

## **Father Ed's update to parishioners – #5 (8/14/20)**

Hello everyone! This weekend, we hear about Jesus ignoring a woman calling to him for help. Have you ever experienced that from Jesus? She asks for him to heal her daughter. How could he ignore such an important request when he could do it? She keeps calling out to him. He gives an excuse that he came only for the lost sheep of Israel, not the outsiders. She keeps at him. He insults her, at least to our ears, by calling her a dog! She doesn't care. She takes it and even uses the insult to say that even the dogs get to eat, even if it is scraps. Only then does he respond because she showed great faith that he would and that he could do it. No matter what is happening in your life, keep after Jesus with prayer, and penance, and tenacity! Praised be Jesus Christ who won't let excuses hold him back to those who have great faith!

### **Mass, adoration, and confession on Aug 15 at Our Lady of Lourdes**

August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. We normally do not have Mass at OLL on Saturday mornings, but I will offer Mass this day at 9am. When Mass is over, we will go directly into Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and then I will hear confessions until around 10:25am in the parish hall, and end by 10:30 with Benediction. Entrance to the parish hall will be through the church. If you come for adoration, please make sure you sanitize your seat upon leaving. Normal protocols for distancing and masks are still in place.

I know this could feel painful to those at Immaculate Conception not having this, but know that I am thinking about you and over time will find ways to have these sorts of spiritual nourishments for you as well and am hopeful to have some kind of regular confession schedule for you. Parishioners at both parishes are always welcome to come to either parish.

### **Confessions**

I am going to begin a regular confession time for OLL on Tuesday mornings just before Mass. It will go from 8:15-8:45am in the parish hall, entrance through the church. We will begin this Tuesday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. I know it's hard for those who work, but we'll start there. If nobody comes, then I may try another time slot, perhaps a weekday evening. Saturday mornings may be ideal so I may do that rotating every weekend with both parishes. I hear that Saturday afternoons did not work too well. I am still available for confessions by appointment at both parishes which some have already done.

### **Saturday vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes is more open**

I was encouraged by the larger number of people who came to Sunday 11am Mass last weekend. It was full taking into consideration the social distancing. The parish hall had people there for overflow. If you want to come to Mass but are uncomfortable being in a larger group, please consider coming to the Saturday evening vigil Mass at 5:30pm. That congregation is considerably lower in numbers. As I mentioned previously, the parish hall exterior doors are open for the weekend Masses so if you need to come in that way, you may.

### **Copyright licenses**

I am thankful to Brian Sprang at Immaculate Conception who did some research and found what kind of copyright licenses that we need at both parishes for the music we are using while live-streaming our Masses. Thanks to Nick Klear as well for bringing this to my attention.

### **Flocknote**

Coming soon! We will be moving to a new email communication system called Flocknote. It should be much more user friendly in communicating to you things from the parish such as my pastor's update. You will not have to do anything. More on that later.

### **FORMED**

The parishes have a subscription for FORMED which is a gift to parishioners. Watch great Catholic movies, learn about the Sacraments, the Saints, and be inspired in your faith walk.

Registering for FORMED is easy!

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
2. Select the parish Immaculate Conception Kenton (it is shared with Our Lady of Lourdes)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

My first recommendation: The Search – Episode 1 (all 7 episodes are now free on Formed)

### **RCIA**

You will be hearing about RCIA starting up soon. If you know of anyone who wants to become Catholic, please invite them to reach out to Our Lady of Lourdes at [oll@wcoil.com](mailto:oll@wcoil.com) or Immaculate Conception at [iccatholic@windstream.net](mailto:iccatholic@windstream.net)

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

The live-stream of the Mass will take place this weekend, Aug 16th from ICC at 9:00 AM.

Repeated information:

### **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>

I truly appreciate your generosity and your continuing investment in the future of our parishes.

## **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