



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

A big thank you to all who attended and helped out with last weekend's GOF gatherings! We will have our next GOF gathering on Dec. 10/11. This is a busy time of year but a great time to focus on Advent as our topic will be Preparing for the Messiah! If you are not registered for the GOF season or an individual gathering (game ticket), please pick up a registration form on the *Life-long Learning Table!!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TABLE GETS NEW NAME

In the spirit of what our goals are at Blessed John, the Religious Education table has a new name. We hope to inspire all members of our parish community to become "life-long" learners. This life-long approach is evident at Generations of Faith and at many of our parish gatherings especially at our Liturgies. When someone asks you where the religious education table is, help them to make the transition by responding, "Our 'life-long' learning table is over there!!!"

FAMILY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

The families of our Communal Reconciliation class will be on Retreat Tuesday, November 7, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Dowling! Please remember these children and their families in your prayers!



FIRE RETREAT ON NOVEMBER 19

All 32 of our Confirmation candidates are asked to meet at 12:15 p.m., at Perrysburg High School southeast corner (enter off Roachton Rd) parking lot on Nov. 19. We will gather in the Student Parking Lot to carpool to Central Catholic High School.

Parents are asked to pick up their students around 7:30 p.m., that evening. If you have not returned your permission slip (included in your Confirmation Packet) or paid your \$25.00 for the retreat, please do so by our next Confirmation gathering, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. in Dowling! Sponsors are **not required at the Fire Retreat** but are needed at the Nov. 15 gathering!!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$6,511. Thank you very much. Many are learning that weekly giving is good for the soul. God will certainly bless you.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Sunday before Thanksgiving is the regular time for the nation-wide Campaign for Human Development. This collection provides seed money for many anti-poverty programs throughout the United States, allowing start-up or self-help groups find ways to enable people to overcome obstacles. This is one of the most creative programs ever created by the US bishops. This has helped many groups locally and around the country. There is a special Campaign for Human Development envelope in your packet.



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 as you leave today or next Sat/Sun, Nov 11/12. GREAT NEWS! We collected 22 hats/scarves/ear muffs, 25 pairs of gloves & mittens, and 19 hats & glove sets last weekend.
- We need 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

Q: When do we celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at Blessed John?

A: The sacrament of Reconciliation is a vital part of any parish life. We certainly want you to have ample opportunity for this fine sacrament.

Every Saturday, Fr. Herb is available at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling, from 3:30-4:00 p.m., for the opportunity for private confession.

In addition, the Communal Reconciliation class will be receiving reconciliation, with their families, on Nov. 16 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haskins at 7:00 p.m. and invite the parish to attend. Also we participate in advent and Lenten Reconciliation services with neighboring parishes, usually using their church facilities.

STARTING NOVEMBER 14

Our next 'Going Deeper' session with Fr. Herb "Living as Jesus wants" will be on four consecutive Tuesday evenings Fr. Herb will explore basics in morality and then apply those principles to contemporary issues. Each session will go from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., November 14, 21, 28, and December 5, and be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling. Open to all.

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 12 Adrienne Amborski
Teen Jessica Phleghaar & Kayleen Jurski
Babysitting is offered only at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Coming Events

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

In two weeks, on November 19, our normal 10:30 a.m. mass will be at 10:15!!! Grace Methodist Church has an annual special Thanksgiving service in the school auditorium, followed by a meal in the commons area, where we have mass. If we move our mass up fifteen minutes, we can accommodate them who are moving their service back fifteen minutes. Thanks in advance. We want to be good neighbors.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITY

Everyone is invited to share in the Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 16, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Haskins.

Our children, along with their families, have been preparing for this communal celebration of their reconciliation. But we also want to open it up to all families in the parish. Fr. Al Ceranowski will be assisting Fr. Herb, so you will have your choice for confessors.

THIS WEEK'S RCIA

This Tuesday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., RCIA will be held at All Saints Church, Rossford, as we explore the basics of architecture and furnishings of a Catholic Church. It will be an opportunity to see what is in a church and to learn why.



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR FOOD PANTRY

Please help the Junior Youth Group fill the many bookshelves with food at Assumption Outreach Center in Toledo. The Junior Youth Group will be collecting donations on Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19. **Please contribute only non-perishable canned or packaged food. Sorry, no glass or home-canned food.**

We are also looking for help from the families of junior youth group members. We will need vans to put the food in as well as help with delivering the food on November 22, at 9:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is available on the Lifelong Learning table (formerly the Religious Education table!). If you do not have a junior youth group member in your household but would be available to help, please sign up as well. Thanks Marla.



WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

(These names have been submitted to us. Please share with us other names of those you want to keep in prayer, by emailing tcarella@blessedjohn.org.)

Michael Murphy, Conner Curan, Torry Lamp, Ben and James Kettinger, Monty Hanes, Martin Strange, Tyler Leyman, Randy, A.J. and Joel Mick.

Hey, Kids! TODAY IS THE DAY

FOR THE 3:45 CLUB

Our first 3:45 club is today, Sunday, November 5. All third, fourth, and fifth graders are invited to join in prayer, service, and fun! It will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Venzel's home at 1583 Watermill Lane (Perrysburg). Directions to the Venzel's home can be found on the Hospitality table after mass.

Please sign up today to help us plan for food. A donation of \$1 or \$2 is requested for supplies and food. Parents are asked to pick up your child at 6:00 p.m. We're looking forward to having a great afternoon!

-Your 3:45 Club Team

STEWARDSHIP THANKS

Throughout October we have addressed stewardship as discipleship, as the certain way of responding faithfully to God's graciousness. Thanks to all who have listened carefully and have responded faithfully.

Last week we gave you 'pledge' cards for you/your family to discuss your use of the time, talent, and treasures that God has bestowed on you. If you were out of town last week, you may pick up one of these cards and take it home. (They are near the church doors.) Please use them and complete them, but do NOT turn them in to the church. This is for you to place somewhere that you can see it and remember your own commitment to God.

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!

NOTIFICATION TO OTHER PARISHES

If you have recently registered at Blessed John XXIII Parish, welcome. We are very pleased to have you with us. As a courtesy, you may want to contact your former parish to let them know you are registered here. They will appreciate knowing this.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!



We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners:

Steve & Julie Sobczak and family, Todd & Sue Snyder and family, Jim & Shelly Russell and family, Maria Weglo and family, Jeffrey & Alexis

Prokup and family.

C.H.O.W. CATHOLICS HELPING OTHERS WILLINGLY

Are you a Blessed John parishioner in need of some help with dinner due to prolonged illness or hospital stay? Maybe you need transportation to a doctor's visit or help with running errands. If so, the Blessed John community would like to help. Please call Lynn Ripley at 419-353-2798 or Pat Paparone at 419-874-8069. Please feel free to contact either Lynn or Pat if you would like to learn how you can become part of our ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A parishioner and occupational therapy graduate student at the University of Toledo, is looking for adults ages 65-75 to participate in a research study. Participants need to be right handed and in good health. The research takes approximately one hour and is not strenuous. If interested, please call Gina Diller at 419-872-6716. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SPEAKER AT ST. ROSE

Deacon Paul White of the Diocese Global Concerns office will be the speaker tonight (November 5). 6:30-8:00 p.m., on "The Belize Experience." This is the final part of the St. Rose four-week course on 'Catholic Teaching on Social Justice.' The session will take place at Sacred Heart Center (the school cafeteria) at St. Rose. Open to all.

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHTED ADVERTISER

Please place "River's Edge" Dental