

Father Ed's update to parishioners – #9 (9/11/20)

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We pray for our country today and remember all those impacted 19 years ago on 9/11, especially those who lost their lives. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass at OLL on Tue, Sep 15th at 8am instead of 9am

I will be meeting for the first time with the other leaders of the churches in the area in Ada so Mass on that day at OLL will be at 8am.

Ada Food Pantry Food Drive

The food pantry was hit hard by the pandemic so the Religious Life Organizations of ONU are putting together a food drive for September 19th. See the attachment for details.

BAA

We are just shy of our BAA goal for both parishes, by about \$2,000 each! 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/>

Speaking of giving...

I know that it is hard to give to multiple places at once and some of you have to balance giving or even have to choose one or the other. I suppose if I have to ask you to give to one or the other, I would prefer that you give to the parish. We are behind in our offertory for both parishes which makes it hard to pay our bills! It looks like it has been this way for at least a couple of years so perhaps everybody who can give is already giving to the church. However, if you have not been giving, please make an effort to give. "Providing for the needs of the church" is one of the 5 Precepts of the Church that should be observed by one who considers him or herself a practicing Catholic. I don't want to alarm anybody as we are not in dire straits (not the rock band!), but it is not good to draw down on our savings account that has been built up from the past. Please give regularly however you can – envelopes in the basket or mailed in, dropped off, online at <https://www.columbuscatholic.org/extreme-charity> (which is temporary through the end of this calendar year, so we are working on finding a better online solution).

Holy Land Good Friday collection

With no Masses Holy Week and Easter, we were not able to support the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. If you did not send it in, please use the envelope in your box of envelopes or designate an offering for the "Holy Land Collection." Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges – many of which we hear about in the daily news- that are more complex than ever. Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in the instability in this region and to protect Christianity's most sacred places. If you can, please contribute anytime from now until the second weekend of October.

Send us your pics!

In a spirit of inspiring and encouraging the practice of the faith at home with the family, and as a fun thing to do, please send us pictures of the holy things or places in your homes to be shared on each parish's Facebook account. It can be anonymous, but let's show each other what you do in the home as a practice of your faith. For example, pictures of you and your family in your prayer room, or with your shrines to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, or some special crucifix, or pictures of saints, and so on. If you send us a pic, let us know how you want us to caption it, such as "The Jones family in their prayer room" or "The Robinsons - Mary, Joe, and dog Cujo, praying the rosary together." Please send your pic via email to Deb at oll@wcoil.com or to Patty Warner who does IC's Facebook page at warner_patricia@yahoo.com

Sacred Heart of Jesus enthronement

This might be confusing if you've never heard of an enthronement but this is where you make a formal act of declaring Jesus as the king of your home. I did this at the rectory before I came here and the graces received are beyond measure! It's not a magic bullet or superstition, but the act of making this declaration brings blessings into the home just as Jesus said he would do in a vision to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1670: "I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored." Normally, parish representatives come to your home but during the time of Covid, the prayers are made available for families to do on their own through the following website: <https://welcomehisheart.com/>

I encourage you to enthrone your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I would like to enthrone each parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the feast of the Sacred Heart next June with the goal of encouraging more to do it in the home.

RCIA

Every year in late winter, all of those in the entire Diocese of Columbus who are in the process of becoming Catholic go through the Rite of Election, where they gather together in one church to sign their life away...I mean...to sign their names in the Book of the Elect indicating their intent to continue on to become Catholics at Easter. During Bishop Campbell's tenure, he would ask those members to

stand if they decided to become Catholic because of something they read or saw on tv or the media. A few would stand. He would then ask members to stand if they decided to become Catholic because of someone they knew. Nearly all members stood. The vast majority of those becoming Catholic do so because of a personal invitation or because they saw someone living out their Catholic faith in a way that drew them in. If you know of anyone who might actually 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.

Live-stream schedule this weekend

The live-stream of the Mass will take place this weekend, Sep 13th at ICC at 9am.

Attached is this weekend's worship aid for Mass, the bulletins, and the food pantry info.

Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

God bless!

Fr. Ed

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