

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$ 1,718. Thank you very much. Some people have remembered that if you are out of town, you can mail your Sunday offering to the parish using the P.O. Box 48 mailing address.

Readings for the Week of October 23, 2005

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

PARISH OFFICE AND PHONE

We now have an office (at All Saints, Rossford) and have a phone there. You can leave messages for any of the staff on their own personal (confidential) mailboxes. The number, day or night, is 419-662-3180.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q. What kind of sacramental preparation does this parish have for my children?

A. We are in the midst of preparing a class for Confirmation and will be working with children for both Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Ask Marla for details for our very fine program. All of our Sacramental preparation requires that participants also be part of Generations of Faith.

Your question asks about preparation for your *children*. All of what we do is centered on the entire family. Children are prepared for sacraments, yes, but we include other family members, especially the parents. For many, the occasion of a child's reception of a sacrament is a renewal for the whole family. Please trust me, we are not just making already-overextended parents just jump through more hoops. We give them something substantial and inspiring. I think you will see our programs are top notch, far better than most parish preparation programs. – Fr. Herb



PASTOR'S NOTE: THE ONE AND THE MANY

As I drove down a country road, I saw an outstanding, bright red maple tree. I slowed down to take in the beauty of the fall color, trying to absorb as much as I could.

A few minutes later as I turned onto another road, I saw an entire woods of colors – red, yellow, orange, and green – and I marveled at the combination. That, too, seemed to be the epitome of fall pageantry. No matter how many times we have seen these colors in the past, they are special each time.

Which is better, the individual tree with its perfect red or the entire combination of colors?

It's an old question, which matters more, the individual or the whole? There is no real answer since both are important. Sometimes we put the emphasis on the formation of the community and what serves the common good. At other times, we have to emphasize the needs of each individual, remembering that everyone counts.

Most of the time we know that if we respect each individual and help each to respect one another, the community as a whole will be stronger.

- Fr. Herb



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Our first GOF gatherings are taking place Oct. 23 and 24 (Sorry but you must be registered to attend due to the materials and food we need to provide) 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 ask those registered to **bring a photo of a loved one** who has gone before us to be a "saint" in heaven. They will be honored in our GOF closing prayer! **Suggested donation for food will be \$4.00 per person, with children 10 and under \$.25 per year!** If you have registered, but not paid your \$25.00 registration fee, it will be gladly accepted when you pick up your materials for the evening.

If you have not signed up for our "season" of Generations of Faith you can still participate beginning with the next GOF in December! Watch the bulletin for details! For more information contact Marla.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CO-OP NURSERY AT 9:30 A.M. 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.

- *Co-Op Helper(s) for October 30, 2005 – Lisa and Mark Suelzer*



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, being a catechist for Generations of Faith or Sacramental Preparation or helping with the youth group, please plan to attend this workshop. Dates/locations available:

Monday, October 24, 2005 All Saints Parish, 628 Lime City, Rossford, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Inquiries or reservations, contact Audrey or Cindi, 419-666-1393.

Tuesday, October 25, 2005 Sacred Heart Parish, 550 Smith Road, Fremont, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Inquiries or registration, contact Becky Sorenson, 419-332-7339.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There are a couple of November dates for you to keep in mind: 1) On Sunday, November 20, our Sunday Mass at Perrysburg High School will be at 9:00 a.m. instead of 9:30. We are doing this to accommodate Grace Methodist Church which has an annual program at the high school. 2) At 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 23, we will have an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with the people at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling, at their place. We hope to include both congregations in the planning and celebration of this event.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

Project Rachel is for those who need healing after having had an abortion. This retreat offers confidential help for women after abortion and will take place November 11-13, at Lial Spiritual Center, Whitehouse (very close to us). Registrations are accepted through October 28. Please call 419-260-5811.



CONFIRMATION UPDATE!

We held our first Confirmation session Monday night in Dowling. Did you know we have 14 candidates? Please pray for these young people as they undertake this process.

“THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TODAY”

Fr. Herb will present a four-week mini-course, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, entitled “The Catholic Church Today.” This is perfect for anyone re-connecting with the church, interested in possibly joining the church, or just interested in getting “up-to-date.” Perhaps you know someone you would like to invite. Come with that person. Open to all. No charge.

PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

Youth of the parish Grades 8-12 are invited to attend our “first official youth” gathering, *Pizza with a Purpose*, on Sunday night October 30, 2005. We will be meeting at Ann and Fred Eberlys’ home at 24610 Hull Prairie Road, Perrysburg, OH from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Fr. Herb and Marla will be there around the fire ring to get your ideas, eat pizza and ask for your input about the needs of the youth of the parish. The Eberlys’ have a great backyard that includes a pond and a little shelter where we will gather! Parents, who may be driving youth out for the meeting, are invited to stay and visit with the Eberlys’ in the main house. Please leave a message on Marla’s voicemail at our new phone # 419-662-3180 if you plan to attend!

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 Puppas is looking for vocalists and instrumentalists, so if you can help, attend the rehearsal. If you have any questions, call or email Michael.



ATTENTION SERVERS:

Please stop after mass this week to be fitted with a server’s robe! Thanks!