

Hello everyone! We give thanks this week for our veterans who have served our country to keep us safe. God's blessings upon them and their families.

The priests of the diocese and Bishop Brennan met for a day of prayer together at St. John Neumann church in Sunbury on Wednesday. It was good to be together, even for just an afternoon. Each priest sat on one end of a pew, every other pew and had to wear masks the whole time. However, if there's one thing these sorts of gatherings teach me, even if it is socially distanced, it is the importance of fellowship and community. As the numbers of the virus go up, we should be more vigilant in our gatherings, wearing the mask and socially distancing. But we should not be afraid of reaching out however we can to stay in touch. I have been able to stay in touch with my family (oldest sister in Oakland, younger brother in Hawaii, other sister and parents near Columbus) through Zoom each week. It has become a weekly gathering and has been a blessing as we have seen more of each other during this pandemic than before. Not everybody has current technology, but even a phone call does wonders. Your phone call could be a miracle somebody needs in that moment! Just smile through the phone and say hello.

Our Veterans Day drive-thru dinner in Ada was a success! We sold 105 dinners in 3 hours...along with 800 delicious Buckeyes (we probably had 900 but quality control diminished those numbers)! The food was fantastic! With the risk of forgetting somebody, I'll just say thank you to all of the volunteers, but especially to Donna Lamb who led the effort.







Please pray for the soul of Richard Downer, long-time parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, who passed on Nov 7th. His funeral service was today at the funeral home, led by Deacon Klear.

New email address for office at Our Lady of Lourdes

With the launch of Our Lady of Lourdes's new website lourdesada.org, Deb Driscoll in the office has a new email address that is consistent with the name of the website. To contact her, please email office@lourdesada.org . My email address is a diocesan issued address and will stay the same, eshikina@columbuscatholic.org .

Tuesday Mass time change at OLL

Mass on Tuesdays at OLL will now be at 5:30pm, just before the 6-7pm Holy Hour and confessions. This will allow for those who cannot attend a weekday Mass the possibility to attend in the evening. The change begins this Tuesday, November 17th.

Confession is in the confessional at OLL

Just a reminder that I am hearing confessions at OLL on Tuesdays from 6-7pm during Exposition/Adoration. I am using the confessional. Hand sanitizer will be placed by the confessional as you go in and out. There is a curtain between priest and penitent so that should also minimize the risk of the virus.

Virtual prayer group

Virtual Prayer Link Change!

Each week day at 3:00pm a group gathers virtually for about 15 minutes of prayer, frequently the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This started as a response to the shut down and has continued as a way to gather in community to pray, even at a distance. This is often a smaller group, but continues to be open to all! We've had parishioners from both parishes, current and former ONU students, and people from outside the state join in the past. The group meets using Google Meets giving you the option to join online, or via call in and it's completely free. Due to the requests to continue this group as well as the benefits now offered through the new website and email systems we will be changing the links to access the group. Logistically this will work out much better on our end, so we appreciate your adjusting. This change will begin on Monday, November, 16th.

Joining the meeting is simple: (this information can also be found on both parish websites (ICC soon to come!) under the "Our Faith" tab). To join online, simply click the following link and then click join when prompted: meet.google.com/ttd-gaii-cic

To join by phone, dial 657-845-9862 and enter the following PIN when prompted: 125 225 561#

If you'd like to have this meeting added to you google calendar, just let us know and the link can be made available there each day (this does not mean you have to join each day, although we certainly would love you to!) When you join, we do ask that you mute your phone or computer during the prayer to eliminate feedback. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. If you are interested in leading, feel free to let us know as well. Please contact Steve or Ann Johnson at VirtualPrayer@LourdesAda.org. May God bless you and we hope you can join us for prayer!

Free Advent books

Advent begins on November 29th. We are giving to each parishioner a free Advent booklet called

“Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family.” The book contains short daily meditations and pages for journaling. Each meditation is seen through the eyes of Mary and Joseph as they await the birth of Jesus. The books will be available for pickup starting this weekend and are available to each family member who wants one.

Men of the parish

For the men of the parish, there is a free online series to help Catholic men fulfill the heroic mission to engage in the spiritual combat to become great men, great fathers and great leaders who build Christ’s Holy Catholic Church. The next series is Saturday, Nov. 21st. Sign up at heroicmen.com .

Advent Penance Service for both parishes

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, Dec 6th from 12:30 – 2:30pm at OLL. This will be in conjunction with our 2nd grader’s First Reconciliation.

Box of Joy

Thank you for contributing to the Box of Joy going to children in need around the world for Christmas. Thank you!

St Vincent de Paul annual report

Included in the bulletin is the annual report of all the good work that our SvDP chapter does.

Advent Intergenerational Faith Formation cancelled

Stacey Stacklin is putting together some Advent packets for the PSR families at ICC so we decided to cancel this Intergenerational program since having another program might cause confusion. The bulletin advertising this program had already been printed.

Repeated info:

Sacred Heart Congress, Nov 14th

This Congress, in accordance with the Church, encourages all to have a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. See the attached flyer for more info.

From the Ethnic Ministries Office: Black Catholic History Month

All are invited to join the Ethnic Ministries Office in celebrating Black Catholic History Month during November. In 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the U.S. designated November to celebrate the rich and proud heritage of Black Catholics. On Sunday, November 1, 2020, 4-6 p.m. join a virtual presentation on African American Men and Women on the Road to Sainthood. On Sunday, November 15, 2020, 3-6 p.m., we will host a virtual day of reflection in preparation of the next National Black Catholic Congress, which will be July 2022. Both events are free. Donations for the cause of canonization will be accepted. If you would like resources and information to celebrate Black Catholic History Month please visit the Ethnic Ministries website at www.columbuscatholic.org/cem or email Director Pam Harris, ethnicministries@columbuscatholic.org.

Live-stream schedule this weekend

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

Attached is this weekend's worship aid for Mass, the bulletins, and the Sacred Heart Congress.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!

God bless!

Fr. Ed