

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Oct 31 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
 -Parish

Wednesday, Nov 1 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
 6:00 p.m. Dowling

Thursday, Nov 2 **5:30 p.m. Eberly's home**

Friday, Nov 3 **2:00 p.m. Portage Valley**
 Nursing Home

Saturday, Nov 4 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
 -Norm Bielak

Sunday, Nov 5 **8:45 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
 -Marian Haas
 10:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS
 -Parish



**Pastor's Note:
NOT JUST FOR KIDS
ANYMORE**

I was in a store last week when I saw an entire aisle of Halloween masks, plastic jack-o-lanterns, and trick or treat supplies. A large section at the end displayed costumes. Amazingly, many of the costumes were adult sizes. And sure enough, a woman was checking out a costume, holding it up to herself for size.

Many of you may have noticed that in past years, adults have found renewed interest in putting on costumes and masks and going to their own parties. People seem to enjoy masquerading as different characters. Often adults allow their child-like playfulness to come out in this way.

Seeing ourselves in costume or trying to be more playful can have a good side to it. We live in a highly technological and precise world, which can also be very sterile. Imagination and play both bring a sense of humanity back into our lives. Role playing and taking on other characters can be healthy for both children and adults.

There is a connection between such playfulness and the ability to enter into liturgical prayer. Obviously, the mass is not play. But a willingness to freely express ourselves and transcend our inhibitions can allow for a good celebration of Eucharist. Praying aloud and singing, not to mention joyfully welcoming each other, require us to go slightly outside our comfort zone.

And as we take on new characters this time of year, the church also offers thousands of images of saints. Imagining their lives and seeing ourselves in their roles can also inspire us to live ways we never before thought possible.

Plan now to join us for the All Saints Day celebrations this week.

Readings for this Week	
Monday:	Eph 4: 32—5:8; Lk 13: 10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5: 21-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday:	Wis 3:1-9; Rm 5:5-11; Jn 11:17-27
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mt 12:28b-34

Ministers for Nov 4 and Nov 5

Lectors: **Sat** Sean Tracey, Holly James
 Sun 8:45 Laura Feldkamp, Maribeth Connor
 Sun 10:30 Becky Hupp, Peter Kuebeck


Eucharist Ministers : **Sat** Anita Batt, Diane Breitenbach
 Sun 8:45 Joanne Arndt, Amy Aschemeier, Sharon Benedict, Gary Christie, Sue Donaldson
 Sun 10:30 Ingrid Alcover, Tina Carella, Linda Edwards, Wendy Foos, Joe Froelich, Brent Hall

Servers **Sat** Ryan O'Donnell, Alaina LaCourse, Allyson LaCourse
 Sun 8:45 Angela Overholt, Daniel Connor, Makynzie Horvath
 Sun 10:30 Kayla Wagner, Hannah Hirzel, Sean Connor

Ushers: **Sat** Mike and Laura Kolb
 Sun 8:45 Laura Kolb, Bill & Mary Batchelor, Norm & Lana Horner
 Sun 10:30 Wayne Vreeland, Wendy Foos, Lorraine, Keith & Julie Snyder

Greeters: **Sat:** Peggy & Gary Christie
 Sun 8:45 Connie & Kirk Kern, Amy & Keith Aschemeier, Fred & Ann Eberly
 Sun 10:30 Jacki & Ron Jurski, Ann & Steve Hirzel, Jackie Venzel, Aaron Harwell

WELCOME

 Each Sunday we see visitors here at Blessed John Parish. Some weeks we see many, many visitors. If you are new, please make yourself at home. We hope that you will allow the readings and the sacramental liturgies to speak to you as you celebrate with us.

HOLY DAY THIS WEEK

All Saints Day will be celebrated with two masses on Wednesday: 9:00 a.m., at the model house at River's Edge development (off Ft. Meigs road just south of Perrysburg High School) and 6:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling.



ATTEND GOF THIS WEEK!

This is GOF Week! If you are registered, we look forward to seeing you Sunday or Monday! Our next session of Generations of Faith will be Dec. 10/11 when we will be exploring the Advent Season in the midst of Advent! Our topic will be "Preparing for the Messiah."

All season ticket holders are asked to let Marla know if they need to change attendance times or are unable to attend. Remember you can always sign up for just one session of GOF by using the brochure provided on the "Life-long Learning-Religious Education" table.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

There is no meeting this week so the little ones can enjoy Halloween! Our next gathering is the Family Reconciliation Retreat on Tues, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran in Dowling. All members of the family are invited to attend this evening retreat.



The Communal Reconciliation class will be receiving Reconciliation with their families on Thursday, November 16, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haskins at 7:00 p.m. The parish family is welcome to attend this special experience of Reconciliation. Fr. Al Ceranowski will be joining Father Herb that evening.



UPCOMING CONFIRMATION

GATHERINGS

The next Confirmation gathering with sponsors will be Wed., November 15, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Candidates are reminded to bring their completed Confirmation name assignments and their permissions/emergency medical forms for the FIRE RETREAT which will be on Sunday, November 19, at Central Catholic High School from 1-7 pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST

First Eucharist preparation will begin in February. If your child is in the second grade and would like to begin the process, we ask that you begin by registering your family for Generations of Faith. You will find a place to register for First Eucharist on the back of the Faith Formation form. First Eucharist preparation will begin Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$5,215. Thank you very much.

RCIA

Because of Generations of Faith, there will not be an RCIA session this week.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We have developed a great team to offer this special experience to our children Kindergarten to fourth grade. If your child is younger and wants to attend, please come along with them for a few weeks until they understand what we are doing. If you would like to help lead CLW, please let Marla know at moverholt@blessedjohn.org. Thanks!

ALL SOULS DAY

Thursday, November 2, is All Souls Day. We in the Catholic Church have a wonderful tradition of praying for those who have died. Please join us for a special mass at the home of Fred and Ann Eberly, 24610 Hull Prairie Rd, at 5:30p.m., Thursday, November 2. This is an especially good time to pray for those you know who have died this past year.



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, scarves, and gloves of all sizes. Place them in the bucket today as you leave or next Sat/Sun, Nov 4/5.
- We also need a couch, one full-sized and two twin-sized beds, and one double box springs and mattress.

If you have a need, please contact Fr. Herb or Tina in the Parish office. This will be handled in the strictest confidence.

Please call Wendy Foos at 419-287-4124 for drop off information.

"Thanks for helping us help others"

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question: Our family likes Generations of Faith and the sacramental programs at Blessed John Parish. Do we have to join the parish to take part in them?

Answer: People are attracted to parishes for many reasons. Sometimes the liturgies excite people. At other times, people like the way religious education programs are conducted. It is perhaps part of our consumer mentality to shop around and mix-and-match for this or that from whatever parishes are in the area.

However, it doesn't really make sense being part of something as important as sacramental preparation or GOF without also regular and consistent Sunday mass participation. Ultimately, what we do in all of our faith formation leads to the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. That is when the parish family comes together. And whatever parish you join, please make it with a thorough commitment.
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COMING SOON!

Interested in a 'Going Deeper' session for adults? Plan to join Fr. Herb for four Tuesdays, November 14, 21, 28, and December 5 for a mini-course, "To Live as Christ Did." This will focus on living a moral life with a general introduction to making moral decisions and then sessions about various contemporary topics. Open to all, 7:30-9:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling.

This overlaps with the RCIA gathering, so you will also have an opportunity to meet those in the RCIA and show your support for them.

NURSING HOME MASS

Each first Friday we have a 2:00 p.m., mass at Portage Valley Nursing Home, Pemberville Rd, just south of Highway 582. Everyone is invited to attend and pray with us. Please come to the main entrance of the nursing home facility. The next mass will be this Friday, November 3, at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Nov 5 Denise and Matt Gruden

Teen Need a Volunteer

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

STEWARDSHIP

Today we are going to ask every couple, individual, or family to make a stewardship commitment. **BUT THIS WILL BE DIFFERENT!** You will receive a type of pledge card as you come in to mass. Prayerfully indicate your willingness to give back to God a share of your time, talent, treasure, energies, and entire being as a sign that it all belongs to God.

What is different about this pledge card is that we do NOT want you to give it to us. Please keep it, take it home, and put it some place where you will see it and be reminded of what your commitment is. Only you and God will know what you write.

Thank you.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

The following is taken from a brochure used in another diocese. Maybe it will help you as you consider your Stewardship response.

'When deciding how much you should give, you should be making a gift that you are at peace with and not making an excuse for its size. When you know in your heart that you have been completely honest with God and yourself, then your gift is the proper size. After prayerful consideration and reflection of your many blessings, please review the chart below to assist you with your gift of treasure.'

Weekly Income	Suggested Weekly Commitment			
	3%	5%	8%	10%
\$250	\$7.50	12.50	20.00	25.00
500	15.00	25.00	40.00	50.00
750	22.50	37.50	60.00	75.00
1000	30.00	50.00	80.00	100.00
1250	37.50	62.50	100.00	125.00
1500	45.00	75.00	120.00	150.00

THANK YOU

I want to thank Fred and Ann Eberly for their personal witness last Sunday as part of our on-going understanding of Stewardship. Their honesty and courage have inspired all of us. – Fr. Herb

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

Hey, Kids! THE 3:45 CLUB FIRST

GET-TOGETHER ON NOVEMBER 5

This is your group, if you are in the 3-5th grade. We are excited about forming this group. Sign up at the Hospitality table if you are coming. The meeting will be Nov. 5, 4-6 p.m., at the home of Jackie Venzel at 1583 Watermill Lane in Perrysburg. Leave your house at 3:45 and you should arrive at 4:00 p.m. ☺

PARISH LIFE MEETS THURSDAY

Parish Life committee meeting will be held at the home of Linda Edwards, 25338 Ramblehurst (Perrysburg), on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the life of the parish is encouraged to attend! All are welcome!

CARD PARTY

Did I get your attention? We are collecting gift cards for Father Herb's new home. Purchase a gift card from JCPenney, Kohl's, Target, or Meijer's and give it to Rick or Deb Thielen after Mass or mail them to the Parish office at P.O. Box 48, Perrysburg, OH 43552. Please help us make his house feel like a home. We will be collecting the cards now until Nov. 19. Thanks!



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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!



We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Ken & Irene Rieman, John & Marcia Buckenmyer, Paul & Trisha Drussman, and Richard & Marilyn Ward

CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Gerri & Gerry Lucas who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, to Rick & Teresa Gibson, and Bill & Jill Brandenburg who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary at the Anniversary Celebration at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral today. May your marriage continued to be blessed.

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.

ST. ROSE COURSE CONTINUES

Today (Sunday) St. Rose continues its course on 'Catholic Teaching on Social Justice' with a presentation on 'Capital Punishment' by Ed Hoover. The course is open to all and is held in the Sacred Heart Center (school cafeteria) at St. Rose, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "SPOOK-GHETTI" DINNER

EAT CHEAP! Come hungry to our annual "Spook-ghetti dinner TODAY 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.

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