



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Roman Catholic Church

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Dear fellow parishioners,

We are in a new year and beginning the first season of Ordinary Time. I said last week that during the month of January, I am going to bring to you the Prefaces and Prayers particular to the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs of which there are four. I used them during Advent this past year they touched my heart and spirit. I hope the words may be a personal prayer for you as well. Last week, I gave Prayer I; today's is II: God Guides His Church Along the Way of Salvation.

...[Y]ou never forsake the works of your wisdom, but by your providence are even now at work in our midst. With mighty hand and outstretched arm, you led your people Israel through the desert. Now, as your Church makes her pilgrim journey in the world, you always accompany her by the power of the Holy Spirit and lead her along the paths of time to the eternal joy of your Kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

(The Prayers of Consecration go here.)

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

These last couple of phrases I particularly feel we need to emphasize. There is a great lack of joy and trust in our country and world. I am reminded of "Ghostbusters II" and how the negative energy of New York created a negatively charged "slime" that "grew" in reaction to the negative energy growing in New York. The slime affected the people which created more negative energy... a literally vicious circle which caused even more devastation. To counter the slime the "heroes" developed a positive alternative to battle the negativity. But to completely defeat the slime and "rebirth of a demonic entity" attitudes of New Yorkers had to be united in positivity ... and Lady Liberty as the US statement of hope, was chosen and marched through the streets.

We have something better than the Statue of Liberty – Our Lord, Himself, present in the Eucharist in our very selves. We need to be the symbol by our attitudes, words and actions especially in this negatively charged time in the world and country's history. Let the Lord's influence bring about your positive alternative. Let peace find you. Let God in – even if you already have... He can still fill a whole lot more so you can bring joy and trust, like a "re-born Ebenezer Scrooge".

I ask that you keep me in prayer – I had to put my dog, Lilo, down this week. He had lost his quality of life and I couldn't let him continue to suffer, even silently. He was my very first dog and the first Preacher's Pup for me.

Let us pray for each other this week as we begin our Ordinary Time. Know that 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

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Mass schedule and intentions

Saturday, January 8, 2022

9am Mass, Gwendolyn Jordan Miller †

Sunday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

8am Mass, Mary Ann Walsh †

9:15am, OLMC PSR

11am, Marie Schneider McGrath †

Monday, January 10

8am Mass, Chuck Kane †

Tuesday, January 11

8am Communion Service**

Wednesday, January 12

8am Mass, Jean Hammond †

Thursday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop

8am Communion Service**

Friday, January 14

No Services

Saturday, January 15

4pm, Al Doerman †

Sunday, January 16

8am, Ron & Lois Boehmer †

9:15am, OLMC PSR

11am, Walter & Joan Bendert †

**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*

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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,

Be a blessing to others.

St. Vincent DePaul is looking for volunteers

Matthew 25:35-40

Our Lord said "I was hungry & you fed me, thirsty & you gave me a drink, a stranger & you received me in your home, naked & you clothed me.

Whenever you did this for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me."

We are all called to love our neighbor. Who is your neighbor?

Can you volunteer 2 to 3 hours a month to help us? We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and join SVdP and help us fulfill feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked and helping the

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Catholic Pro-Life Events

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place from January 20-21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The January 20 Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a 7-8 p.m. Holy Hour for Life, concluding the evening portion of the Vigil program. Both the Mass and Holy Hour will be televised live by EWTN. The Closing Mass on January 21 will take place once again at the Basilica at 8 a.m. and will also be televised by EWTN.

The annual diocesan respect life Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of St Francis de Sales, patron of the diocese on Monday, January 24, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral. The Greater Columbus Right to Life annual Roe remembrance will be held at the Ohio Statehouse at noon following the Mass.

Pray to Protect Human Life! 9 Days for Life – January 19-27, 2022. Resources are available at: www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.

Contact your State Legislators to urge support for two bills under consideration aimed at saving the lives of unborn children and abolishing the death penalty in Ohio. Go to www.ohiocathconf.org/Contact/Legislative-Contacts to find your legislators.

Human Life Protection Act: S.B. 123 – This legislation would ban most abortions in Ohio in the event that Roe v. Wade is overturned, and states are given the power to set abortion policy. This legislation applies felony penalties to abortionists but provides immunity to mothers.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio opposes the use of the death penalty. HB 183/SB103 will abolish the death penalty in Ohio. Support this legislation by contacting your House and Senate representatives. To find their contact info go to: <https://ohiohouse.gov/> and <https://ohiosenate.gov/>.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

On Sunday evening, January 23, 2022, the Diocese of Columbus will host an Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Joseph Cathedral. The prayer service will begin at 6:30 p.m. This local celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity builds on the efforts of Bishop Brennan and Columbus religious leaders Bishop Clarke of the First Church of God, Pastor Rich Nathan of the Vineyard, and others seeking to bring the moral voice of Christian religious leaders to

bear on racism and other challenges in our midst. Bishop Clarke will be the featured preacher for the prayer service.

The worldwide theme for this year: "We Saw the Star in the East, and We Came to Worship Him," is drawn from Matthew's Gospel account of the visit of the Magi to Jesus Christ, the newborn king. In a special way, we seek greater unity with the Eastern Christian Churches in our witness to the world. All Christians who wish to join in honoring Christ as the light of the world are



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 1/2/2022

Offertory: \$3179.00

St. Vincent DePaul: \$247.00



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!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Euchre was cancelled last week and will take place Sunday, January 9, 5:30pm-8:00.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Liturgy Corner

Sally Oldham

Most of us do not remember our Baptism. We were just infants. At Baptism we become God's beloved sons and daughters. We pray that God will be pleased with us when our life's journey has ended. I love watching a Baptism during Mass, especially with little ones. It makes me think of what my own must have looked like. I do not know if I cried during mine. We are to serve one another. We are brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus. How awesome!

It was quite the experience going to Israel. We visited many sites that we read about in the Gospel readings, like the Sea of Galilee, seeing the place where Jesus was born, etc. The Sea of Galilee looked a little larger than Buckeye Lake, not what I had imagined it to look like. At the River Jordan, we renewed our Baptismal Vows. Some people who were getting baptized for the first time and were actually being immersed. They had a store where you could buy a white garment to put on. It was very moving to be in the footprints of where Jesus had walked. (No, we could not see the actual footprints, but we could actually see the places we had only read about.)

Baptism Prayer from Parents (a prayer for parents to say when their child is baptized)

Take this little one dear Father into your loving arms,
Cover and protect them, guide them from all harm.
Fill their days with love and joy, nurture all they are,
Help them as they learn and grow, to feel loved and set apart.
Speak to them of truth and light, so that their souls can sing,
A cry of praise, a song of joy, and a love for peaceful things.
*Take their little hands dear God and bless them as they pray,
Let a beautiful love story begin on this their baptism day.
(a baptism prayer poem from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

The prayer above is one that could be said for every child in our parish. I love the imagery! Just substitute these words instead at *

Take their hands dear God and bless them as they pray,
Let a beautiful love story begin every day of their lives.

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.



"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Food pantry needs

1-lb canned hams
Paper towels
1-lb sugar
Laundry detergent



"What good is God calling you to do in His Strength?"

Women's and Men's Conferences 2022

The Women's Conference will be on Saturday, February 19, and the Men's Conference on the following Saturday, February 26, 2022, both at the Ohio Expo Center-Kasich Hall. More info to follow.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, 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

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