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Dear fellow parishioners,

Blessed New Year! While still a time fraught with natural disasters, a continuing pandemic, struggling economies and so many other trial and tribulations, there is still hope. Why? Because we believe in Christ, His words and promises. We are grounded in Scripture and the Sacraments. He said there would be there would be trials. He said these things would happen... Most importantly, He said He would be with us... let this be the hope to which you cling this new year.

Previously, I shared some excerpts from *Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs*. They are still touching my mind and spirit and I am moved, as we begin a New Year, to share one each week. I invite you to take some time with these. Somehow, they seem so pertinent to the times.

Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs I: The Church on the Path of Unity

It is truly right and just to give you thanks and raise to you a hymn of glory and praise, O Lord, Father of infinite goodness. For by the word of your Son's Gospel you have brought together one Church from every people, tongue, and nation, and, having filled her with life by the power of your Spirit, you never cease through her to gather the whole human race into one.

Manifesting the covenant of your love, [Your Church] dispenses, without ceasing, the blessed hope of your Kingdom and shines bright as the sign of your faithfulness, which in Christ Jesus our Lord you promised would last for eternity.

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 our Pope, our Bishop, 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.

I hope you find something to touch your heart, mind and/or spirit in each week's message for conversion or action or "anything". If not, ask for the grace to be open to it – it may just be latent, waiting for the moment to come to you as an "AHA!" moment. God's blessings on you this year.

I want to offer Christmas and New Year's blessings to each of you on behalf of myself, Fr. Gribble and the staff and members of our sister parishes! You are beloved by God – may you come to know it even more this year! In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thank you to all those who worked to make our Christmas Masses such wonderful celebrations: Sacristans, Servers, Lectors, Musicians and Singers, Decorators, Cleaners and anyone who worked behind and/or in front of the scenes! I know the efforts put forth, especially putting up with me! On behalf of the parishioners at both of our sister parishes: ***May God bless you richly in all the graces you need and may not even know this coming year! THANK YOU --- FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS – TO THE TOP OF OUR HEADS – TO OUR VERY TOES!***

Let us pray for each other – know you are in mine always!

Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill.

Mass Times

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 Masses are streamed live on our YouTube channel. Find the link on www.olmcbuckeyelake.org.

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



Mass schedule and intentions

Saturday, January 1, 2022 New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9am Mass Alice & Shane Huck†

Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

8am Mass Robert Ribble †

9:15am OLMC PSR

11am Mass Ray Fox †

Monday, January 3, The Holy Name of Jesus

8am Mass Tony Stefan †

Tuesday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8am Communion Service

Wednesday, January 5, St. John Neumann

8am Mass Chad Wilson †

Thursday, January 6, St. André Bessette

8am Communion Service

Friday, January 7, St. Raymond of Peñafort

No Services

Saturday, January 8,

4pm Mass Gwendolyn Jordan Miller †

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

8am Mass Mary Ann Walsh †

9:15am OLMC PSR

11am Mass Marie Schneider McGrath†

**Denotes Masses are at St. Leonard at 9am

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. William Hritsko, *Pastor*

Reverend G. Michael Gribble, *Retired Associate*

Deacon Richard Busic

Pam Klein, *Coordinator of Religious Education*

Sharon Lieb, *Office Manager*

Sally Oldham, *Music Coordinator*

Joan Elliot, *Organist*

Linda Grum, *Organist*

Peggy Arthurs, *Bulletin/Website*

Clint Bigler, *Maintenance Director*

Elizabeth Orend, *Housekeeper*

SACRAMENTS & PROGRAMS

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES: CALL 740-323-6437

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).

Bulletin and website submissions

Email: olmcmedia@yahoo.com

Bulletin Deadline is Monday 8:00 a.m.

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 Helpfrey, 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,



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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Liturgy Corner

Sally Oldham

Goodbye 2021! Hello 2022! May the Good Lord bless us all! There are so many problems in our world. Some that only with the Lord's intervention and our prayers will fix. Let's make some resolutions we can keep!

- Pray more!
- Thank God more!
- Be kind and if you cannot, keep quiet!
- Help others when you can. Get food for the pantry! Check in on neighbors! Forgive anyone who has disappointed you. Reach out.
- Volunteer at church: Join the choir! Be an altar server! Be a reader!
- Get vaccinated, if not for you, for others. (Due to Jerry's health, we cannot have people over that have not been vaccinated. We have all three of the shots.)
- Be a mentor! There are lots of kids who need someone to guide them through their lives.
- Love your children. Your words can either lift them up or tear them apart. Think before you say your words.
- Show you love of your faith. Dust off the Bible, read some good Catholic books or say the rosary. Teach your children to appreciate their faith. After Sunday Mass, ask about the Gospel or about the sermon.
- There are CD's available in the hall on different religious topics. Use them!
- Recycle when you can. I usually have enough cans, boxes, plastics, etc. to go every week.
- Do not forget to do the blessing of your home with chalk.

Special note: Due to everything that was happening in the Oldhams' lives, I didn't get all the cards out that I usually do. Know you are in our prayers and we thank you for the Get Well cards and the Christmas cards. Thank you to Fr. Bill, Sharon, Fr. Mike for their support. Thanks to for my family, too!

Have a Blessed New Year!



Our friends at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Mount Vernon want you to know that **Jeff Cavins** will be speaking at their parish February 21, 2022, 7-8 p.m. Mr. Cavins is a nationally known public speaker, author, television host, podcaster and pilgrimage leader whose engaging style of teaching has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics grasp a better understanding of the Catholic faith and the Bible. For details, please contact St. Vincent's at 740-392-4711.

Weekly Offertory

Collections:

- Dec. 19, Offertory \$5,403.00
- Dec. 25, Diocesan Charities \$384.00
- Dec. 25, Christmas Collection \$7,664.00
- Dec. 26, Offertory \$2,192.00
- Dec. 26, St. Vincent de Paul \$558.00



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

Join us for euchre this Sunday night! 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.

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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
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Includes separate parents & kids track with meals!
Get info & register at www.stfrancisparish.churchcenter.com

Light in the Darkness Women's Retreat

Saturday, 1/22 | 8:30am - 3:30pm | Johnson Hall

With Sanja Corbitt, Catholic Evangelist

Learn more and register at stfrancisparish.churchcenter.com

prayer requests

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. 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 January 02, 2022
 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
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 02, 2022
 Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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Food pantry needs

1-lb canned hams	Juice
Lasagna	Icing
Peaches	Laundry detergent
Chili beans (not chili)	Paper towels
Au Gratin potatoes	

Blessed New Year to all!!

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

—St. Mother Teresa



The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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OLMC PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

Finance Council: meets quarterly.

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, Co-ordinator 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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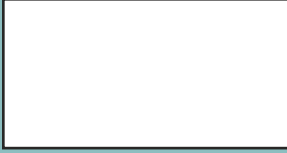
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