

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Oct 24 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
 -Parish
Saturday, Oct 28 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
 -Parish
Sunday, Oct 29 **8:45 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
 -*John Farley*
 10:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS
 -Parish



**Pastor's Note:
OVER THREE HUNDRED MILLION**

Perhaps you saw the news this past week that the population of the United States has surpassed three hundred million persons. Statistically speaking, the 300,000,000th person was to be born on Tuesday morning. Although well behind China and India, both of which have over a billion persons, the United States is the third most populous country in the world.

Geographically, we are a large country. We've also been blessed with tremendous variety and amounts of natural resources, so we can feed all these people as we grow. What's of more concern to me, however, is the human touch. Will we learn how to treat each of the three hundred million persons as an individual with rights and needs?

It is easy to sometimes lose perspective when there are many people involved. We sometimes feel we cannot help everyone, so we are tempted to do nothing. At the same time, with so many people, we can assume someone else will take care of needs. And so we do nothing. Either way, we become detached and disconnected.

As the population of our country grows, we have to help our own attitude to change. As good stewards, we have to think of the needs of others and be ready to share all resources. We also have to consciously work for those who are being left behind.

We as a parish have taken a major step forward this week with the establishment of our own conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This will be our primary arm for reaching out to others in need. But we want it to be a full parish effort, so please continue to see how you can help as items of need or other announcements are placed in the bulletin.

The parish that is concerned for the least of our brothers and sisters is certain to be blessed.

Readings for this Week	
Monday:	Eph 2: 1-10; Lk 12: 13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2: 12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3: 2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4: 1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 2: 19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Ministers for Oct 28 and Oct 29

Lectors: **Sat** Jackie Venzel, Becky Hupp
Sun 8:45 Teresa Wasserman, John Cullis
Sun 10:30 Steve Way, Greg Oatis
Eucharist Ministers: **Sat** Cindy Kinney, Kathy LaCourse
Sun 8:45 Lana Horner, Norm Horner, Doug Rhodes,
Linda Schrinel, Kevin Wasserman
Sun 10:30 Lisa Suelzer, Shirley Urbaniak, Julie
Snyder, Tina Siebeneck, Yvonne Pollex, Pat McBeth, Fred
Connor
Servers **Sat** Devin Biliski, Angela Overholt, Ryan O'Donnell
Sun 8:45 Makynzie Horvath, Joseph Ball, Brandon
Way
Sun 10:30 Kevin Miles, Kayla Wagner, Alex Shrinel
Ushers: **Sat** John & Alice Farley
Sun 8:45 Emilia de la Pena, Fred Eberly, John Ball,
Mike Feldkamp
Sun 10:30 Rita Steinberger, Peggy Christie, Dan
Mouch, Karen Wise, Melanie Kaczinski
Greeters: **Sat:** Vicki & Steve Hall
Sun 8:45 Ann Eberly, Meg Urbaniak, Lisa Rhodes,
Ruth Vreeland
Sun 10:30 Connie & Kirk Kern, Amy & Mark Wagner,
Ann & Steve Hirzel

WELCOME, WELCOME

Last Sunday after mass, I talked with a man who had come to Blessed John twice for mass. He was in the process of registering as a parishioner. Welcome to him and his family, as well as all others who are here today.

The man I was talking with said one of the many things that he likes about Blessed John is the fact that people stay around and visit after Mass. (We already know how the kids enjoy checking out the cookies.) Of course, schedules don't always allow that. But please remember that we want people to feel at home before Mass, during the Liturgy, and afterwards.

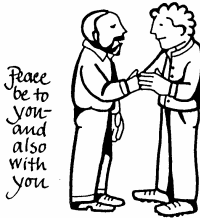


GENERATIONS OF FAITH NEXT WEEKEND

Just a reminder that GOF is Oct. 29/30 for all those registered. Please call or email Marla as soon as possible if you are unable to attend, so we have an accurate food count! Please bring any folding chairs you may have and keep them in your cars should we need to add seating! It is a wonderful problem to have so many people participating in GOF. Our next session of GOF will be Dec. 10/11 when we will "Prepare for the Messiah!" Game ticket registrations will be coming soon!

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Our last parent and child gathering is Monday, Oct. 23, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided. Our **Reconciliation Retreat** will be Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7:00 p.m. All family members are welcome to participate. Both these meetings will be at Christ Lutheran Church in Dowling.



The children would like to invite all members of the community to a celebration of Reconciliation on Thursday, November 16, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haskins at 7:00 p.m. Please check out the poster with their pictures and personally written thoughts posted near the religious education table.



FIRE RETREAT

Confirmation candidates are reminded to return their permission slips for the Fire '06 retreat on November 19 as soon as possible. The permission slip is in the Confirmation packet you received at our first meeting. Those who have not paid their retreat fee are reminded that the cost is now \$25.00. This is a retreat for candidates only although a few adults will be needed to drive. Contact Marla if you are interested in driving.

RCIA

This group will meet 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 24. It is an exciting faith journey that will certainly change lives.

TODAY'S READING:

"Self help" books flood bookstores as we search for great relationships in marriage and advice for parenting. Jesus gives us the key in today's gospel; "If you want greatness, serve the needs of others." It's that simple.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$5,030. Thank you very much. I continue to be impressed with the great number of parents who are helping their children by having them use the 'children's' envelopes they receive during Children's Liturgy of the Word. Teenagers, please remember there are also special envelopes available for you at the side tables.

TUESDAY MASS AND BIBLE STUDY

For a mid-week break, join us at 9:00 a.m. each Tuesday at the model house at River's Edge development (off Ft. Meigs Rd, just south of Perrysburg High School). We have mass, followed by a study of the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. Stay for one or both.

ADULT SESSIONS WITH FR. HERB

You are invited to be a 'friend of RCIA' and join us/RCIA for four adult sessions that will feature Catholic morality: Tuesdays, November 14, 21, 28, and December 5. All sessions will run 7:30-9:00 p.m. and will be held at Christ Lutheran Church. The first session will explain the basics of Catholic morality, the second and third sessions will deal with contemporary moral issues, and the final session will treat social justice and peace. No advance registration is necessary.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Our All Saints Day holy day masses will be on Wednesday, November 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the model house of River's Edge development and 6:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

We have a co-op nursery available every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. mass. Please contact Lisa Suelzer at lisasuelzer@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

Oct 29 Aaron and Janelle Baginski

Teen Need a Volunteer

Babysitting is offered only at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

MASS ON TV

We have been asked to video tape two masses for the 'Mass on TV.' The taping will take place at the Cathedral at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 8. Needed: congregation, servers, other liturgical ministers, and more. Please let me know if you can attend. – Fr. Herb



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET TODAY

Just a reminder that there will be a gathering of our Junior Youth tonight from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy and Alan LaCourse, 23078 Carter Road, just north of Christ Lutheran Church in Dowling. You can still sign up at the Religious Education table. Rumor has it we will have a corn hole game tournament and, of course, marshmallow roasting and s'mores!

Hey, Kids! THE 3:45 CLUB FIRST GET-TOGETHER ON NOVEMBER 5

Please join the 3:45 Club (Open to all our 3-5 graders) for a meeting from 4-6 p.m. at the home of Jackie Venzel at 1583 Watermill Lane in Perrysburg.



WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the two winning tickets of last week's raffle for a gourmet dinner with Fr. Herb: Ann & Bruce Elick, and Sean & Amy Hinline. We also have two consolation winners (who will have a second non-gourmet meal with Fr. Herb): Ellen Farley and Ed & Rita Steinberger. Each winning ticket is for a meal for two. Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets. And thanks to the team of people who organized this and made it happen. – HW

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FUND-RAISER

Please join Catholic Charities on November 5 for our 2006 fundraising event, "Art Uncorked." The evening's activities will include entertainment, wine tasting, dinner, and an art auction with a twist. Tickets are \$100. For more info, call 419-244-6711, extension 405.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to join our parish prayer chain, praying for those who are sick or in need, you can join our circle by e-mailing Bill/Mary Batchelor at billbatchelor@msn.com or Tina in the office at tcarella@blessedjohn.org. If you know of someone who needs to be prayed for, please call the office or email Tina. Thank you.

LAND AND THEN...

A couple of weeks ago, I announced that the Diocese has purchased the land for our church. Several have asked why we don't yet have a sign "Future Home of..." on the land. The answer is that we have not yet had the closing on the property.

Meanwhile, our finance committee is coming up with a financial plan for us as we look at the Parish Life Center we want to build. This multi-purpose building will house Sunday mass as well as Generations of Faith and other classes and meetings. We will also have our offices there. Time-line? That depends on how well we do in our capital-raising efforts.

Once we have a plan together for both the building and the financing, it has to go to the bishop for approval. We know that a loan from the Diocese will be required. -Fr Herb

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Don & Kathryn Waltermeyer and family, Brian & Laura Gahn and family, Kim Watson, Tim Vapenik, and Pat Wilhelm



OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS

- A donation of small, empty heated space for a food pantry. It would be staffed by St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers and would be used to receive food deliveries and to have people pick up food. Please call Bill or Mary Batchelor for more info at 419-874-5908.
- New or next-to-new hats, mittens, and gloves of all sizes. Place them in the bucket as you enter or leave next Sat/Sun, Oct. 28/29.

Please call Wendy Foes at 419-287-4124 for more information.

"Thanks for helping us help others"

'EATING AS A MORAL ACT'

Sr. Christine Pratt will present, "Eating as a moral act" as the second in the social justice series at St. Rose, 6:30-8:00 p.m., tonight (October 22), in the school cafeteria. A pot-luck meal of soup and bread, provided by the Altar Rosary Sodality, will precede the presentation. Open to all.

PROTECTING YOUTH WORKSHOP

All those who are working with Youth in our many youth groups, Children's Liturgy, GOF, or babysitting are asked to attend a Protecting Youth workshop as soon as possible. There will be a workshop at St. Joan of Arc School on Thursday, Oct. 26, 5950 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, please contact Sue Welker, 419-866-6177.

BEING MARRIED AND ENJOYING IT

Fr. Dan Fraser, a widower who was married 35 years and has nine children, associate pastor at St. Patrick's, Heatherdowns, will offer a six-week program, "Being Married and Enjoying It," November 9-December 21, at the Emmaus Room of the St. Pat's parish center. You may register by calling 419-381-1540.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information about the program, or to register for the next one, on Oct 27-29, call 800-470-2230 or 419-882-3086 (in Toledo area) or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

POST-ABORTION MINI-RETREAT

A mini-retreat for women who are hurting from an abortion, will be held Nov 10-11. This retreat, offered by the Toledo Diocesan Respect Life Office, will offer an opportunity for spiritual healing in a supportive, non-judgmental environment with help from women who have walked this same journey. To register, please call 419-260-5811.



CYO BOY'S BASKETBALL FOR 8TH GRADERS

If you are interested in playing CYO 8th Grade boy's basketball, call Bob Young at 419-874-1949.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "SPOOK-GHETTI" DINNER

EAT CHEAP! Come hungry to our annual "Spook-ghetti dinner on Sunday, October 29, 2006 in the St Rose School Cafeteria (Sacred Heart Center). The time is 1 - 3 pm. Dinners are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for seniors or kids 12 and under. Enjoy spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage & dessert. Chef Pat Amico serves up his famous, authentic meatballs while you sit back and enjoy! Better and cheaper than a fast-food meal and no dishes to clean! Proceeds go to the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus.

Attention Jr. High and High School students: need service hours? Call K of C Family Director, Dave Skorupski at 419-874-4050 to sign up for community service!



Knights of Columbus MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a membership drive this weekend. We are trying to get a new council formed for Blessed John XXIII and we need new members. There will be a member of the Knights of Columbus available after mass if you have any questions. If you are interested in finding out more about our organization, or are already a member of the Knights of Columbus and would like to transfer to the Blessed John Council, please call Wayne Vreeland 419 352-1835.

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