



Hey everyone! Many thanks to God and to all of you!

Praise God, we are able to start bringing communion to the homebound, or in some cases, the nursing homes. I was able to bring communion to Blanchard Place in Kenton on Wednesday and had a nice conversation with one of the residents.

The St Vincent de Paul clothing drive in Kenton seemed to go well this week. Many people stopped after seeing the tables in the parking lot. Thank you to those members for their hard work. It was good for the community.

Thank you to Steve and Ann Johnson for painting the St. Bernadette statue at OLL. She looks beautiful! Pictures above.

Thank you to those of you who submitted pictures of your family's faith practice at home. They are inspiring!

I really enjoyed the rosary walk with some of the Newman Club students on ONU's campus. That was our first event since student groups cannot hold activities off campus. It was simple but powerful!

YouTube name change

In order to encompass both parishes, the name of our Youtube page is now "Hardin Catholic". Please click this link and subscribe to our Youtube page (just click the red Subscribe button): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVxcsTyz-ukNpEDHVkQWKVw>

We need at least 100 subscribers to customize our own URL (that means a shorter and easier web address), so please help us get there!

St. Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing

On Sunday October 4th, Fr. Jeffrey and I will be doing pet blessings in honor of St. Francis of Assisi since that is normally his feast day (the Sunday celebration takes precedence over his feast day). I will offer pet blessings at OLL at 2pm in either the courtyard or the parking lot. Fr. Jeffrey will offer the pet blessings at IC at 11am.

Weekend Mass sanitizing of pews

We purchased a sanitizing sprayer for each parish so that we no longer have to spray by hand and wipe down the pews after the weekend Masses. The wiping down of the pews was causing the finish to come off (for sure at OLL, and possibly at IC). Starting this weekend, pew cleaners are no longer needed for after the weekend Masses. During the weekday Masses, since the congregation is much smaller, each person will still sanitize their pew as before. We have volunteers willing to be on a rotation for the weekend spraying but if you also would like to volunteer, please let me know. The spraying is simple and safe and you will receive training on how to use the sprayer.

Offertory Envelopes

If you receive offertory envelopes but no longer desire to receive them, please let Deb at OLL or Kathy at IC know. We want you to use them if you have them because it helps us to keep records of what you give even if you are giving cash or loose checks. Record-keeping is one way that we can tell if you are active in the parish, especially if you ever need us to verify that you are an active parishioner (such as if you are asked to be a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent at another parish). However, if you no longer desire to use them, please let us know so that we do not have to pay for unused envelopes. Online offertory solution is coming soon!

Sacramental Emergency Number for both OLL and IC

We were able to configure our voicemail system at OLL so that after business hours, when you have a Sacramental emergency (someone is dying and needs to be anointed), you call the office and hit 7 for sacramental emergencies. The call will be directed to me, or my voicemail, at which point I will call you back right away. The office number, as listed in the info, is 419-634-2626. Once IC has the new phone system in place, you will be able to dial the same way to reach Fr. Jeffrey. For now, call the OLL number for both parishes. We were able to eliminate the separate phone number for sacramental emergencies.

First Saturday Mass at IC

Saturday, Oct 3rd. First Saturday Mass at Immaculate Conception at 9am, followed by Exposition, confessions, and ending with Benediction at 10:30am.

Tree removal at OLL

This Thursday and Friday, our two trees in front of the church will be cut down as they are dying and pose a hazard of falling on the church. The tree by the side and leaning towards the parish hall is also stressed and in danger of falling. Be attentive when entering the church. You may have to enter through another door.

Repeat:

RCIA

If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to become Catholic and let them know about our RCIA which is the normal process to become Catholic. RCIA begins in October and they may email Deb at oll@wcoil.com or Kathy at iccatholic@windstream.net for more info.

BAA

We are getting closer to our BAA goal for both parishes! It is good news that we are getting close! However, my earnest desire is that we have greater participation among all parishioners, because when we give, we put our love for neighbor into action. Our contributions to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a way to show that we are connected and concerned with our brothers and sisters in the entire Diocese of Columbus, from our corner all the way down to Portsmouth on the Ohio River. Yep, we're that big! And remember that all contributions over the goal comes straight back to our parish! Based on the goal set for us by the Diocese, if all contributions were evenly spread out, it would amount to about \$100 per family. It is a once a year gift and can be spread out over the year, but we at least need your pledge. If you haven't yet, please pledge or give the amount online at <https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/>

Live-stream schedule this weekend

The live-stream of the Mass will take place this weekend, Sep 27th at IC at 9am.

Attached is this weekend's worship aid for Mass and the bulletins.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!

God bless!

Fr. Ed