

STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, "Be baptized." Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John's message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?



**Masses
for the Week**

Monday	Dec. 17 9:00am 9:00am	Chester Hickey – ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada
Tuesday	Dec. 18 9:00am 9:00am	Fr. Jim Csaszar – ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada
Wednesday	Dec. 19 9:00am 9:00am	Helen Slack - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada
Thursday	Dec. 20 9:00am	Burke McKenna - ICC
Friday	Dec. 21 9:00am	St. Peter Canisius, Priest Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada
Saturday	Dec. 22 4:00pm 6:30pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent For the Parish - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes, Ada
Sunday	Dec. 23 9:00am 11:00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Gordon Gaten Sr. - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada



**Weekly Readings for
Masses December 17 - 23**

Monday	Genesis 49:2, 8-10 & Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8 & Matthew 1:18-25
Wednesday	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a & Luke 1:5-25
Thursday	Isaiah 7:10-14 & Luke 1:26-38
Friday	Songs 2:8-14 & Luke 1:39-45
Saturday	1 Samuel 1:24-28 & Luke 1:46-56
Sunday	Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45



Week of December 9	
Regular (53 env)	\$1587.00
Loose	255.00
Total	\$1842.00
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$ 365.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 195.00

Mass Schedule

Parish	Confessions Every Saturday	Mass Every Saturday	Mass Every Sunday
ICC	3:30pm	4:00pm	9:00am
OLL	6:00pm	6:30pm	11:00am

Please remember to keep our Nursing Home Parishioners and the Home Bound and the sick in your prayers:

Pat and Betty Mullady, Kate Strahm,
Charlene Hilty, Norma Chatfield, Mona Ränge,
Becky Droll, Larry Mullins, and Ernie Klingelhofer

**Decorating the Church for
Christmas**

**Please join us after Mass on Sunday,
December 23 to help decorate the
church for Christmas.
Many hands make light work.
All are welcome.
Thank you in advance for your help!**



"New Emergency Line – for Anointing of the Sick, ER visits, pending deaths, etc. – has been established in order to reach the Pastor; the new emergency number is 419-673-6720. This number is not for regular business, but for true spiritual emergencies only....The phone greeting here at Immaculate Conception also continues, as in the past, to allow you the option of hitting an extension to reach Fr. Jeffrey locally for these occasions."

Rejoice in the Lord!



O God, help us to be in touch with the goodness of the world and the joyfulness of life. Let us rejoice and be glad for all the great and small pleasures that come to us from you through creation.
-Richard Rohr, OFM, & Joseph Martos
Why Be Catholic?

PSR

Classes for PSR pre-school thru 8th grade will meet today Sunday, December 16.

Classes begin again after the New Year on January 13, 2019. Merry Christmas!

Parish Youth

We will be caroling Thursday, December 20 at the Nursing Homes and homebound parishioners' homes.

All members of the parish are invited to join us in spreading Christmas cheer. We will meet at the church parking lot at 5:00pm.



Youth Group - Today

The Youth Group will meet today **Sunday, December 16** in the upstairs of the Convent.

RCIA † Come and See!

RCIA will not be meeting again until January 6, 2019!
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our Lady of Lourdes - Ada

The Bible Timeline – Adult Faith Formation
Although this is the third and final set, new participants are welcome! (*If you are new to the study, the textbook/study kit is \$35*)

Beginning Wednesdays, January 16 at 6:30pm in the parish hall

To Register as a returning or as a new participant, please email the AFF Coordinator Desiree Tosatto (desireet2@gmail.com)

2019 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 13th annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference! Come to be Inspired by the Catholic Faith! Feb.16, 2019.

Treat yourself to a day filled with inspirational speakers, beautiful music and our grace-filled sacraments! Register and bring a friend!

Early bird registration \$35 by January 14. After January 14, cost is \$45.

<https://www.columbuscatholicwomen.com/>

Columbus Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, February 23 from 8:00am to 4:00pm
Cardinal Hall, Ohio State Expo Center

Go to www.catholicmensministry.com for more info.



Please remember in your prayers Danita Podach's brother who recently passed away. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.



Christmas Mass Schedule

	<u>Kenton ICC</u>	<u>Ada OLL</u>
Mon., December 24 -	8:00pm	5:00pm
Tues., December 25 -	9:00am	11:00am
Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary		
Mon., December 31 -	5:30pm	5:30pm
Tues, Jan 1, 2019 -	9:00am	9:00am

Deep purple is the liturgical color for Advent – except for the third Sunday, which is Gaudete Sunday. This week the liturgical vestments and the candle in the Advent wreath are a rose to highlight the joy that the Lord's coming is almost here. The name derives from the Latin words of the Introit to the Mass: "Gaudete in Domino semper; iterum dico, gaudete": ***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!"***

Religious give thanks.

"This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity.

The Catholic Foundation

Learn how to share your gifts and Catholic legacy by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

Advent Prayer

Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen. – St. Augustine



Christmas Catholic Charities Collection:

This annual collection allows the Diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through Diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

"WANTED: Maintenance Assistant for Immaculate Conception Parish; some custodial, minor repairs, and lawnmowing; would coordinate with our current Director of Maintenance. Part time. Please send resume and/or application to Fr. William J. Ferguson, 215 E. North St., Kenton, OH 43326."