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*Under the guidance and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKENDS

ICC – Kenton Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. Last Sunday of the month (Spanish)

OLL – Ada Sunday 11:00 a.m.

#### WEEKDAYS

ICC – Kenton Tuesday 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
First Saturday Mass 10:30 a.m.

OLL – Ada Tuesday & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ICC – Kenton Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

OLL – Ada Monday 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.



### VESPERS

OLL – Ada Sunday 6:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

ICC - Kenton Saturday 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
First Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m.

OLL – Ada Tuesday & Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Also by appointment.  
Please contact Fr. Ryan at [fatherschmit@gmail.com](mailto:fatherschmit@gmail.com).

### SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES AFTER HOURS

In case of imminent death, please call Fr. Ryan at (614) 749-0565. For non-emergency anointings, communion visits, baptisms, and marriages, please notify the office.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

A warm welcome to all new families and individuals.  
To register, please contact your respective church office.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Visit our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/HardinCatholic](https://youtube.com/HardinCatholic)

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 17 - 24				
Day	Time	Location	Intention	
SAT 12-16	4:00pm	ICC	People of the Parishes	
SUN 12-17	9:00am	ICC	Erma Dietz	
	11:00am	OLL	William Butsch	
TUE 12-19	5:30pm	ICC	Mary King	
	7:00pm	OLL	No Mass	
WED 12-20	9:00am	ICC	Burke McKenna	
	5:30pm	OLL		
THU 12-21	9:30am	OLL		
FRI 12-22	9:30am	OLL	Scott Holfka	
SAT 12-23	4:00pm	ICC	Judy Krych	
	6:00pm	OLL	Peoples of the Parishes	
SUN 12-24	9:00am	ICC	Kevin & Christine Stahler	
	11:00am	OLL	No Mass	
Christmas Eve	4:00pm	OLL	Clara Gerker	
	6:30pm	ICC	Gordon Gatien Sr	
	Midnight	OLL	Deceased loved ones	
MON 12-25	9:00am	ICC	People of the Parishes	

## Weekly Offering

	ICC	Dec. 10	OLL
Mass Collection	\$2,126.00		\$3,126.00
IC Holy Day	215.00		
Fiscal YTD	\$48,149.46		\$55,516.00

**A special Christmas gift:** a Mass celebrated by a missionary priest for your loved ones and friends. Your loved ones and friends will receive a beautiful Christmas themed Mass card acknowledging your gift. This is also a critical means of support in helping missionary priests with their pastoral needs. Visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/request-a-Mass](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/request-a-Mass), click the applicable link for Mass(es) as Christmas gift. The Mass stipend is \$10.

## The Catholic Foundation

Support Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Lower Your Taxes. Our parishes have an endowment funds that The Catholic Foundation manages. These funds are longer-term, sustained investments designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parishes. Contributing cash, appreciated stocks, IRA rollovers, and other forms of assets to the Funds can lower your tax exposure and provide a lasting impact on our parishes and the future of our Catholic faith. For more information on end-of-the-year giving to benefit our parishes, please contact Christy Steffy at 614-443-8893 x 110 or [csteffy@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:csteffy@catholic-foundation.org).



## Christmas Mass Schedule

		Kenton ICC	Ada OLL
Sun.	December 24 -	6:30pm	4:00pm
		-	Midnight
Mon.	December 25 -	9:00am	
Mon.	January 1 -	9:00am	-

## 2024 – Women's &amp; Men's Conference

Registration is now open for the 2024 Women's and Men's Conferences

Women's Theme: This Wondrous Gift

The glove of St. Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration.

February 17, 2024 Cost: \$45 (After January \$50)

Men's Theme: The Eucharist: Go Deeper

Men's: February 24, 2024

Both are at the Ohio Expo Center

Go to [register@columbuscatholicwomen.com](mailto:register@columbuscatholicwomen.com) or [catholicmensministry.com](http://catholicmensministry.com).



This Third Sunday of Advent is specially marked as an occasion for joy. Amid our Advent preparations, we might be feeling stressed at the work that still never seems to end. We may feel frustrated by circumstances we didn't anticipate. We might especially feel disappointment in ourselves about the resolutions we made for this Advent to improve our spiritual lives that have gone unfulfilled. While Advent may be more than half over, there is still time to allow Christ's grace to finish what we started. The experience of joy is a sure sign that God is with us and a sure help as we work toward readying ourselves for Christ's coming. Don't be discouraged. Rejoice today and move forward.

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas**

Please join us after Mass on Sunday, December 24 to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Many hands make light work.

All are welcome. Thank you in advance for your help

**Youth Group**

The Youth Group will be meeting on Sunday, Dec. 17 after the 9:00am Mass in the Youth Group room. Join us for some Christmas cheer.

**Christmas Bazaar – Last Chance**

Come do your Christmas shopping at the Bazaar in the St. Anthony Center. The shop will be open after all Masses until December 17.

**Christmas Caroling**

Join us for caroling on December 21! We will meet in the church parking lot at 4:30pm and visit homebound and nursing home parishioners.

**Eucharistic Revival**

Do you want to improve your love and understanding of the Eucharist, the true body and blood of our Lord? The Eucharist Revival classes are for you. The 7 sessions have amazing lessons and personal stories that teach us new insights, remind us of the truths we have been taught so we can renew our commitment, and inspires us to truly appreciate and love the Eucharist. During each session, we also have an opportunity to discover that other members of our parish are thankful and are searching to increase their love of the Eucharist as well.

If you missed the classes this fall or would like to participate again, you have the opportunity to attend the sessions beginning Sunday, February 4 at 6:30 in the Office Bldg.

**Advent Prayer**

Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has wakened us to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen. – St. Augustine

**Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers:** Diane Jaeger, Rita Scharf, Carol Lowery, Ellen Ramge, Dr. Kate Johnson, Joe Krych, Don Conkle, and Pat Kusner.

**New Mass Changes for December OLL**

**Dec. 19 No Mass**

**Dec 26 No Mass**

**Dec 20 Mass 5:30pm**

**Dec 27 Mass 5:30pm**

**Dec 21 Mass 9:30am**

**Dec 28 Mass 9:30am**

**Dec 22 Mass 9:30am**

**Dec 29 Mass 9:30am**

**If you need to contact Our Lady of Lourdes parish, please call ICC's number at 419-675-1162.**

**Mass Intentions for ICC and OLL** will be scheduled thru the office at ICC. Please contact [office@icckenton.org](mailto:office@icckenton.org) to schedule a Mass and for payments. Thank you.

**2024 Envelopes**

Envelopes for 2024 are available on the kitchen counter. If you do not see your name, you can take a blank set and add your information to the sheet so we can keep track of your contributions.

**Christmas Choir**

Interested in being part of this year's Christmas Eve choir? This year we are looking for high school students and adults to help sing on Christmas Eve. We will plan to cover the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass (with the possibility of Midnight Mass depending on interest). Practices will be held on December 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 6 PM until approximately 7 PM. If interested, please contact Ann ([acjohnson@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:acjohnson@alumni.nd.edu)) or Steve Johnson ([sjohnsonpv@gmail.com](mailto:sjohnsonpv@gmail.com)). God bless!

**The Appeal**

We have not made our goal for this year's Appeal.

Parish Goal: \$17,867.27. To Date: \$16,125.00

\$1,724.27 to go!

Pick up a BAA brochure and envelope or go online:

<https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/make-a-gift-now>

Thank you to all who have pledged!

**Please pray for our seminarians**

Every week we will pray for one of our Seminarians.

This week please keep Keith Bray from Mt. St. Mary in your prayers.



*Father, You love us and call each of us to go on mission with you in advancing your kingdom. You equip us with everything that we need to serve and love others in that mission. We pray for our seminarians whom you have called to seminary to discern a possible call to serve you as priests. Please watch over them, Lord. Guide them and help them grow in holiness. Grant them wisdom and courage to give themselves radically to You. We pray also for the grace to grow in holiness ourselves and to seek always your will in our lives. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



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