



BLESSED JOHN XXIII PARISH

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

M Sept 12 1Tm2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
T Sept 13 1Tm 3:1-13/Lk7:11-17
W Sept 14 Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Th Sept 15 1Tm 4:12-16/Jn19:25-27
F Sept 16 1Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
S Sept 17 1Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
S Sept 18 Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24/Mt 20:1-16a

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Herb will set up a "reconciliation area" on the west side of the worship area, 8:30-9:00 a.m., for those who seek Confession, each Sunday starting today.

COFFEE, JUICE, AND THE WORD

Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., we meet at Maggie's Family Restaurant. Join us for this preview of the following Sunday's Scripture readings.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Contact Marla Overholt for information.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$1,541. Thank you. Did you notice that our youngsters who went for Children's Liturgy of the Word had their own collection, which was also presented before the altar? Maybe you can teach your children the value of giving by having them prepared to give something. It could even be a picture of what they will do for God the following week.

SERVERS OLD AND NEW

There will be a meeting/training of ALL servers next week at 9:00 a.m., before Mass. Meet at the altar. If you are fifth grade and older, you may participate. Parents are welcome to join us at this meeting.

INVITATIONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, September 18, is our "Invite a Neighbor" Sunday. Perhaps you have been telling others about your experience of Blessed John XXIII parish. Invite them to join us. Consider the following persons: those who have expressed interest; those who are without a church; those who are searching; and those who are involved in another church but desirous of sharing liturgy with you. All are welcome!



**PASTOR'S NOTE:
THE ART OF GIVING**

The wonderful and generous response of so many to the needs of the survivors of Hurricane Katrina has caused me to think about giving. People give for many reasons.

Some give because of expectation. This can happen when everyone else makes a contribution to something, so they feel compelled to go along. It's not the best reason to give, and usually there is little change in the giver's heart for what he or she has contributed.

Then there are those who give because of guilt. People often tell me they feel so guilty that they have food and shelter when they see images of starving children on TV. Giving under this condition alleviates the guilt, but once again, guilt is not a good motivator. It usually does not lead someone to long-lasting commitment.

For many, giving comes after their hearts are moved by what they see or hear. They discover the crisis of someone else and are genuinely touched. They know that their donations can relieve another's pain. The heart is involved in this style of giving. The giver will be enriched for the action of sharing.

The hierarchy of types of giving does not stop there, however. Giving because we are more fully human when we share, giving as a way of life, giving because we are sisters and brothers with all those who suffer – this attitude and mentality is what we hope to develop. Certainly it grows from some of the heart-touching experiences mentioned above. But it primarily comes from an awareness of how we have been blessed. It flows from a heart of gratitude that realizes what we claim as our own is really only on loan to us.

A sincere thank-you to all who have found ways to reach out to the victims of this terrible disaster. May we all continue to make giving a way of life.

- Fr. Herb

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

All Eucharistic Ministers, including those who have ministered at other parishes and those who are starting new, must attend a training session. It will take place tomorrow (Monday), September 12, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Mike and Pat Papparone, 2297 Mission Hill Drive (in the "Sanctuary" off River Road). If you cannot attend, please contact Fr. Herb.



 **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

This week's question: *"Without a church building, where are we going to have weddings or funerals?"*

Many have asked that question. Most frequently, parishes without their own church building have relied on neighboring parishes when it comes to either weddings or funerals. Of course, with weddings, scheduling can be done far in advance and that makes it easier. With funerals, we will work with both the funeral home and the neighboring parishes (respecting the wishes of the family), in providing an appropriately holy space.

A couple of people have also asked if they can still be buried in other parish cemeteries. Most parishes, in fact, do not have their own cemeteries. And my experience is that those parishes with cemeteries always allow people who no longer live in that parish to be buried there.
– Fr. Herb

IS THIS THE YEAR FOR YOU?

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is forming soon. We hope to start meeting in October. If this is right for you -- or if you know someone who may be interested, let's talk. Please call Fr. Herb for an interview.

PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY

We will continue taking applications for a part-time parish secretary until September 15. Please send your resume to the parish, P.O. Box 48, Perrysburg, Ohio 43552, attention Fr. Herb. You may also call Fr. Herb first to find out more about the position or to let him know your resume is in the mail.

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF



As announced last week, our response to the great needs of those who lost their homes and almost everything else to Hurricane Katrina is two-fold: 1)

You may give money to Catholic Charities. Please clearly mark it "Katrina" or "Hurricane Relief." Whereas Red Cross usually takes care of immediate and first response, Catholic Charities involves itself in the long-haul support. And 2) we are collecting bottled water TODAY. A truck from ISOH (International Service of Hope) will be here for the Mass. We may need muscle-power to help load the truck.

Checks or cash donations for Catholic Charities will be accepted through next week, but the donations of bottled water can only be taken today.

REGISTRATIONS

It is very important that you register as a parishioner if you are planning to be part of Blessed John XXIII. Of course, anyone can attend without registering, but by completing the registration form, you are making a commitment. It also enables us to get to know you better and communicate with you better. Thanks for becoming a "Charter Member."

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The date for this event is Saturday, Oct 1, 2005. You can contact the Office of Worship at 419-244-6711 ext. 515 for more information.

MASS TIMES SURVEY RESULTS

Last week you had a chance to indicate a time preference if we start a second Mass. Results were: Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.: 33 votes; Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.: 31 votes; and (write-in votes) Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.: 6 votes. These results are close. More importantly, most who voted for the Saturday time indicated they would attend. Therefore, to allow both Saturday and Sunday, we will try to start a Saturday mass by October. The Sunday 9:30 a.m. will continue, and if we get an overflow, I'm open to having two Sunday a.m. Masses as well as one on Saturday.

As for the Saturday Mass, I have been in touch with two different Lutheran churches who are open to our use of their building. Bishop Blair has agreed this is worth pursuing. Please stay tuned for more information next week. – Fr. Herb

MUSIC REHEARSAL

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to attend music rehearsal for our Sunday liturgy on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, at St. Aloysius Parish, S. Summit and Clough Streets, Bowling Green, Ohio. Michael Puppos is looking for vocalists and instrumentalists, so if you can help, attend the rehearsal. If you have any questions, call or email Michael.

ART SHOW

You are invited to attend an Art Show at the Ursuline Center in Toledo, Ohio on September 11th, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. All proceeds will go to the Ursuline Sisters. If you have any questions regarding this, you can contact Julie at the Ursuline Center at (419) 536-3535.

CO-OP NURSERY

Want to form a Co-op Nursery during the Sunday Liturgy? If you would like to take a turn in the Nursery so several Sundays a month you could go to go to church "child free" please contact Marla.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH AT BLESSED JOHN XXIII

GOF (Generations of Faith) is open to all members of the parish who wish to continue growing in their understanding of the beliefs, traditions, and rituals of our faith. We have a rich faith tradition that many of us have only begun to explore and experience. This process will not only enrich us but will also enrich our children and grandchildren for generations to come. Many people will be needed to bring GOF to Blessed John so if you are interested in learning more about the process, stay after mass today for a 30-minute meeting.

WORKING WITH THE YOUTH OF THE PARISH?

The Diocese requires all adults working with children, to attend a "Protecting Youth and Those Who Serve Them" Workshop. If you are considering volunteering in our co-op nursery, when it forms, or being a catechist for Generations of Faith or Sacramental Preparation please plan to attend one of these workshops:

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

St. Wendelin Parish Life Center,
313 N. Wood St., Fostoria,
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Inquiries or
registrations, contact Cathy Krupp
at 419-435-1809

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns' Holy Family
Center, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo,
Ohio 43614. Inquiries or registration,
contact Chris Block at 419-381-1775

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Aloysius School, 148 S. Enterprise, Bowling
Green, Ohio from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Inquiries
or registration, contact Shelly Leestma at
419.352.8614

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION BEGINNING SOON

We now have registration forms and brochures available to explain the process by which families and children will prepare for First Eucharist and Reconciliation or Confirmation. Children in second grade or older will be eligible for the First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Preparation.

Seventh and Eight Grade students will be eligible to prepare for Confirmation and will need to arrange for their sponsor to attend with them as they prepare. The Confirmation process will include attending FIRE '05 and six preparation sessions. All these sessions will need to take place in homes so if you have a child in the process please consider opening your home.



All students and their families who will prepare for these sacraments will also be asked to participate in Generations of Faith.

INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

Tues, Sept 13th, the women of Blessed John are invited St Rose Altar Society potluck and white elephant auction. All you need to bring is a surprise gift, wrapped, and it will be auctioned off and all the proceeds will go to Catholic Women's charities. It will be held in the ACC room of the school-which is the door closest to the side street of the school. Last year the funds raised went for new wells being dug for women in 3rd world countries. The women of St Rose Altar Sodality welcome you to our Catholic community and look forward to working together on future projects. Any questions, please call Joanne Coulter -874-2931 or Joanne Arndt 873-0142