



THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, June 6 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
Saturday, June 10 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
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Sunday, June 11 **9:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
 - *Parish*



**Pastor's Note:
A NEW SEASON**

My sister and her husband, both of whom are high school teachers, told me that the week after school ends, they are going camping for a few days. It will be a wind-down time, an opportunity to relax and not live by the clock or school bell.

In a similar vein, I recall that a friend who is a CPA always plans to take off April 16 and spend the day with his wife just to get re-acquainted after a very busy season.

People need to step back from what they do, even when what they do is satisfying and enjoyable. A little distance and a time for relaxing can help put things back into perspective.

Now that we are past Memorial Day and most schools have ended, it is time to reframe our time schedules. All those people whom we said we would get in touch with when we were less busy – they are still there waiting for us. All those times we thought it would be good to walk in a park or bike on a trail – now is the time to do it.

A spirit of relaxation can lead to better prayer and easier meditation. We can use the care-free months for putting aside some of our worries and simply placing ourselves in God's presence more readily.

I encourage everyone to use the summer months to enjoy the gifts of this world, to appreciate those who are important in your life, and to be more grateful to God for everyday blessings. Summer is not a vacation from prayer, but a time that can allow more of it.

Reading for this Week
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3: 10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17;
 Mt 28:16-20
You can now find the daily readings on our Parish Website!



WELCOME VISITORS

Each week we have visitors and first-timers here at Blessed John. If you are new here, welcome. We invite you to take a moment afterwards to stop at the visitor's table or to pick up any of the literature that we have. Most of all, we hope that you feel at home with us. If you can, please introduce yourself to us, so we can get to know you better. And we invite you to come back.

HAPPY PENTECOST

Those who participated in the last session of Generations of Faith for this year, remember that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It is also a time to meditate on the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and unite all people. At the liturgy today you will have an opportunity to express your willingness to share your gifts through this faith community by completing the new **Stewardship Of Skills (SOS)** page. Thank you in advance for completing it and being generous with your talents and gifts.

ORDINATIONS Please keep in prayer the four men who were ordained priests on Saturday, June 3. Included in that group is Jeff McBeth, son of Pat McBeth, who sings and plays guitar in our choir.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Today is the Birthday of the church! Check out the cool birthday cards created by the participants of Generations of Faith who prepared for Pentecost a few weeks ago.

If you would like some materials on Pentecost, we have some great materials on the Religious Education table. These are samples of the great information that comes out in our GOF home kits each session. We are now registering for Generations of Faith, so if you have not received information in the mail, please pick up a packet today!



WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Benjamin Thomas Kopko, son of Robert and Mary Kopko.

It will be a joy to watch him grow in age, wisdom, and grace.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING THIS WEEK

All Eucharistic Ministers -- those who have been assisting at Mass, those who would like to begin, and those who take Communion to the homebound -- are required to attend a training session and then be installed on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) in two weeks, June 17-18. Attend one of the two training sessions: Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m., or Saturday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. Both will last about an hour and will take place at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling.

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or exploring the church? Or do you know someone else who is searching? Maybe this is the year for you. Our RCIA will begin in September, but you may contact Fr. Herb now if you want an interview and an opportunity to talk about this faith journey.

IT'S UP TO YOU

It's very clear that many newcomers are here because others have talked to them about Blessed John or invited them. Thank you for sharing the good word. Please don't hesitate to invite anyone who may be looking for a place to worship, to be inspired, to put down roots, and to follow Christ with even more conviction.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$3,057.00. Thank you very much. We encourage people to use their Sunday envelopes. If you forget to bring yours, or if you are new at Blessed John and have not yet received offering envelopes, we have generic ones available near the church doors (be sure to put your name on them.) Thank you.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

This week's update on the ACA (Annual Catholic Appeal) is 84 pledges/gifts from 40% of our parishioners for a total of \$12,574. Please help us reach our target of \$14,196. Also, it is important that everyone make a pledge regardless of amount. Thank you.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 11 Pablo Ramirez & Ann Forbes-Ramirez
Teen Angela Overholt
June 18 **We need volunteers**



Children's Liturgy
of the Word

SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will continue to have Children's Liturgy of the Word throughout summer. This is an important way to help our children appreciate the value of the Word at their level. Meanwhile, we expect their parents to help get them to church to be with their parish family.



Good Job!

CONGRATULATIONS

Although we congratulated graduates a couple of weeks ago, we extend once again our congratulations to all those who are completing high school this week. Our prayers are with you.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: William Balzer and Margaret Lockhart and family, and Chris and Lori Recker and family.



New Members
Among Us

Teens



TEEN TEAM RETREAT

Great News!! The first ever retreat for Blessed John XXIII youth and you get to be a part of it! The retreat will be July 20-22 at YMCA Camp Willson in Bellefontaine, OH. The cost is only \$70 per person. This will include: housing (with electricity and a bathroom inside the cabin), 6 meals, high & low ropes course, horseback riding, swimming & boating, 4 talks, and many more fun things available at the camp.

The four talks are going to be centered on understanding the basics of the Catholic faith and how that plays a part in your life. They will consist of topics like "How is God present in my life," "Understanding your faith and the faith of others," "How to make good decisions," and "Pressures that exist and how they affect your faith." More information will follow in upcoming bulletin announcements, so please stay tuned. For more information about the retreat or to have some questions answered, contact Karen Obringer at kobring@bgsu.edu or 419-353-1218. For more information about the camp we will be staying at check out www.ymcawillson.org.



LET'S PLAN A PARTY

Volunteers are needed to help plan our first Family Picnic to be held in the early summer. If interested in getting involved, please call Jackie Venzel at 419-874-2244 or bobvenzel@venzelcommunications.com

SHARE YOUR GARDEN FLOWERS

Do you have flowers blooming and would like to share them on Sunday mornings? The liturgical planning team would love to place them on or in front of the altar. We ask that you put the bouquets in vases when you bring them in. Please contact Jan Jagodzinski at 419-878-6263 or Julie Bermudez at 419-283-1693. Thanks!

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHTED ADVERTISER

Please place "5/3 Fifth Third Bank



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting on June 5 at 7:00 p.m., for anyone who would like to help with the Strawberry Festival at Christ Lutheran Church in Dowling that will be held on June 25. The meeting will be at Marla Overholt's home 1853 Horseshoe Bend Dr. in Perrysburg. Tom and Ann Jagodzinski will be heading the team for this event. If you would like to donate a strawberry dessert or help serving the day of the event but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Jan or Tom at 419-878-6263.

SUMMER PRAYER/FUN

Our sister parish, Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling, is having a weekly Wednesday night service with social opportunity. Each week a creative service will be followed by food and activity. We have agreed to coordinate the service at 7:00 p.m., Wed., June 7.

Theme for the night is "Floating with God this Summer!" We will sing, pray, faith share and hear a great Fr. Herb's homily. Afterwards, there will be root beer floats! If you would like to help serve the root beer floats, contact Marla at moverholt@blessedjohn.org.

CYO PROGRAMS

We are hoping to start Blessed John CYO programs for the next school year. We are going to start with Cross-country for elementary grades. Some may be participating at their schools, St Rose, St Jerome, etc. No problem. But for everyone else, we are there for you.

We need parental support!! Everyone interested in getting involved from the start of our CYO programs, now is the time to call or talk with Dan Mouch 419-872-2868 or dan@mouchins.com.



Blessed John XXIII Music Ministry



**Contemporary Music
Ensemble**

Blessed John XXIII is starting a
contemporary music band!



Saturday June 10, 2006

12:00 PM

St. Al's in Bowling Green

In the Activities Room above the gym.

All Ages are Welcome!

- Percussion
- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Winds
- Strings
- Voice

**Blessed John XXIII
Music Ministry**

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*-Contact Michael Puppos if you are interested,
or for further information*

"A community carried by God, carrying God to others."