



THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Aug 15 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
 -Parish
 7:00 p.m. Dowling
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Saturday, Aug 19 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
 -*John Farley*

Sunday, Aug 20 **9:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
 - *Norm Bielak*



**Pastor's Note:
THE MAKINGS OF A
PICNIC**

I just received an email from one of my sisters suggesting that when I visit we take a bike ride followed by a picnic in a scenic area. Sounds great for a summer event.

People of many nationalities and cultures have picnics. There is something relaxing and carefree about taking food outside, sitting on the lawn near water or trees, talking with friends and family, and then maybe even playing games or walking. A picnic is a summary of what summer should be.

Picnic food is usually simple and tasty. It's not a time for elaborate dishes or haut cuisine. Most of us can't even imagine a picnic without burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, or baked beans.

When we have our parish picnic next Sunday afternoon, the goal will be to provide an opportunity for people to gather just for fun. There will be the opportunity for activities, but the main purpose is to help people know each other and have fun together.

Our parish is growing quickly and we need many opportunities to come together. (Generations of Faith, for example, helps people meet each other.) Whether you are with a family or alone, please plan to come next Sunday, August 20. It will be a great day for all.

Readings for this Week
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
You can now find the daily readings on our Parish Website!

Ministers for August 19-20

Lectors: Sat Mike Kolb and Sean Tracey
Sun Laura Feldkamp and Karen Schrock

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat
Sun Cindy Kinney, Pat Papparone, Millie Seibenick, Shirley Urbaniak, Carolyn Keck, Sharon Benedict, and Ingrid Alcover

Servers: Sat Devin Bilski, Ryan O'Donnell, and Carolyn Oatis

Sun Julia Balzer, Kevin Miles, and Justin Overholt



WELCOME TO ALL

As always, we joyfully welcome visitors and first-timers today. We are so glad to have you with us. Please enter into the spirit of Blessed John XXIII Parish. If you are interested in knowing more, there are tables in the hallways of the school with a variety of literature about our parish.

And if you get a chance, please introduce yourselves to us. We'd love to get to know you!

HOLY DAY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is one of the Holy Days of the church. We will have two Masses: 9:00 a.m. at the model house in the River's Edge housing development off Ft. Meigs Rd; and at 7:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Jacquelyn Harbauer, Todd & JoAnn Korzec and family, Mike & Jennifer Koralewki and family, Chris & Doug Gulgin and family, Richard & Susan Podlesny, Michael & Joanne Tomaszewski, Patrick Turner, Brian & Kelly Dennen and family, Gary & Lisa Werling and family.





GENERATIONS OF FAITH TODAY AND MONDAY

GOF gatherings are Sunday (1:15 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.) and Monday (6:15 p.m.) for all who are registered. **Don't forget we are in Dowling for all gatherings!** Bring your Marian sacramental: picture, rosary, prayer card, etc. We will be using these items for our intergenerational discussion!

Registration continues for the remaining 6 GOF gatherings. If you would like to join us, you will find the Faith Formation registration forms on the religious education table after Mass. If you prefer to sign up for individual sessions, and not commit to the full year (game ticket holders), you can also find those forms on the same table after Mass. Remember the Sunday GOF sessions fill up fast!

Our next gatherings are September 24/25 and we will be breaking open "Spiritual Realms: The Visible and Invisible" to prepare for the Feast Days of the Archangels and the Guardian Angels in late September and early October!

SACRAMENTS 2006-2007

All those who have registered for Sacraments on the Faith Formation forms will have dates and times mailed to them by the first of September. Participating in GOF is required in a Sacrament year, so if you are new to the parish and have a child who needs to prepare to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion or Confirmation, please fill out the Faith Formation form and register for the remaining 6 GOF sessions. For more information contact Marla at moverholt@blessedjohn.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD TEAM FORMING

Adults and teens who would like to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word are asked to sign up at the Religious Education table. With adding an additional Sunday Mass, we will need more people to help.

Lesson plans are made available to you: material to prepare you for leading and also music suggestions (we have a CD player). Teens are always welcome to help with "crowd control" or lead when they feel they are ready!

There will be a short team meeting in the CLW room right after 9:30 a.m. Mass on August 27! Please consider this important ministry to our children. It takes only a few minutes of your time and the rewards are great!!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$3,392. Thank you. We continue to ask you to be supportive of your parish by giving your time, talent, or treasures each week.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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.

Aug 20 Joy Ermie and Michelle Zetts
Teen Melanie Kaczinski

MASS TIMES PREFERENCE

Thanks to all who took the time to indicate their Mass time preferences last Sunday as we look at having two Sunday a.m. Masses. The surveys have been counted and they basically indicate a 50-50 split in time preference. (Some wrote in that they like 9:30 a.m. best although that was not one of the options. That, of course, was coming from people who attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass.)

As I write this (on Monday morning), I am attempting two things: 1) to make certain what hours the high school could accommodate us, and 2) to see if there could be a third option for Mass times. For example, most of those who selected the 9:00-11:00 option indicated they personally would attend the 9:00 Mass while those who selected 8:30-10:30 were split between attending the 8:30 and also the 10:30 Mass. Since 9:00 and 10:30 would be good but too close together, we may look at something like 8:45/10:30.

Finally, we are also looking at conflicts with other parish events. The first session of GOF begins early Sunday afternoon with the team arriving at St. Paul's Lutheran Church before noon. This would overlap with any later Mass.

Please be patient. No schedule will be perfect for all people. We are trying to be inclusive, and we are planning that each Mass have good music, a sense of community, and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

-Fr. Herb



TEENS



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Come join us at the Eberly's home on August 15 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We can go swimming, eat, play volleyball, roast marshmallows, and just talk. Eberly's address is 24610 Hull Prairie Road in Perrysburg. If you have questions please call Raeanne Carella at 419-872-3653.



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP-HIKING

WITH FATHER HERB

Our next gathering of the Junior Youth Group will be Sept. 17. We will be "Hiking with (Fr.) Herb." Watch for details in a later bulletin. Junior Youth Group is open to all those who will be in grades 6-8 in fall 2006. As always you are welcome to bring a friend!

FUNDRAISER FOR ONE OF OUR OWN

On August 19, from 6-10 p.m., at the Carranor Hunt and Polo Club, 502 East Second Street in Perrysburg, "Play for FA" Casino Night and Silent Auction Benefit will be held. It is planned to raise funds for the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund on behalf of Hope Burkin. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and must be purchased prior to the event. For more information, contact Don or Danielle Burkin at 278 Queensland Boulevard, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 or 419-874-0795.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Thanks to all who remembered to bring in some non-perishable food items for our food collection today. All items will go to the Assumption Community Center, located at the old St. Mary's Parish, Page Street, Toledo. Their cupboards are bare and we want to help out.

MASS TO CELEBRATE

It's hard to believe it's been a year, but next Sunday we will observe our one-year anniversary of our first Sunday Mass at Blessed John Parish. Since then more than 270 households (more than 750 persons) have registered. Together we have gone through the liturgical year as well as shared people's joys and sorrows.

Plan to join us and invite others for next Sunday as we give thanks to God for the parish that we have become!



PICNIC RESERVATION TODAY

Plan to turn in your Parish Picnic reservation today. It will be held next Sunday, August 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m., at the home of Fred and Ann Eberly. They have a great yard, ample room for parking, a swimming pond (with a life guard), and more. A large tent will be set up if you need to be out of the sun.

Cost is only \$5 for a single; \$10 for a couple; and \$15 for family (if registered by today). Yellow reservation forms are available by the entrance-ways. Please do not bring glass bottles as they will not be permitted on the property.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

We would love to display your flowers from your garden on our altar for Sunday Mass. We especially welcome tall flowers like Black-Eyed Susan's, Cone Flowers, Phlox, and more. Please bring your flowers and a vase and place them in front of the altar on the weekend that you sign up for. You can take them back after Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on one of the tables near the church door. Thank you.

C.H.O.W. IS READY TO WORK

Our C.H.O.W. group (Catholics Helping Others Willingly) is ready to help provide a meal to anyone who may have someone in the hospital or need a ride because of physical limitations. Please contact Pat Paporone at 419-874-8069 or Lynn Ripley 419-353-2798.

JUSTFAITH SPEAKER TODAY

We will have a brief announcement today about the *JustFaith* process that is being offered in northern Wood County Catholic parishes this year.

Are you looking for the tools to better understand the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church? Do you wonder what our faith's response is to world poverty, the use of military arms, racial and ethnic oppression, the culture of death, and more?

Consider coming to an information session about *JustFaith*. There are two sessions you may attend: 7:00 p.m., August 15, at St. Al's, Bowling Green; or 7:00 p.m., August 21, at St. Rose, Perrysburg. For more information, call Laurie Snyder at 874-2455 or Barb Whitman at 352-4195.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Want to learn more about your faith in a systematic way? "Catholic Identity" is the official diocesan program for that purpose. St. Al's, in Bowling Green, and also All Saints will be conducting a course in Catholic Identity. It is a very fine program and worth your investment of time.

- St. Al's will be on six Saturdays (Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Jan 27, and Mar 3), 5 hour sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- All Saints will be (Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 17), 3-hour sessions from 9:00 am until noon. Please contact Deacon Mike Sarra at 419-666-1393 to register.



COOKIES AND COFFEE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sunday morning coffee and cookie detail, headed by Geri and Karl Neiling, would love to have more households volunteer to provide cookies and help with the pouring of beverages each Sunday. Here is a simple way to "get involved" in the parish and meet some great people. If you haven't volunteered for a committee yet (and we sure would like to encourage everyone to find a way that they can participate in the life of the parish), please consider helping in this way. The cookies don't need to be homemade, although we have noticed that those are the ones that disappear first!!! If you can't provide cookies, consider helping with the pouring of coffee and juice! If you can help, contact Geri Neiling at (419) 878-8308 or neilingk@earthlink.net. Thanks in advance!!

HOSPITALITY

Each week, we have a team of greeters who welcome our parishioners/visitors. This team is always helpful in answering questions regarding our Parish. Contact Ann Eberly, 419-874-1852, aerberly@joanofarc.org, if you would like to volunteer for this ministry.

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHTED ADVERTISER

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RCIA FOR YOU?

We are forming this year's RCIA. Is it for you? Many non-Catholics have been attending Blessed John, either alone or with their spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend. Perhaps you are ready to seriously explore the possibility of joining the Catholic Church.

If so, consider the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is a truly special opportunity for you to discern your walk with the Lord. You can call Fr. Herb (260-4849) to set up an interview or simply complete the following and drop it in the collection basket.

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RCIA Interest:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail address _____