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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

**Bulletin Deadline is Monday 8:00 a.m.**  
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Sharon Lieb, Office Manager, 740-334-3424



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 25,** Christmas Day

9am Mass Alice & Shane Huck†

**Sunday, December 26,** The Holy Family of Jesus

Mary and Joseph

8am Mass Grant Nabbefeld, Aubrey & Eleanor Osborne,

Richard Pfarrer†

11am Mass Lynn Doerfler†

**Monday, December 27,** St. John

8am Mass Fred “Fritz” Ritter†

**Tuesday, December 28,** The Holy Innocents

8am Communion Service

**Wednesday, December 29,** St. Thomas Becket

8am Mass Joseph & Mary Stefan†

**Thursday, December 30,**

8am Communion Service

**Friday, December 31,** St. Sylvester I

7pm Mass Johnny Garcia†

**Saturday, January 1, 2022** New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9am Mass Alice & Shane Huck†



Dear fellow parishioners,

I have been using the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs during Advent. The wording has been inspiring to me and I wanted to share some excerpts with you.

VI: The Church on a Path of Unity:

Lord, renew your church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

V2: God Guides His Church Along the Way of Salvation:

And so, having called us to [Y]our table, Lord, confirm us in unity, so that together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops... Priests and Deacons, and your entire people, as we walk your ways with faith and hope, we may string to bring joy and trust into the world.

V3: Jesus the Way to the Father:

By our partaking of this mystery, almighty Father, give us life through your Spirit, grant that we may be conformed to the image of your Son, and confirm us in the bond of communion, together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops,, with Priests and Deacons and with your entire people. Grant that all the faithful of the Church, looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel. Keep us faithful to the needs of all, that sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.

V4: Jesus Who Went About Doing Good:

Bring your Church, O Lord, to perfect faith and charity, together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and the entire people you have made your own. Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at [H]is command. And may your church stand as a living witness: to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope.

Common to All:

Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to [our] eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever... in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph her husband... the Apostles and Martyrs and... all the saints we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.

I hope these prayers grant you peace – even if in sorrow. Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to you from myself, Fr. Gribble and the Staff and Parishioners at our sister parishes: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Leonard.

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

It doesn't seem possible that Christmas Day was only yesterday! I want to take the time to acknowledge all who made our Advent & Christmas so special. The parish staff have worked so hard behind the scenes to make things happen. Those who count money, keep the parish bulletin current, answer phones and those who work in our PSR program. Our decorating staff did a wonderful job this year. Blessings to all the choir who spent every Monday learning new songs and polishing up ones they knew from the past. God bless all our readers, altar servers and especially our Deacon Dick, Fr. Gribble and Fr. Bill. To all of you who support and worship here at OLMC, may your Christmas joy last throughout the year and the new year to come.

Jesus has come to us. He has made us whole. Whatever the trials and tribulations that lay before us, we can turn to Him for help and consolation.

Be sure to join the prayer warriors and the OLMC St Leonard emails. Just send me a request via email and I will add you to the groups. If you have changed emails, please let me know. From my house to yours, Blessed Christmas to you!

From Catholicreadings.org: "Blessed Lord, On this day may we not only unwrap gifts,

But may we also know more about your love.

Today may we not only eat on festive meals, but may we also feast on your faith.

On this day may we not only treasure happy times with family and friends,

but may we bring you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing Christmas carols that commemorate your birth,

but may we reside upon the resurrected Christ alive at this time.

Living Lord, we wait to know your love, feast on your truth,

invite you into our lives and praise you for your sacrifice.

Among the gifts, food and family we long to celebrate Christmas with you. **Amen.**"



## Real Presence Real Future

**Chris Stefanick** is coming to the Diocese of Columbus! One of the premier Catholic motivational speakers and leader of the RealLifeCatholic Ministry, will be leading REBOOT!, the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. This spirited event is at St. Paul the Apostle parish in Westerville on Wednesday evening, February 9 at 7:00 PM.

Seating is limited so secure your tickets now. Through the end of December, tickets are only \$30/each (regularly \$39) and groups of four or more can attend for \$21/ticket (regularly \$30).

This is a chance to purchase blocks of tickets for your parish at a discounted rate, so do not miss this opportunity. For information and tickets, go to <https://reallifecatholic.com/events/rebootwesterville/>

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Adair, Pastoral Associate at St. Paul at (614) 882-2109 x232.

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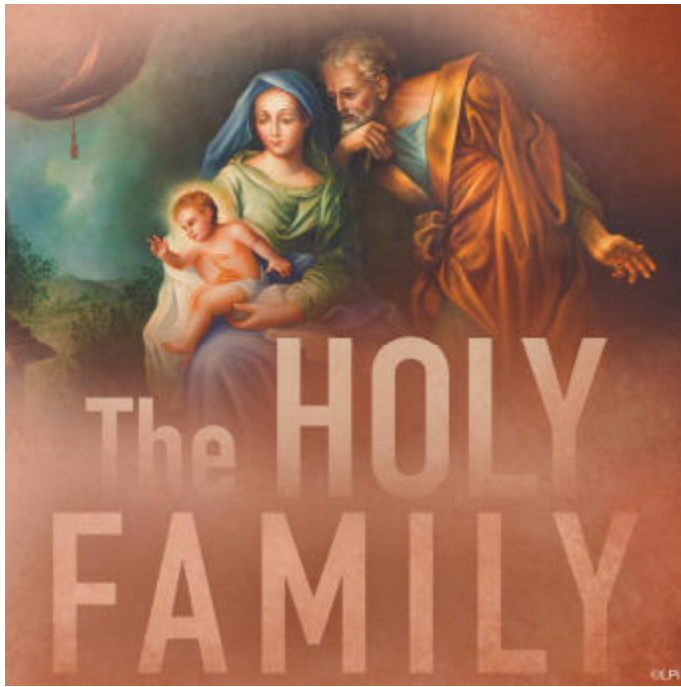
A CATHOLIC WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Mike and Alicia Hernon, the Messy Family Project, share from their experience four disciplines that help strengthen family life.

**What if we did family life differently?**

**1/8/2022**

9am - 3pm  
Johnson Hall  
Includes separate parents & kids track with meals!  
Get info & register at  
[www.stfrancisparish.churchcenter.com](http://www.stfrancisparish.churchcenter.com)



### IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

**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



### 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.



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

Learn more and register at  
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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 Klines; 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](mailto:Sallyoldham2002@yahoo.com). For those without computer access, call Sue Winnestaffer at (740) 246-4644, to initiate the telephone tree.

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/ Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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## ***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





**Real Presence, Real Future reflections:  
Mary Keeps Our Work in Her Heart  
Fr. Michael Hartge, Moderator of the Curia,  
Diocese of Columbus**

In the many Parish Consultation Sessions I was privileged to be part of, many asked questions like, “If we’re expecting some shrinking of parishes, where is the effort to raise up the vocations and leaders we need?” That effort starts in the domestic family and is ultimately for the benefit of the family of the Church. When families are healthy, centered on Jesus, and supported to live their faith, the Church will be healthy. Last year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis recommended three words or phrases that should be common in all families, “please, thank you, and I’m sorry.” This is just as relevant to our Church family as we review over 1,000 pieces of feedback from our Parish Consultation Sessions and continue to engage in dialogue about our future. In today’s gospel, we hear the Mary kept these things Jesus said and did in her heart where she pondered them. Do we not think Our Blessed Mother is doing likewise with us? For more about the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit [www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org).



**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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