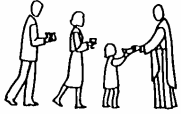


**BLESSED JOHN XXIII  
WOOD COUNTY, OHIO**

**JULY 2, 2006**

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES**



Tuesday, July 4 **9:00 a.m. No Mass  
or Bible study**  
Saturday, July 8 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**  
-John Farley  
Sunday, July 9 **9:30 a.m.**  
**Perrysburg HS**  
- Parish

**Readings for this Week**

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Am 8:4-6; 9-12; Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17  
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

*You can now find the daily readings on our Parish Website!*

**FR. HERB TAKING A BREAK**

Fr. Herb will be gone for about twelve days, beginning July 3. He will be doing some hiking in the North Country, maybe coming back with some real bear stories.

Next weekend Fr. Earl Loeffler will be presiding at Masses at Blessed John Parish. Fr. Earl, a retired priest, is a friend of the parish who has attended here several times. He will be representing the Propagation of the Faith (missions). Please be sure to give him a hearty welcome.

**TUESDAY MASS/BIBLE STUDY**

Because of the holiday, there will not be the usual Tuesday morning 9:00 Mass or 9:30 Bible Study, on July 4.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$3,791. Thank you very much for supporting our parish.

**THANKS TODAY**

Thank you today to those who have used the special envelope in their packet to support the Peter's Pence collection. As the bishop wrote in last week's bulletin, this special collection each year allows the Pope and Vatican do their charitable works. Thank you.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Although today (July 1) is the actual first anniversary of the founding of this parish, we will celebrate being one year old on the first anniversary of the first Mass. Plan to be in town on August 20. The liturgy will be special. There also will be a parish picnic that day.



**TEEN TEAM SUMMER RETREAT –**

Registration forms for the Teen Team Retreat are due no later than **July 9**. Contact Karen Obringer at [kobring@bgsu.edu](mailto:kobring@bgsu.edu) or 419-353-1218 if you need the forms.



**Pastor's Note: ONE DAY  
TO BLOOM**

It's Tiger Lily season again. Seeing the orange and yellow flowers blooming in front yards and along the sides of the road reminds me of a simple discovery I made when I was a child. After careful observation I discovered that each bud opens and blooms for one day only. By the end of the day, that particular flower begins to close forever; the next day another bloom takes its turn. (Only years later did I realize that all these lilies are called "day lilies" for that reason.)

What if each person had just one day to bloom, one day to show off his or her special colors and blossom? What if, after waiting for that special day, it happened to be raining? Tiger Lilies go ahead with their flowering regardless of the weather.

In a sense, we each have one day to show our best. That day may be thirty, sixty, or even ninety years long, but it passes like the blink of an eye in the over-all scheme of things. At times, it may seem like it is a rainy or stormy day instead of a sunny one.

But this time is the time we have. It is the only time given to us. During this time we can perhaps add some beauty to the world. And if we don't add that special something to our day, it will be missed.

*Fr. Herb*

**HOLIDAY THIS WEEK**

As we observe the national holiday to celebrate our country's independence, we must stop and think about freedom. We are a free country with self-rule. For this we are truly thankful. At the same time, we need to respect the freedom of others and assist those, in our own country and elsewhere, who are not so free because of oppression, discrimination, or other limitations.

Freedom, as sweet as it is, is not an end in itself but a condition that allows us to develop into more and more the kind of people God has called us to be. Freedom provides opportunities for us to work for justice for all; justice, in turn, leads to peace.

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH SUNDAY**

Each parish is asked to have one weekend dedicated to the Propagation of the Faith as a reminder that we are always a missionary church. Next Sunday, Jul 9, Fr. Loeffler will be here for both masses. Please welcome him and have your hearts open to hear how our call to discipleship is also a call to missionary zeal. There will be an opportunity to give to the Propagation of the Faith collection.

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### SUNDAY EVENING GOF SESSION ALMOST FULL!

Thanks to all who have turned in their GOF forms already! We will be continuing to register for Generations of Faith all year, but the **deadline for the August gathering and the Season Ticket discount will be July 30<sup>th</sup>**.

There are only a few more spots available for the Sunday evening, 4:45-7:15 p.m. After these are filled, we will be asking those registering to sign up for Sunday afternoon or Monday evening.

As of June 27, we have 170 people registered for GOF and 47 households! Please get your registrations in quickly to take advantage of the season ticket special! For questions about Generations of Faith, you can easily contact Marla Overholt at [moverholt@blessedjohn.org](mailto:moverholt@blessedjohn.org). Remember that Generations of Faith is for all of us, young and old!

### TWO JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP EVENTS PLANNED

Join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun! We will be gathering at Rolf Pool on July 11th from 1 to 4pm. Rolf Pool is located at 2115 Cass



Rd. in Maumee. Cost of admission is \$10.00. It will be a great way to get to know the other Jr. High kids at Blessed John. If interested, please call Peggy Christie at 878-7906 or Karen Wise at 419-931-4357. Hope to see you there, and don't forget your sunscreen!



All kids of the parish, entering grade 6, 7 and 8, plan to join us on August 1, 2006 for the "Bike-a-thon for Charity."

The time will be 9:00 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. We will bike 12 miles round trip on the Inland Coast Trail between Fremont and Clyde, Ohio. If you have questions, call Ann Hirzel at 419-287-4625.

All JR's attending either of these events are asked to fill out a medical release form, that can be found on the website, and turn it in to Marla Overholt or bring it to the event they are attending. The release is good for a year.

### PARISH STEERING COMMITTEE

All those who have been part of the parish "Steering Committee," and those who are newly interested (especially those who signed up on the recent SOS sheet) are invited to a special meeting on Tuesday, July 18, at 7:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling.

The agenda will include the forming of a Pastoral Council as well as discussion of the Mass schedule for this fall.

### WHAT WE HEARD

Thanks to those who came to one of the two Open Meetings regarding the Parish Life Center we hope to build on the land being acquired by the Diocese of Toledo for Blessed John Parish.

In broad strokes, this is what we heard. People are open to having a multi-purpose building that will serve for both Sunday worship and other activities during the week. Down the road, once a permanent church is built, this Parish Life Center will still have an important function in our parish...as a Parish Life Center, which will include meeting rooms, a larger space for Generations of Faith and other meals and gatherings, and offices.

Parishioners indicated they want the building to be of good quality while at the same time somewhat versatile. For worship and for GOF, there needs to be good acoustics as well as a light and airy, uplifting environment. Knowing that we will build a more permanent church in future years, people indicated they would accept this temporary space as not being the "final church."

We hope to have a small chapel for the Blessed Sacrament, which also will serve for weekday Mass. Many also indicated a desire for a relaxing and prayerful landscaping with possibly a walking path.

### PLANS UNDERWAY FOR PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 20 for our first parish picnic. We are planning for old fashioned games, lots of fun, and good weather (Fr. Herb needs to take car of this!) Look in your garage, basement, or barn for the following items:

Feed sacks	shade canopies	gazebo tents
Large ropes	baby pool	corn hole bean bag game
Golf ball throwing game		badminton set

If you have any of these, please drop a note in the collection basket, attention Jackie Venzel or give her a call at 419-874-2244.

### WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Pat McBeth, Ellen Farley, Rick and Deb Thielen and family, Rick and Karen Selhorst, and Steve and Lynn Way and family.



### NURSERY SCHEDULE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We have a co-op nursery available every Sunday at Mass. Parents who are using the nursery are asked to take a turn, so that it is staffed every week. Please contact Lisa Suelzer at [lisasuelzer@yahoo.com](mailto:lisasuelzer@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.

July 9 **Need volunteers** (We will have to cancel if we do not have volunteers by Jul. 3)

*Teen Betsy Elick*