

## **THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR: Lots to Learn – and to Love!**

In any relationship, we want to know more about the person whom we love: spouses continually get to know each other over the years; parents watch their children's personalities develop as they grow up and mature; children learn more and more wisdom from their parents as time goes on. Love inherently involved wanting to know more about that whom we love.

In our Catholic faith, we know we are loved by an infinite God who already knows us thoroughly. But, being finite, limited humans, we need to take time to learn more and more about this God of love, in the relationship we have with Him and which we desire to deepen throughout our life.

Our relationship of love – and learning about God, Jesus, and the Church He founded, is an ongoing, life-long endeavor. Our learning about God does not – and must not – stop simply with 8<sup>th</sup> grade catechesis, Confirmation, or high school graduation. That is why both our Hardin County parishes offer opportunities to keep growing in our knowledge of God – which is aimed precisely to love God more deeply, and to be open to experiencing His love for us more deeply.

Our parish Adult Education opportunities are about to begin, and I encourage everyone to make use of them. At Kenton, two adult studies are commencing: one will be held after Tuesday morning Masses until noon (beginning this Tuesday) on the book “Missionary Discipleship”; and the other – a Sunday Scripture study led by Fr. Jeffrey – will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 (beginning September 26). At Ada, an adult study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 (beginning September 19) continuing the book “The Bible Time Line” by Jeff Cavins. I am also brainstorming at Ada on beginning – after Christmas – a more “in-depth” academic study group on one or more magisterial documents on various theological topics, for those who would like to delve into the wisdom of the Church on moral and doctrinal issues of current interest.

Please consider taking part in any of these opportunities for adult education. All are obviously welcome to attend the studies of the “opposite” parish of our cluster. Few things can be more worthy of our time and energy than learning more about – and loving more – the God who created us and who saves us!

Fr. Ferguson is available to help you with any questions or concerns you may have; please contact him at [hamilton.college@outlook.com](mailto:hamilton.college@outlook.com) or at 419-634-2626.

## **THOUGHTS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN by “Jackie”, the Pastor’s Cat**



Hi boys and girls! My name is “Jackie”, and as you know, I am Father Ferguson’s cat! I’ve been having a tough week. I have to share with you that I am...I’m just stunned! Just meow-less! That’s right! I was riding around in the car with Father Ferguson, and we went by the sports field in Ada, and I saw something I just can’t believe! It looks like Ada’s school has a dog for a mascot! The “Ada Bulldogs!” DOGS!! How could you name a team after DOGS?!! Well, Father saw how mad I was, so he took me to Kenton, and we drove by the sports field there. To my delight, I looked out and saw that the mascot there is the “Kenton Wildcats!” Well, that’s the ‘cat’s whiskers’! We cats ARE pretty wild, and ferocious, and ready to pounce on anything that moves! Grrrrr! I was feeling a lot better, until Father Ferguson then drove by Father Jeffrey’s house near the church in Kenton. As we went by, Father Ferguson told me that Father Jeffrey has dogs inside his house. And not just one dog, but several! SEVERAL DOGS! Ughh! That made me feel pretty mad again. But on the way back to Ada, I talked to Jesus in my prayer and asked Jesus to help me to not be so mad at dogs. After all, they are God’s creatures too. Do you know someone with whom you don’t always get along? Maybe this week you can ask Jesus for help to be nicer to that person, and pray for them, since Jesus loves them, too! Have a “purr”-fect week!