



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Did you know that over 350 people participated in Generations of Faith last weekend! Were you one of them? If so, tell all those you meet what you liked best and something you learned! If you were unable to attend, you can still sign up for the remaining 6 events as “season ticket holders” or only for the next gathering.

The next gathering will be September 24/25 and the topic is Spiritual Realms: The Visible and the Invisible. Brochures are available today on the Religious Education table. There are some extra ‘Mary - Model of Faith’ materials and readings available for the taking from our last GOF. Check the religious education table.

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

If you would like to help out one Sunday or Saturday a month with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word, we are now forming a CLW team. Anyone who has an interest in sharing faith with our littlest members is asked to sign up at the Religious Ed. Table. Our goal is to have CLW at all the Masses. Please consider giving 20 minutes of your time to this special ministry! We will meet after Mass on August 27 to organize for the fall! Thanks so much! For more information you may make contact with Marla at moverholt@blessedjohn.org.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Brian and Kelly Dennen and family, Lisa Werling and family, Joe and Jeannie Sieren and family, Rebecca Hupp, Jeffrey and Renee Lewis and family, Mikal and Vikki Marshall, Charlene Banagis and family, Cheryl Fry, and Edward and Teresa Merriman and family



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$3,464. Thank you very much for your diligent commitment to our parish.

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 27 Pablo and Ann Ramirez
Teen Angela Overholt and Betsy Elick

FILE FOLDER SYSTEM

We have expanded our name-tag collection to a file folder system for all households in the parish. We will be using this method to communicate better with all our parishioners. If you have registered with the parish and do not have a file, please check with Marla after Mass and we will create a file for your household. As always you are welcome to make a nametag and keep it in the file for use at parish gatherings! This will help us be more welcoming to all those who are new! It will also help the staff to learn the names of your household!

Anyone who was unable to attend Generations of Faith last weekend will find their home kits in their file folder this week. All parish staff members have a file so it is an easy place to drop off any form of paper communication that you would like to convey. Please check the file weekly for messages, schedules, etc. Who knows, maybe there will be a special surprise for your household one of these weeks!

ARE YOU CELEBRATING THIS YEAR?

Our Diocese has a special Mass each fall to celebrate milestone anniversaries with couples. If you are observing your 25th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary, consider coming to the special mass with Bishop Blair at 3:00 p.m., at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 29. A reception will follow. You must reserve your place in advance, and you can do this by calling our parish secretary, Tina, at 419-662-3180. Reservations must be in by September 20.

THANK YOU

We miss Norm Bielak, a charter member of our parish, who died last month. Thank you to those who gave memorial gifts to the parish in his name. And thank you to the Bielak family for including Blessed John Parish in their list for memorial gifts.

UPDATE

Here's a brief update on what's been happening in terms of buildings and land. Please keep in mind that although this is important, our major task is the building of church (i.e., God's community). Buildings are always secondary and to help us in our collective journey of faith.

Land for church

I apologize if I miss-led people a couple of months ago by announcing, "We have land!" The Diocese does in fact have a purchase option, but the land does not yet fully belong to the Diocese. The land survey has been done; deed history is being reviewed; and the phase-one environmental test of the land is underway.

Meanwhile, we are also working with the city of Perrysburg regarding both annexation, which is necessary to secure utilities, and zoning.

The fifty-acre parcel of land on Rt. 25 is for use by Blessed John XXIII Parish and for future development by the Diocese for independent/assisted living for elderly.

Building Project

Since we began last fall, our building committee has been working on plans for a preliminary, multi-purpose building that I have been calling the Parish Life Center. This first building would allow us space for Sunday Mass, Generations of Faith, meetings, offices, and more. It would definitely not be the permanent church but would have long-term use by the parish for many other activities.

In a preliminary discussion with Bishop Blair, we have been advised to reduce the size and the cost of the building as well as the raise more money in advance of breaking ground. We don't have a firm dollar amount at this time, but we are definitely trying to keep the cost of this first building under two million dollars. (Buildings are expensive!)

Reducing size without jeopardizing the building's use is what the committee is working on now. (For anyone who has built, you know that this is a necessary step in virtually every case.) As for the financial package, you will be hearing more about this in the upcoming month or two. Certainly we will have to take a loan from the Diocese, but we also want to have some money up front. Again, this may be wise because it allows us to not have to incur as big a loan. But it also means likely delaying the building a couple of years. Thankfully, we have a very good temporary home at Perrysburg High School, and Christ Lutheran Church has been very kind to us.

Parish Rectory

Those who have been part of the parish for a while know that we agreed to buy/build a house for the pastor instead of renting. So a house was begun several months ago in River's Edge Development, just south of Perrysburg High School. (In fact, you can see the house from the high school parking lot.)

As this is being written, we are only about two weeks away from completion. Thanks to the foresight of many parishioners, it will be a nice home for me or any future pastor (a long, long time from now). I am excited about living within the parish boundaries and no longer commuting. I'm also aware that I will need to ask your help (beg) for some additional furniture for this house. For the apartment I have rented this past year, I had some basic furniture that was gathered from people's basements, garage sales, and the like. Some of it is in good condition, some not. And I simply don't have enough to furnish a whole house.

Thanks for reading this. – Fr. Herb



PARISH PICNIC TODAY!

The parish picnic is today and we have about 325 persons registered so far! But you can still come. The picnic will be at the home of Ann and Fred Eberly, 24610 Hull Prairie Rd, just north of Five Point Rd. They have ample parking, a very nice swimming pond, a large tent if you need to be out of the sun, activities, and more.

The cost is \$20 per family, \$10 for a couple, and \$5 for an individual.

What to bring:

- Beverages (no glass, please)
- Side dish or dessert to share.

(Last names beginning with: A-H Cold Salads:
I-Q Hot Dishes; R-Z Desserts.)

And a special thank you to the committee who has been planning this. Can't wait to see some of the games and activities they have planned...and of course, to eat some of the great food. **If you plan on swimming, please wear your swimsuits and then changing afterwards in the tents which will be available.**

CHECK WEBSITE

We recommend that you check the parish website often. Thanks to our webmaster Alan Barber, some new pictures have recently been posted, including our Teen Team at their summer retreat. Check out the high ropes course!

MASS TIMES

As announced last Sunday, the vote for times for Sunday Masses was almost evenly split between Option A (8:30-10:30) and Option B (9:00-11:00). As we looked at the Mass times that your own family would likely attend, you highly favored 9:00, 10:30, and (to a slightly lesser degree) 8:30 a.m. Not many indicated they would likely come at 11:00 a.m. So to try to help everyone, I have suggested that we start with these times:

8:45 and 10:30 a.m.

Those who expressed interest in 9:00 a.m. would only have to come fifteen minutes earlier. Those who wanted 8:30 a.m. would hopefully adjust by fifteen minutes. I admit this is not a perfect solution and there is no time that is perfect for everyone. But I hope that you and your family will adapt to this plan. Our new schedule will begin on September 10, the Sunday **after** Labor Day weekend. Thanks for helping with this decision-making.

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TEEN TEAM FUNDRAISER

Are you looking for a place to eat after Mass? The Teen Team is having a fundraiser at East of Chicago Pizza in Levis Commons on August 27 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For every buffet that is purchased during this time, a portion will go to the Teen Team.



Please come over and eat with us! If you have questions, please call Raeanne Carella 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!

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, aeberly@joanofarc.org, if you would like to volunteer for this ministry.

EVENING OF BEREAVEMENT PRAYER

All are invited to St. Rose parish on Friday, August 25, for a special Evening of Prayer. Beginning at 6:30, there will be prelude music by Tedd Swartz. At 7:00 p.m., Fr. Nick Weibl will lead "The Way of the Cross of the Bereaved." Refreshments will follow in the church basement. For more information or to reserve a space, please call Susie Waible-Rose at 704-4641. There will be no charge.

COOKIES AND COFFEE CHAIRPERSON

Starting September 10, when we have 2 masses, we will need a Chairperson who would like to be in charge of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are interested, please contact Geri Neiling at (419) 878-8308 or neilingk@earthlink.net.

We are also looking for bakers who would like to bring 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 can't provide cookies, consider helping with the pouring of coffee and juice!

SCHOLARSHIP FOR UT STUDENT

Applications are available for the Christian Leadership Program (CLP), sponsored by Corpus Christi University Parish (CCUP), the Catholic community serving the University of Toledo.

Any full-time freshman student who will be attending UT, is a practicing Catholic, and is willing and able to meet the program requirements, is encouraged to apply for one of the available twelve \$5,000 scholarships. The application deadline is Monday, September 4, 2006. For more information please contact CCUP by calling 419-531-4992, or log onto www.ccup.org/CLP.html to download a copy of the application

FALCONS VS WISCONSIN DISCOUNT TICKETS / BUS TRIP

Christ Lutheran (Dowling) has group discount tickets for \$7.00 (regularly \$30) available **in limited supply** for the football season opener, Sept. 2, in Cleveland. They have chartered a bus to Cleveland at an additional cost of \$35.00 per person. If you already have game tickets, there is limited bus space available. Call 419-874-3179.

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