



Hello everyone,

I enjoyed being on the radio this morning for Holy Family Catholic Radio's Spirit Drive (their fundraising campaign). I forgot to announce it but if you missed it, don't worry, it was nothing earth-shattering. I was on for 20 minutes and I spoke mostly about the challenges of Covid and the creative ways that we are trying to continue to be active and minister to people. One of the ways that we can continue to grow in our faith is by listening to Catholic radio. I continue to learn by listening in the car or at home while cooking to programming such as Catholic Answers with Jimmy Akin or Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders. Holy Family Radio belongs to the Diocese of Toledo but their signal at 94.9 FM might come in stronger than our own diocesan radio station, St. Gabriel Radio at 820 AM. If listening to Holy Family Radio works better for you, then please support them so they can continue to offer good quality programming to guide us in our Catholic Faith.

Praise God that we have had a generous donor who is not a parishioner at either parish but who has donated \$20,000 to each parish after we met our BAA goals. He is originally from Kenton and sees the need in both parishes. Please keep he and his wife in your prayers. This is a good shot in the arm, but it cannot sustain us so please continue to contribute to your parishes so that we can thrive and flourish.

I had another good meeting with the Ada Ministerial Association, the group of church pastors in Ada. In the meeting was Pastor Jack from First Baptist, Pastor Trent from Grace Gospel, and Pastor Patrick from First Presbyterian. One of our main topics of conversation was how to respond as pastors to the community in the event of a crisis or tragedy in the area, such as being able to put together a prayer service on short notice for all of Ada and working together to minister to the needs of the community. We are in the beginning stages of this process.

A new website is on its way for both parishes! Hopefully in the next few weeks, they will be unveiled. More on that later...

Please continue to keep Nick Klear in your prayers as he nears ordination to the diaconate on November 7th. He will be a permanent deacon serving both parishes as Deacon Mike Hood currently does.

The oldest priest in the Diocese of Columbus, Msgr. Robert Noon, passed away yesterday peacefully. He was in the hospital and was anointed by the Bishop before he passed. He was 97. Please pray for his soul.

I will be taking this upcoming week off from Monday through Friday. There will be no daily Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. I will be leaving after Sunday Mass at OLL to celebrate my sister and mother's birthdays this weekend at Landoll's Mohican Castle and then will be staying with my sister during the week.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary for both parishes

The Church has a tradition of making an act of consecration to Jesus through Mary. This means an intentional act of meeting our Lord in a new way with the help of Mary, his, and our, mother. Think of the wedding feast at Cana when the wedding couple ran out of wine. It was through Mary's intercession that Jesus made more wine. He provided for them and did so in abundance. A good, simple way to make this act of consecration is through a book called 33 Days to Morning Glory. Join us beginning on November 6 for 33 days of prayer and reflection which will lead to making a consecration at the end of Mass on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Email Steve Johnson at sjohnsonpv@gmail.com if interested and he will order your book, or you may order it on your own. The daily prayers will be on your own but there may be a way that we can connect with each other along the journey, so let us know if you want to participate. We are still working on those details. Those who have done a consecration before may renew that consecration as I will be doing on that day.

Men's and Women's Ministry

These ministries are meant to strengthen the faith and fellowship of parishioners. Activities could include Faith Formation programs, social activities, etc. We will create Flocknote groups, one for men, and the other for women, at both parishes so that future communication will go only to those groups.

Men,

If you would like to join the Men's Ministry of OLL, please email Steve Johnson at sjohnsonpv@gmail.com.

Women,

If you would like to join the Women's Ministry of OLL, please email Ann Johnson at acjohnson@alumni.nd.edu .

I am working on having a coordinator for each group at ICC.

For the men, a program happening tomorrow online:

Join or invite a friend to attend Heroic Men's **free online conference** the *St. Joseph Summit* this Saturday, Oct 17th. This summit will cover a variety of topics to uplift and

edify men in their spiritual journey and help them to be holy men of God. It is completely free to register and watch.

Register for free at: <https://signup.heroicmen.com/stjosephsummit>

Box of Joy

Holy Family Radio has organized the Box of Joy campaign, a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach. These boxes will go to children around the world in need for Christmas. You will see a table with instructions of what to do. We do not yet have the empty boxes but you may begin to collect the items at home. We will need to turn in our boxes by November 15.

World Mission Sunday- October 18

I know we have asked for so many donations to many places so you may be feeling stretched thin. I like the sayings, "You cannot outgive God!" and "God provides!" In your faith journey, trust that God will provide for you, so do not be afraid to give sacrificially (but not foolishly). Please support the worldwide Mission Church. Pray for the Church's missionary work. Offer financial help and charity through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit! Use the envelope in your box of envelopes or pick up an envelope at the entrance of the church.

Exposition and confession Tuesdays at 6pm at OLL

Beginning Tuesday, November 3rd, I will be offering exposition on Tuesdays from 6-7pm at OLL church. I will also be hearing confessions during that time.

Bat exclusion at ICC

The batman is working to rid the buildings of the bats (in a bat-friendly manner), to seal up the entrances, to clean up, and to sanitize the attics. He has begun his work and you will see the big green lift onsite. Please be careful while it is in use during the course of the next two weeks.

All Soul's Day Mass

On Monday, Nov 2nd, I will be offering an All Soul's Day Mass at 7pm at OLL rather than at 9am to give more people an opportunity to be there. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it will be offered as a solemn prayer for those who have died, especially from the parish. Fr. Jeffrey will be offering the Mass at ICC at 6pm. Fr. Jeffrey will also be offering a prayer service on Sunday, Nov 1st after the 9am Mass at ICC, to take place at 10:15am at St. Mary's cemetery.

I will be saying OLL's All Souls Day Mass "Ad Orientem." Ad Orientem is Latin meaning "to the east." Just as the sun rises in the east with the hope of a new day, and is

symbolic of God coming in glory, this way of worshiping means all turn “to the east” to worship the risen Son. All in the congregation will continue to face the same way as usual (as if you are facing east), but the priest also faces “east,” the same way as the congregation during the prayers. While it looks like the priest has turned his back on the people, he is in reality leading the congregation in prayer by offering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to God the Father. God is everywhere, but the posture symbolizes that together, we look “toward the Lord.” Hopefully, this will also help everyone to be more intentional about “listening” to the prayers and praying along rather than “watching” the priest (and his unintentional weird facial expressions) during the prayers. It will be my first time offering Mass this way so it will be an interesting experience even for me!

May God bless you this week! I will try not to put out a pastor’s update or send a



Flocknote this week. No promises though!

Live-stream schedule this weekend

The live-stream of the Mass will take place this weekend at OLL at 11am.

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