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PASTOR'S NOTE: BEING FED

After watching the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and seeing the plight of the people who lost homes, jobs, and all their possessions, we have a new understanding of how we take many things for granted. I was especially struck by the driving need for basics: shelter, water, and food.

Although all of us were appalled to see looters helping themselves to store merchandise, it was different when we heard about people breaking into stores just to get something to eat. After all, everyone needs to be fed.

The same has been true in the shelters. Many churches in the south opened their doors, but the food that they were able to give the evacuees, came from all over the country. The shelters would not have been worth much without food.

The expression, "needing to be fed," is one that I have heard a lot since I came to Wood County in early July. During informal summer visits and in conversations with members of this parish, a number of people commented how they need "to be fed" by their faith. They want something that brings them closer to God, gives them a sense of direction, helps them see the connection between faith and their everyday activities, and ultimately provides peace and happiness in their lives.

No one parish can be everything that everyone wants or needs, but our parish can come close as long as we worship fully, serve others, and continue to find ways to grow in our faith. With word and sacrament, we can be about the mission of being fed and feeding others.

-Fr. Herb

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

M Oct 10 Rm 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
T Oct 11 Rm 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
W Oct 12 Rm 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-45
Th Oct 13 Rm 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
F Oct 14 Rm 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
S Oct 15 Rm 4:13,16-18/Lk 12:8-12
S Oct 16 Is 45:1,4-6/1Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21

MASS TIMES

- Saturday

Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling (Corner of Dowling and Carter Roads, three miles east of Highway 25);

- Sunday

Time: 9:30 a.m. Location: Perrysburg High School, Roachton Road.



Weekday Mass...

Part of the pulse of a Catholic parish is weekday Mass. This week we are starting a 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays at the “model house” at River’s Edge development on Ft. Meig’s Rd. The Mass will be followed by 9:30 a.m. “Coffee, Juice, and the Word.” You may come to one or both.



GREAT NEWS! GREAT NEWS!

We have an office for our secretary and now we finally have a parish phone (up to this time, you had to call our personal phones, which, by the way, are still available). The new number is 419-662-3180. The secretary’s office is located at All Saints Parish Center, Rossford. If you know anyone from that parish, please extend our appreciation. Also, there is a conference room there that can be used for confidential conversations or counseling with Fr. Herb or Marla. Please let us know if you need to talk with us.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our offering last weekend was \$1,926. Thank you very much. Several have asked about having automatic electronic transfer of funds for those who wish to give that way. It can be done; we’re just starting to look into the best way to do it.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. What happens if I officially register at BJXXIII Parish?

- A. I suspect that what is behind this question is what kind of commitment you are making and what this will do to your status in other parishes.

Generally speaking, people register at only one parish, but we are certainly not in the habit of policing this. Some people have hesitated to register because of fear: that they will appear to be betraying their old parish; that they will be risking what they have known for what may appear to be the unknown; that they will give up certain privileges like a Catholic school or a church for weddings or funerals; and that they will soon be part of a capital campaign to raise money.

None of these fears are insurmountable. We are far from a capital campaign. Children of Blessed John can still attend local Catholic schools. No pastor is going to deny the use of a neighboring church for either wedding or funeral. And Blessed John Parish is here to stay!!

What you get from registering is a sense of commitment. You will find yourself being part of the family and not merely a guest. And you will help us in the mission of the parish to reach out and welcome others, especially those who are searching.

I encourage those who have attended with some regularity to consider registering in the very near future. – Fr. Herb



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

This is the last weekend to register to get the special Generations of Faith “season ticket” break price! If you just want a game ticket for the October GOF see Marla today!

Starting in December all those of you who have not taken a season ticket, and find out how terrific a Generations of Faith gathering is, will have to buy “game” tickets!! Remember each GOF is open to anyone in the parish, not just families with kids! Game ticket buyers can register for the December GOF now through the end of November! WE NEED ALL OF US to be a LIFE-LONG LEARNING COMMUNITY!

Our first GOF gatherings on Oct. 23 and 24 will be held at the following places:

- Oct. 23, Sunday gathering, 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. will be at St. Paul’s Lutheran on 582, west of Haskins (this location is wheelchair accessible!).
- Oct. 24, Monday gatherings, 6:30-8:45 p.m. will be at Christ Lutheran Church in Dowling, corner of Dowling Rd. and Carter Road.

We presently have around 43% of the parish registered for Generations of Faith, that is around 29 households! What a great response!!!

- For more information contact Marla.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Herb will provide an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Dowling site (Christ Lutheran Church), 3:30-4:00 p.m., Saturdays, starting next week.

A CHANCE FOR YOU

Ever wonder if you are “up to date” in understanding your faith? Would you like to know what it really means to be a Catholic? Are you interested in Catholicism or returning to the church? Join Fr. Herb for four consecutive Monday nights in November (November 7, 14, 21, and 28) for “What It Really Means to be a Catholic.” Open to all.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN OCT. 17TH

We will begin Confirmation classes **for those registered and their sponsors** on Monday, Oct. 17th from 6:30 PM-8: 30 PM in Dowling. We presently have 7 young people registered!!! These candidates will be Confirmed March 4 at noon in Rosary Cathedral with other candidates from Blessed Sacrament, St. Patrick Historic, St. Charles and Holy Trinity. Please pray for them and their sponsors as they prepare!

NEW BULLETIN COMING

In the very near future we will be using one of the parish bulletin services, which provides a multi-color cover and advertising on the back. If you would like to advertise, please contact Larry Keel, the sales representative for Diocesan Publications (419-266-8742). It’s a great way to let fellow parishioners know who you are.

ATTENTION ACTORS!! ATTENTION TEENS!

We are looking for a few good men, women, or teens to help present a skit for our first Generations of Faith Gatherings Oct. 23/24! If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact Marla Overholt.

CO-OP NURSERY AT 9:30 AM LITURGY



Any families with young children, who would like to participate in a Co-Op Nursery, it is located in Room 119, past the bathrooms and down the hall to the left. We ask that anyone who participates also take a turn in the nursery. A sign up sheet is available in the nursery. Please bring toys for your child, and we ask that no food be taken into the nursery due to food allergies and clean-up issues!

Presently there is no nursery at the 5PM mass but should parents wish to form one, please contact Marla.



WORK OF ALL

I walked into a coffee shop last week and saw one of the John XXIII (orange) handbills on the bulletin board. Thanks to whoever did this. The work of getting the word out about our parish belongs to all of us. Please talk about the parish, circulate information, and be ready to share aspects of your own faith. Always be willing and ready to invite someone to come with you.

BLUE 'INTRODUCTORY' SHEETS

Rather than repeat much information in each week's bulletin, we have created some blue "Introduction to Blessed John XXIII" sheets, available at the church doors. If you are new or relatively new at BJ23, please pick one up.

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 or being a catechist for Generations of Faith or Sacramental Preparation, please plan to attend this workshop:

Saturday, October 15, 2005

Lourdes College, Franciscan Center, 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Inquiries or registration, contact Debbie Roberts or Carol Schultz at 419-824-3715

PERRYSBURG CHRISTIANS UNITED FOOD BANK

Pat Paperone has graciously agreed to coordinate our participation in the Perrysburg Christians United Food Bank. If you would like to help with these projects please contact Pat at 419-874-8069.



PLEASE PRAY FOR LAND PURCHASE

Working with the Diocese, we are still trying to find the right land to buy. Please say a prayer that we find the right land and that the process will happen this fall. Thanks

MUSIC REHEARSAL

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

