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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.

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.

CHRISTMAS
2023

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 23 - 31				
Day	Time	Location	Intention	
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 Gaten Sr	
	Midnight	OLL	Deceased loved ones	
MON 12-25	9:00am	ICC	Peoples of the Parishes	
TUES 12-26	5:30pm	ICC	Donald Stout	
	7:00pm	OLL	No Mass	
WED 12-27	9:00am	ICC	Mick Bruner	
	5:30pm	OLL	Andrew & Barbara Tighe	
THU 12-28	9:30am	OLL	Andrew & Barbara Tighe	
FRI 12-29	9:30am	OLL	Frances Boyle	
SAT 12-30	4:00pm	ICC	Peoples of the Parishes	
SUN 12-31	9:00am	ICC	Buettner Family	
	11:00am	OLL	Rian Conley	

Weekly Offering**ICC** Dec. 17 **OLL**

Mass Collection	\$These collections will appear In next week's bulletin.	
Fiscal YTD	\$48,149.46	\$55,516.00



This is it! The last Sunday before the celebration of Christmas. Today is an excellent day to take another look at how the Advent season has been going. Did we make any spiritual resolutions at the beginning of the season? How have they turned out? Do we feel regret that the days of preparation have passed with little to show for them? The only true happiness to be found is in Jesus, the way, the truth and the life. As we reflect on his coming in prayer and Scripture reading, let us remember that we are not only welcoming him into our houses; he is welcoming us into the house of his Father: the eternity of heaven.

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.

Christmas Message

Ready or not... Merry Christmas! With the shortest possible Advent season this year, hopefully everyone has achieved all of their Christmas preparation goals. (But if not, at least with 2024 being a leap year, we'll all have a whole extra day to prepare.) Although I'm writing this bulletin article two weeks before Christmas to meet the printing deadline, I can safely predict that at least this Christmas, will not be as cold as last year. (Who could forget those windy, subzero temperatures, which probably turned all of the noses of Santa's reindeer red?) But enough of the past, Christmas is here, where family and friends will gather to celebrate this festive season with food, fellowship, and gifts. Of course, given that Christ is what Christmas is all about, strive to keep Christ in your Christmas celebrations as we give thanks to Our Father for loving us so much that He gave us the perfect gift of His Son for our redemption.

May God bless you,
Fr Ryan Schmit

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	-

On Christmas, in the deepest silence, God bursts forth from eternity and into the history of our world. He comes not as a conqueror at the head of a massive host, but rather in the most vulnerable form imaginable; a form that elicits from us an urge to love and protect and nurture. But this is not to say that the infant Christ is not a warrior – it's just his weapons that are different. Christ comes to liberate his people from the slavery of a broken world. The disorder wrought by our fundamental disobedience in the Garden of Eden is reversed in the tiny figure in the manger. His quiet cries in his mother's arms are his battle cry that all has been made new, if we would just love him.

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, click the applicable link for Mass(es) as Christmas gift. The Mass stipend is \$10.



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

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.

2024 – Women's & 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 or catholicmensministry.com.



A Blessed Christmas to All

The office will be closed on Dec 25, and 26

New Mass Changes for December OLL

Dec 26 No Mass

Dec 27 Mass 5:30pm

Dec 28 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 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.

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>

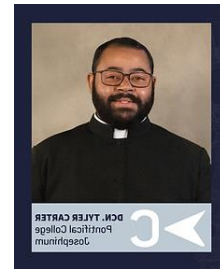
Thank you to all who have pledged!

Please pray for our seminarians

Every week we will pray for one of our Seminarians.

This week please keep Dcn. Tyler Carter from

Pontifical College Josephinum 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.

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

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