



THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, July 18 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
Saturday, July 22 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
-Parish
Sunday, July 23 **9:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
- John Farley

Reading for this Week
Monday: Is 1: 10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7; 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18
You can now find the daily readings on our Parish Website!

WHY REGISTER?

Each week we have new families register as parishioners at Blessed John XXIII. Glad to have you with us.

Of course, anyone is welcome to come at any time without registering. We hope we always help you feel at home. By registering, however, you allow us to get to know you better. You also help yourself by making a commitment to a particular faith community.

Registration forms are available at the "Visitor" table every week. They can also be found on the parish website.

PARISH DIRECTORY

After many requests, we will be publishing a Parish directory. If you do **NOT** want to have your name, address, and/or phone number included, please contact Tina by the end of **July**. You can call the parish office at 419-662-3180 or email her at tcarella@blessedjohn.org. **If you want to be included in the directory you must also register before the end of July.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will have a special Mass and then a Parish Picnic, on August 20, to celebrate the first anniversary of our first parish Mass. Plan to be in town that weekend

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who responded to our annual "Mission Awareness" Sunday last week. Thank you also for welcoming Fr. Loeffler. If you still want to give to the Propagation of the Faith, please use one of the special envelopes found at the tables and turn it in this week or next. Thank you.



**Pastor's Note:
MY WALKING STICK**

Knowing that I like to hike, a friend gave me a fine walking stick a couple of years ago. Taken from a branch of a tree, this staff was sanded and smoothed until it has just the right feel in my hand. I keep it in the garage close to my car, so that when I am planning to go out to the forest or metro-park, I can easily take it along.

What is the value of a walking stick? First of all, keeps me company while I roam. This stick and I have traveled many miles together, often going up and down hills and through woods. We have jumped over mud puddles and the stick often gets dirtier than I do when I use it for vaulting. When I cautiously scramble from rock to stone, or while fording streams, this staff keeps me balanced. And when I need that extra little "umph" to keep me going, it's the walking stick that helps out.

I have noticed other hikers sometimes improvising with a walking stick that they have just picked up off the ground. They, too, must have noticed the added value of walking with an aid.

In all of our lives' journeys God gives us plenty of assistance for walking. We have traditionally called that assistance 'grace.' God still works in our lives, giving us little helps along the way to make the going easier. That help is like a walking stick from God.



Altar Servers NEW SERVERS MEETING

Those who expressed interest in being a Mass server (going into the fifth grade and up), plan to meet at the altar with Fr. Herb right after Mass next Sunday, July 23. Anyone who is interested, even if you haven't yet given me your name, is also welcome.

STEERING COMMITTEE

All those who have participated in the Steering Committee and those who would like to, please join Fr. Herb on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church. This will be an important meeting as we attempt to establish a Pastoral Council for our parish, consider the fall Mass schedule for Blessed John, and more.

YOUTH RETREAT

Please pray for our high school youth who are attending a youth retreat this week at Camp Wilson near Bellefontaine Ohio.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SUNDAY EVENING GOF IS FULL!

We are still registering for Generations of Faith but our Sunday evening session is now full. We have two additional times. Sunday afternoon from 1:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at St. Paul's in Haskins, and Monday evening 6:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Christ Lutheran in Dowling. Remember to get the special season ticket price you need to register by July 30, 2006. For more information, contact Marla at moverholt@blessedjohn.org or 419-662-3180.

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEEDS A TRAILER TO CARRY BIKES

We need a trailer and a driver, to haul bikes to and from Fremont on August 1, for the "bike-a-thon." We will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. from Dowling church and returning at 4:30 p.m. If you can help us please contact Ann Hirzel at 419-287-4625.

SAVE THE DATE JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

August 1 we will be biking for charity in the "bike-a-thon." All Jr's attending this event are asked to fill out a medical release form that can be found on our website. Come bike with us 12 miles round trip on the Inland Coast Trail between Fremont and Clyde Ohio. Upon our return, we will swim at the Fremont Recreation Center Pool. Don't miss the fun! More details to come. If you have questions, call Ann Hirzel at 419-287-4625.

A PRAYER TO SAY

(Please clip and save, then pray, this prayer for Blessed John as we enter the building process.)

God of all nations and all seasons,

You once brought your people through the desert to the Promised Land and you pledged to be with them through all dangers and challenges.

Be with us on this, our own journey. You have already formed us as a people of faith and a community with a mission. You have guided us through our first year and helped us come to this point where we can look for a home.

Send your Spirit to guide our efforts and our work. May we be truly your servants, not building an earthly kingdom but facilities and structures that will serve you. May we have the Spirit's gifts of Wisdom, Insight, Unity, and Courage.

And, Lord, thank you for also giving us faith to bind us, humor to keep us human, and light so that we can see where we are going.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our offering last weekend was \$2,938.00. Thank you very much.

UPCOMING PROTECTING YOUTH WORKSHOPS

All adults over 18, who are working with children and youth, are asked to attend a "Protecting Youth Workshop" every 5 years. This includes people who:

- volunteer in our co-op nursery on Sundays
- volunteers who help with our youth programming at Generations of Faith or youth special events. This includes Parents.
- teachers or helpers that help with our sacramental programs.

We are working on scheduling a two hour workshop for Blessed John in late July or early August.

Presently there are two workshops in our area:

August 22, St. Rose Gym, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 419-874-5631 to register or August 29, Central Catholic HS, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Call Lori Stein, 419-255-2280 x 110 to register.

NURSERY SCHEDULE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We have a co-op nursery available every Sunday at Mass. Please contact Lisa Suelzer at lisasuelzer@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

July 23 **Need volunteers** (We will have to cancel if we do not have volunteers by Jul. 19)

Teen Betsy Elick

A LETTER FROM THE NEW ORLEANS PARISH

St. Clement of Rome Church



June 28, 2006

Reverend Herb Weber
Blessed John XXIII Parish
P. O. Box 48
Perrysburg, OH 43552

Dear Fr. Weber;

I received your check for \$2,982.16 which was forwarded to us by Greg Hymel. I am very pleased that your *Lenten Self Denial Starfish Bowl* contributions were in response to my nephew's appeal for our parish.

Per your request, these funds will be forwarded to our school to be used by our teachers as you suggested.

I appreciate your efforts to help our school at this time of great need. This is particularly impressive in view of the fact that your parish is so recently established and your needs are so great. You and your people are to be commended for your outreach.

I am sure Greg indicated the extent of our damages. We are now in the process of completing the school building that was so heavily damaged. The school should be ready for the new school year. We are also presently working on all our other buildings. The cost of our rebuilding should exceed 2 million.

May the Lord bless you and the Blessed John XXIII Parish as you move forward with your own building program.

With every best wish, I remain,

Ralph

Msgr. Ralph Carroll

RC/sdb

cc: Dr. Gregory Hymel
Mike Genevay, Principal