

STEWARDSHIP

As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: "Behold, I come to do your will?"



**Masses
for the Week**

Monday	Dec. 24 8:00pm 5:00pm	Christmas Eve Michael Krych – ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada
Tuesday	Dec. 25 9:00am 11:00am	Christmas Day For the Parish – ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada
Wednesday	Dec. 26 9:00am	St. Stephen, First Martyr Lloyd & Mary Aurand - ICC No Mass - OLL
Thursday	Dec. 27 9:00am	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist Mary Anne Johnson - ICC
Friday	Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs No Mass - OLL
Saturday	Dec. 29 4:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph For the Parish - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes, Ada
Sunday	Dec. 30 9:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph Jerry Cross - ICC Our Lady of Lourdes – Ada Spanish Mass

Mass Schedule

	Confessions <u>Every Saturday</u>	Mass Every <u>Saturday</u>	Mass Every <u>Sunday</u>
<u>Parish</u>			
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 Ramge,
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!



**Weekly Readings for
Masses December 24 - 30**

Monday	Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
Wednesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 & Matthew 10:17-22
Thursday	1 John 1:1-4 & John 20:1a, 2-8
Friday	1 John 1:5 – 2:2 & Matthew 2:13-18
Saturday	1 John 2:3-11 & Luke 2:22-35
Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52



Week of December 16
This week's collection will appear in next week's bulletin.

Next weekend is the 5th weekend of month and a second collection will be taken up for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please remember to make checks out to St. Vincent DePaul. Thank you for your generosity.

"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."

Put on Christ!



O God, you call us to become icons of Christ, to reflect him, and even more to incarnate him in our lives, to clothe our lives with him, so that others can see him in us, touch him in us, recognize him in us and so proclaim the tremendous, tender, compassionate, gentle, extraordinary, explosive, revolutionary law of Christ's love.

-Catherine de Hueck Doherty
The Gospel without Compromise

PSR

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

Youth Group -

The next meeting for Youth Group will be Sunday, January 6, 2019.

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.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.



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

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Matthew Kelly's book "*The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*" as our Christmas gift to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception Church ... while supplies last.

Also, don't forget Pancakes and sausage after Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Next time will be January 6, 2019.

The Catholic Foundation

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

Learn how you can be active in your Catholic faith by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

"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."



A Blessed Christmas to All

The office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday