

## **Father Ed's update to parishioners – #4 (8/07/20)**

Hello everyone! In this weekend's readings, Elijah hears God's voice in the tiny whispering sound. He can only be heard in the peace and quiet. But quite often, the world is loud, so how can we hear God's voice? Even in the midst of the stormy winds, a good prayer life gives us the peace and quiet that will reside in our hearts. Jesus doesn't seem too bothered by the storm at sea. In one account, he's asleep in the boat. In this account, he's off at prayer on the mountain. In both cases, he tells the disciples not to be afraid. Traditionally, the boat represents the Church. The fourth watch of the night represents the darkest hour. Jesus being asleep in the boat or off in prayer on the mountain represents his seeming absence in the midst of our turmoil. Even when we're in the safety of the boat, it can seem like the outside world is crashing against us, threatening to sink us. It can seem like we're in the darkest hour. But Jesus finally arrives at the last minute and can work miracles, represented by him calling Peter to walk on water. Notice he does this even with the storm continuing. Only in the end, does he calm the storm. Truly, Jesus is the Son of God!

This week begins school for the ONU students. I hear that their presence brings much life to the area. We welcome them!

On Thursday, the priests had a meeting with Bishop Brennan in Columbus. I saw Fr. Dave Young and was able to briefly say hello. He says he misses you and thinks of you fondly, and wanted me to let you know that he says "Hello!"

Let us continue to pray for the people in Lebanon as they recover from the explosion earlier this week. They had already been experiencing many hardships.

### **"No Festival" collection at ICC**

A parishioner emailed me with a suggestion that we take up a "No Festival" collection. He said that he and his wife usually spend a certain amount of money at the Kenton parish festival every year knowing that it goes to the parish. Rather than doing a second collection, if you would like to help the parish in this way, simply write a check as normal for the offertory but in the memo write "No Festival" so that we can have some idea of how much was collected.

### **Thank you – Beatitudes in Ada**

Thank you to the volunteers from OLL who helped prepare lunches for children in the community through Beatitudes in Ada. 1,008 lunches were served in 9 weeks, the most lunches ever for the summer lunch program! Beatitudes deeply appreciated our assistance as a parish. It is one of the inspiring ways that our parish is involved in the community.

### **OLL Food pantry sign up**

Ada churches take turns staffing the Ada Food Pantry each month and we are up for September with Sugar Grove. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. (Safety protocols will be followed!)

### **Online offertory**

We are continuing to look at a more permanent online offertory solution. Please continue to send in your contributions either at Mass, by mail, or online at

<https://www.columbuscatholic.org/extreme-charity>

### **Live-stream schedule this weekend**

The live-stream of the Mass will take place this weekend, Aug 9th from OLL at 11:00 AM.

### **BAA**

BAA envelopes were recently mailed out to each household, but the easiest and fastest way to give to the BAA is by going online at <https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/baa> . Please help us reach our goal!

Mary, Patroness of our parishes, pray for us!

God bless!

Fr. Ed