

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2 style="color: #0070C0;">Our Lady of Lourdes Parish &amp; Newman Center</h2> <p style="color: #0070C0;">Church: 300 East Highland Avenue, Ada ~ Office &amp; Mailing: 222 East Highland Avenue, Ada - 45810 Phone: 419-634-2626 ~ email: oll_wcoil.com ~ on the web: oll-ada.com</p>					<b>1</b> 9:00 am <b>Mass</b> followed immediately by <b>Exposition and Adoration</b> until Noon	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Mardi Gras in Kenton  6:00 pm Confessions 6:30 pm <b>Mass</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
9:45 am PSR K-12 11:00 am <b>Mass</b> 12:15 pm Gantt Baptism 6:30 pm RCIA	9:00 am <b>Mass</b>	9:00 am <b>Mass</b>	9:00 am <b>Mass</b> 5:30 pm <b>Mass</b>	No Mass 11:00 am Men's Group	9:00 am <b>Mass</b> 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper	6:00 pm Confessions 6:30 pm <b>Mass</b>
ONU Spring Break						
<b>10 First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
9:45 am PSR K-12 11:00 am <b>Mass</b> 6:30 pm RCIA  Daylight Savings Time <i>Spring Ahead, Lose an Hour!</i>	9:00 am <b>Mass</b>	9:00 am <b>Mass</b> 6:15 pm <b>Mass</b> in Chapel Prayer Room followed by Newman Club Meeting	9:00 am <b>Mass</b>	No Mass	9:00 am <b>Mass</b> 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper	6:00 pm Confessions 6:30 pm <b>Mass</b>
<b>17 Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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<b>24 Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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<b>31 Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;">             Newman Club Spring Retreat (at OLL)           </div> <p style="color: #008000; text-align: center;">             Mark your calendars for Holy Week – Triduum Liturgies to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes this year:              Holy Thursday, at OLL: April 18 at 7:00 pm              Good Friday, at OLL: April 19 at 7:00 pm              Easter Vigil, at OLL: April 20 at 8:30 pm              Easter Sunday Masses are 9:00 am at Immaculate Conception and 11:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes           </p>					
11:00 am <b>Mass</b> 6:30 pm RCIA  NO PSR or Preschool Classes.						

## **THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR: Our Deacon-Candidate Nick Klear**

A parishioner from Our Lady of Lourdes – Nick Klear – has been a candidate for the Diaconate program the last couple of years; he is due to be ordained a Deacon for the Diocese of Columbus at the very end of 2020. Part of the diaconate program is for the candidate to take part in an “internship” in the final two years of their formation. I wanted to let everyone know that Nick has begun his internship this past month and will continue in his internship up to the time of his ordination. Usually, a deacon candidate would perform his internship in a completely different parish from his “home parish”. But owing to our geographical circumstances and distance to neighboring parishes, the Diocese agreed to allow Nick to do his internship here in our Hardin County cluster. So, Nick’s internship will involve him in the life of both of our parishes – ICC and OLL – as he benefits from the rich variety of experiences that our parishes offer.

A diaconal internship is primarily a way for a candidate to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of a parish, with an emphasis (at least in the first year) on observing the sacramental life of a parish. So, a big part of Nick’s internship will be that of observation and learning about the pastoral activities of our parishes, so that he can more readily support those activities in a parish someday after he becomes a Deacon. For example, he will observe and learn things like: How are baptisms done and how are parents prepared? How is marriage prep done? What are the different systems in place in each parish for ministering to the homebound and those in hospital? What is offered by each parish for children and adult catechesis? How are Masses prepared for and executed in each location? etc. etc. Nick is required to write his observations into a journal as part of his program. Nick is also being asked to become more involved with certain activities as appropriate, such as Lector (since he has just officially been installed as an ‘Instituted Lector’ by the Bishop last fall as a step toward ordination), or helping with some of the set-up for different events, or also “shadowing” me or others at various meetings, prep sessions, etc., so that he can observe and learn. Again, all this is simply for him to learn and become better prepared someday as a deacon.

So, if you notice Nick “hanging around” more than usual lately, don’t worry: he’s not stalking us.....but simply doing an internship! Please join me in expressing to Nick our appreciation to him for considering a diaconal vocation!

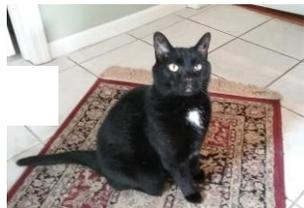
Fr. Ferguson is available to help you with any questions or concerns you may have; please contact him at [hamilton.college@outlook.com](mailto:hamilton.college@outlook.com) or at 419-634-2626.

## **DID YOU KNOW? A Note From Your Parish Finance Council**

[As indicated earlier, we will periodically be placing “blurbs” in the bulletin to make everyone aware of our practical, parish stewardship needs:]

The last fiscal year at Our Lady of Lourdes, we spent \$86,346 on staff salary and wages. This may look like a lot, but this total includes full-time compensation for one priest and our parish manager, along with part-time wages for bookkeeping, housekeeping, custodial, organist, and adult-ed coordinator. For an active parish our size, we have a “skeleton staff”, and our staff (including the priest) work at wages typically far lower than those found in the private sector. We are definitely getting a “bang for our buck” with the hard work of our staff. This is the biggest item of our parish budget, and it is covered by the Weekly Offertory. However, we are still running short in covering our parish expenses. Please consider an increase in your Weekly Offertory, which provides the vast majority of our needed parish income. Thanks for your generosity and support of our parish family!

## **THOUGHTS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN by “Jackie”, the Pastor’s Cat**



Hi boys and girls! My name is “Jackie”, and as you know, I am Father Ferguson’s cat. I have to admit: these long winter days can make me bored! I get tired of staying inside all the time. During the four hours each day that we cats are actually awake, it’s sometimes hard to find fun things to do. I’ve tried batting the window blinds; I’ve counted and re-counted my cans of tuna; I’ve even done staring contests with Father. But I still felt bored. Then I got an idea: I asked Father if I could get some video games to play. After all, I’ve heard of other cats playing games like “Grand Theft Tuna” or “Call of Duty: Tiger Pounce!” But Father didn’t look very happy when I asked him. He sat me down and explained that playing video games too much can be bad for me and my brain. He said that many smart people (called scientists) tell us that spending too many hours playing video games can be unhealthy for us. And Father said he didn’t want me to become unhealthy. So, he suggested that I read some great books, like “The Lion King” or “African Cats”. So that’s what I’ve been doing, and now I’m not bored anymore! I’ve been having a great time learning about all kinds of exciting things! Roarr! What healthy things do you do whenever you get bored? Ask Jesus tonight to help you to choose healthy hobbies and activities as you keep growing up in our exciting world! Have a “purr”-fect week!

## Catholic Relief Services and Operation Rice Bowl



In our box of envelopes, at the end of March, is a Catholic Relief Services envelope. These funds support our brothers and sisters here in the United States: USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (includes combatting human trafficking), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC), USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church and around the world: humanitarian aid in Syria and Niger, USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, and aid to victims of natural disaster through the Holy Father's Relief Fund. In addition to the CRS envelope, there are "Rice Bowls" available for saving up your sacrificial change; we especially encourage our children and young people to use the Rice Bowl during Lent.

You may pick up a Rice Bowl from the vestibule; PSR students will also have the Bowls available from their classrooms. If you do not use envelopes, please consider making an offering to Our Lady of Lourdes, designated **Catholic Relief Services**.

**Included in February and March envelopes:** Catholic Times subscription payment of \$17 for the year; memorial offering toward the purchase of Easter Flowers for the Church (list loved ones you wish to have remembered or honored); the quarterly offering for the Parish Religious Education Fund; the monthly Parish Capital Fund (designated for savings and major expenditures); Ash Wednesday; National Collection for the Home Missions.

Kenton Knights of Columbus **Super Cash Bonanza! \$108,000.00 to be awarded!**

Tickets are \$5 each. Deadline for turning in payment and stubs in May 5, 2019 at Noon.

**See Brad Lauter, Tom Sprang, or Chris Spiese for tickets**

**or leave a message for Brad at 419-675-0822.**

***Tickets will be available for purchase during the Lenten Friday Soup Suppers!***

*Ash Wednesday is March 6.*

*Masses are 9:00 am and 5:30 pm at both Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception.*

Ohio Northern spring break is the week of March 4 through 8. There will not be any Ash Wednesday Services on campus.

*Reminder:*



**SIGN UP** to serve at the Ada Food Pantry in March. Food Pantry is open on Tuesday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church; the entrance is directly across from the drive up mailbox at the Post Office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES** We need volunteers to serve as Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: young people are graduating and some of our adults have moved out of the area. **PICK UP** a survey form from the table at the entrance of the church. *Adult servers for Saturday Masses are most welcome!* **Watch for training dates and times!!**