am Mass Bob Dunn †

Grace Lusicic †

Tuesday, December 21,

8am Communion Service **

Wednesday, December 22,

8am Mass Msgr. David Sorohan †

Thursday, December 23,

8 am Communion Service

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4p St. Leonard – Family Mass

6p OLMC Family Mass

Reynolds, Warthman, Sagraves †

9p St. Leonard- Christmas Vigil Mass

12 MIDNIGHT MASS OLMC

Hritsko, Sekel, Stefan Living & Deceased

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

9am OLMC Mass Alice & Shane Huck †

10am St. Leonard Christmas Day

Sunday, December 26, Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

8am Mass Grant Nabbefeld, Aubrey & Eleanor

Osborne, Richard Pfarrer †

11am Mass Lynn Doerfler †

** Mass at St. Leonard

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Join us for Adoration between the masses each Sunday in Advent.



Dear fellow parishioners,

I was in St. Louis, MO, during last week's terrible tornadoes. I am safe, everyone I was with is also. Tornadoes touched down within five miles south of me, one began the terrible trek of destruction. We were at the funeral home when the warnings and sirens went off and were ushered to the most central room with instruments, cell phones, etc. and the first thing I said was – "we're going to pray". Then we proceeded to rehearse the music for the Mass – praising God, praying to Him, I think that kept us safe and no one will change

my mind to that.

We need to pray for the victims of the disaster. Lives lost, homes, possessions, "whole lives" of the survivors completely gone. Images don't tell the entirety of the loss. We see homes, properties demolished, but what about other tangible and intangible things that were valuable? Memories? Items held dear that can't be replaced? Identification documents and other important papers? I can't even think of they what will have to do to replace such things. In this we give thanks for those who survived and pray for the souls that were lost. As in so many natural disasters, when the shock wears off and the desire of others to help begins to wane... the reality of life sets in maybe with a sense of abandonment.

Realization of what was lost sets in along with despair. Years after such tragedies, people ravaged by the event/s try to rebuild from the devastation to survive and hopefully thrive. But is there still interest in them? Sometimes it is just an anniversary note in the news... then nothing more...

I wonder if the chosen people of God felt like that. The shock wears off and reality sets in and the questions come: "Where is the One who said He would be there for us? Where is God?" I can only imagine what the absolute loss and abandonment would feel like.

We must keep interest for the devastated at the fore. Keep praying; maybe make "notes to self" to follow how things are going and how to continue to help. We get caught up in the "new" issues and attention shifts – like some of us with short attention spans (Oh.. something new and shiny!). We have been conditioned for that with our media – that is why we call it "news"...

The same happens with our relationship with God. The moments pass when we think about God (Christmas, Easter) and then what? God doesn't forget about us, just the opposite – we forget about Him. We need to anchor and continue to remember. Maybe seek out something or someone to help – even a stranger. Select a project, a tragedy that needs long term support. Place it in God's hands then yourself, time, talent, treasure as well... as His hands on earth to do something. The same with God... makes notes, keep it in the fore. He hasn't forgotten... we have... only you can change it.

Let us pray for each other. Know that you are in mine always.

Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill.

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Liturgy Corner

Sally Oldham

Sometimes the best gifts for Christmas are saying prayers, helping people and giving of yourself. I know this year, especially the last 3 months, has been tough for me. I could not have done it without your love and support. Jerry is home. He still has a way to go to be truly well. But we are together. That is a gift. Thank you all!

Now we are ready for the last Sunday in Advent. Mary runs to visit her cousin Elizabeth. It is atop a big steep hill where the Church of the Visitation was built. We went there when we went to Israel. It took me a while to walk the steep incline. Fr. Toner teased me and said Mary ran up that hill when she was carrying Jesus. I told him she was not 60 some years old at the time! There was a statue of both Mary and Elizabeth in the courtyard. I hope the picture I took will be able to be used for the bulletin.

Please think about the Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Let us turn toward the Lord. Let us be cleansed from our sins.

Next week, Friday will be Christmas Eve. Saturday will be Christmas. Then we have Sunday, which will be the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which will be a Sunday to go to church. So get plenty of rest. God bless all our priests and deacons during this time!

Food pantry needs

Cake icing,
chili beans,
beef or chicken ramen noodles

The Food Pantry has been so blessed by your generosity! Thank you just doesn't seem enough.

—Kris

"Who is Jesus to me? Jesus is the hungry to be fed."

—St. Mother Teresa



Scholarship Granting Organization Certification – Diocesan Education Corporation

We are happy to announce that the Columbus Diocese's Diocesan Education Corporation has been certified as a Scholarship Granting Organization by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. This certification provides a great opportunity to those who wish to support

scholarships/tuition assistance to low income families hoping to send their children to our Catholic schools. A tax credit is available under section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code for qualified donations to "scholarship granting organizations" (SGO's) certified by the Attorney General. The Diocesan Education Corporation, formed by the Diocese, has obtained the requisite certification to operate as an SGO for calendar year 2022. Under this program, Ohioans can receive a 100% tax credit for up to \$750 in cash donations to the Diocesan Education Corporation which grants scholarships to students, including certain private schools and nonprofit organizations.

The program aims to prioritize scholarships for low-income students and support parents who seek higher-quality education opportunities for their children.

To qualify for the program, an organization must:

Be a religious or nonreligious 501(c)(3) exempt from federal taxation.

Primarily award academic scholarships for primary and secondary students.

Prioritize scholarships for low-income students.

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Friday: Christmas Eve

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

Next Sunday: The Holy Family



**Light in the Darkness
Women's Retreat**
Saturday, 1/22 | 8:30am - 3:30pm | Johnson Hall
With Sanjo Carbit, Catholic Evangelist

Learn more and register at
stfrancisparish.churchcenter.com

Knights News

Soup to Go



Soup will be available for sale this weekend after all of the Masses. Quarts of soup will be \$6/quart for Chicken Noodle, Chicken and Rice, Chili, Beef Vegetable and Tuscano. Clam Chowder will be \$7/quart. Soup of the month will start in December.

Euchre Nights



We will be continuing Euchre Nights throughout the fall and winter on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall from 5:30-8pm. Cost to play is \$1, bring a drink and a snack to share.



**HOPE &
Relief**

Dear God, rest your hands on recovery efforts in the Kentucky communities. Let all people find relief and healing in you. Amen.



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REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Please pray for the unemployed, shut-ins, and those in-need and especially for: Judy Adisimone, John Arkley, Barbie Arp; Tom Attard; Rosie; Dhana & Charlotte; Braden Allard; Baby Daniel; Gary Bertrand; Kellie Blosser; Margi Boso; Beanetta Buchanan; Vickie Buchanan; Mike Cassidy, Sharon Casto; Gary Church; Izabella Corcoran; Sandra Daley; Billie Deck, Cindy Dickens, Marge Ewing; Kolsen Fleming; Tammy & Joe Frye; David George; Maxine Getreu; Nancy Glavic; Ray Guinsler; Roy Hennerfiend, Albert and Kay Hillis; Gert, David & Stephanie Hoy; Richard Huck; Joan Jerome; Ron Jones; Chuck Kane, Sandra Klimes; Eli Kopis; Ellie Lanning; Julie Laughlin; Cheryl Lukuch, Bernie & Andrew Madrid; Georges Malouin; Bob & Michelle McCormick; Msgr. Frank & Paulette Meagher; Boric Melnyk, Walt Miller; Kris Mowrey; Roy Murphy; Tera Naayers; Lisa Nelson; Gary Newcomb; Paige Nicole Newsome; Tom Niedzielski; Mary Oehlman; Sally & Jerry Oldham; Diane Paxton: Daniel Paxton, Jr.; Christine Peskay; Bernard & Jane Paumier; Tom Paumier; Sharon Raymer; Paul Rogers; Janet Rollins, Owen Rick Rueckel; Karen & Michael Russ; Annette Russell; Aggie Search, Kathy Shafer; Richard Shafer; Connor Skeen; April Snyder; George Stevenson; Arnold Stoltz; Audrey Swart; Janet Talbert; Mary Ann Thomas, Judy Thompson; Keith Thompson; Jason Thulberry; Linda Turner; Carla, and David Watson; Doris Weidner; Kristie Wiencek; Susan Wynn; Patrolman Andy, and those in need of organ transplants. Pray for our men and women in the military, especially, Fr. Daniel Swartz, Chris Dickens, Zack Leffman, William Maynard, and Ethan Niedzielski. Pray for all retired Priests, especially those in Mother Mc Clory and at Villas of St. Therese and for all those who have no one to pray for them. Reminder: If you wish to have Prayer Requests printed in the bulletin contact the Parish Secretary by Tuesday of the week of publication. To participate in the e-mail prayer list (Prayer Warriors) or be notified of deaths and upcoming funerals in the parish, send an email Sallyoldham2002@yahoo.com. For those without computer access, call Sue Winnestaffer at (740) 246-4644, to initiate the telephone tree.

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

Christmas Masses

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

12/24/21 Christmas Eve 6pm

12/25/21 Midnight Mass 12am

Christmas Day 9am

St. Leonard

12/24/21 Christmas Eve 4pm & 9pm

12/25/21 Christmas Day 10am

December 26-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8am and 11am

St. Leonard 9:30am

December 31, New Year's Eve Masses

Our Lady of Mount Carmel – 7pm

St. Leonard 5pm

January 1, 2022, New Year's Day

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 9am

St. Leonard 10am

January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8am & 11am

St. Leonard 9:30am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION –

There will be NO PSR on Sunday, December 19th or December 26th. Classes will resume on Jan. 2nd at their usual time. Have a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Reminder!!

No Saturday Vigil Mass next weekend!

Due to Christmas Day falling on Saturday, there will be NO vigil (4:00pm) mass that day. Join us on Sunday, December 26 at 8:00am or 11:00am.



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Retirement Fund for Religious	\$677.00
Diocesan Charities	\$20.00
St. Vincent	\$360.00
Online Giving	\$892.00

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Council: meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. during school year. President, Chris McWilliams

Finance Council: meets quarterly.

Appalachian Prayer Group—on Hiatus

Knights of Columbus: meets 1st / 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm - Greg Hoffman, Grand Knight

Bible Study: meets weekly—Monday 7 pm in the parish hall, during school year. Contact Deacon Dick Busic.

RCIA: Contact Fr. Bill Hritsko or Pamela Klein, Coordinator of Religious Education at 740-928-3266 for information about the Catholic Church and our parish. . Inquirers to the Catholic Christian Faith (*adults not yet baptized or currently practicing a non-Catholic faith*)

Inactive Catholics: If you wish to return to the practice of the faith, contact the Office 740-928-3266.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: meets monthly on 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm in Parish Hall. Harold Crabtree, President 740-527-2230

OLMC Bell Chorus-Meets every Tuesday at 6pm

Vacation Bible School: date announced in bulletin.

College Student Care Package: Paula Dillon

Spirit Touch Dancers: Glenda Reynolds

Walking With Purpose—Women's Bible Study Group: meets Wednesdays 6:00-6:30p.m. Fellowship then Lesson from 6:30pm-8pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Glenda Reynolds—740-974-7568.

Garden Club: Contact office for more information 740-928-3266.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY DIRECTORS

Choir: Sally Oldham, Director. Rehearsals Monday at 6:30 pm. Practice times may change; Sally will call or email.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: If you are interested in becoming an EMOHC contact Deacon Richard Busic or Sharon Lieb in the Parish Office.

Lectors: Sharon or Bill Lieb

Altar Servers / Hospitality: Bill Lieb

Church Decoration / Flowers: Vicki White, Joyce Smeigh, Helen Walters

If you would like to contact any of these ministries, please call the parish office 740-928-3266.



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