

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Nov 14 **9:00 a.m. River's Edge**
 -Parish

Saturday, Nov 18 **5:00 p.m. Dowling**
 -Parish

Sunday, Nov 19 **8:45 a.m. Perrysburg HS**
 -Norm Bielak

10:15 a.m. Perrysburg HS
 -Parish



**Pastor's Note:
HUNGER AND FOOD**

Not long ago, I was at a restaurant with some friends. Unable to finish the meal, I asked for a container in order to take home the uneaten food. The next day that food became my lunch.

It wasn't too many years ago when asking for a 'doggie bag' was considered a bit unusual. Some people even pretended that the food was for their pets while everyone knew they would eat it themselves. Taking leftovers home is one of the positive changes that have taken place in this country.

Food is truly one of the basics of life. We have to appreciate the food that we eat and do what we can not to waste it. Most of us truly don't know what it may be like not to have food to eat.

When I was in college and going through a financially difficult time, I recall going a couple of weeks eating nothing but peanut butter sandwiches. But I didn't complain because I knew it was temporary. Yet many people, right here in this 'land of plenty,' can't get through a month without running out of food. Even more people manage to eat, but are loading up on foods that are not nutritiously sound or good for them.

Perhaps that is why I always support collections of food items. Food is basic, and no one should have to wonder if they will have something to eat today or tomorrow.

Please support the parish food collection next weekend. As you buy food for yourself, consider what you can also share with those who do not have food or the means to buy it. Thank you.

Readings for this Week	
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8; Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Sunday:	Dn 12:-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Ministers for Nov 18 and Nov 19

Lectors: **Sat** John Farley, Ann Eberly
Sun 8:45 Donnie Burkin, Maribeth Connor
Sun 10:15 Jamie Zipfel, Drew Schrock

Eucharist Ministers : **Sat** Mike Kolb, Alan LaCourse,
Sun 8:45 Tom Jagodzinski, Connie Kern, Karl Neiling,
Marla Overholt, Karen Pierce,
Sun 10:15 Karen Obringer, Yvonne Pollex, Jason Ripley, Millie Seibenick, Rodger Siebeneck, Tina Siebeneck, Julie Snyder

Servers **Sat** Christopher Russell, Allyson LaCourse, Alaina LaCourse
Sun 8:45 Colleen Gray, Callie Gray, Alex Shrinel
Sun 10:15 Joseph Ball, John Vrzal, Sean Connor

Ushers: **Sat** Anita Batt, Kay Asmus
Sun 8:45 Rodger Siebeneck
Sun 10:15 Brad Thielen, Melanie Kaczinski, Liz Byrd, Zach Banachowski, Daniel Connor

Greeters: **Sat:** Amy Wagner, Mark Wagner
Sun 8:45 Ann Eberly, Ruth Vreeland, Amy Aschemeier, Keith Aschemeier, Rose Ball, Deb Frontiera
Sun 10:15 Ann Hirzel, Steve Hirzel, Joe Gadiant, Adam Banachowski



**WELCOME AND WARM
GREETINGS!**

To authentically say welcome to those who come for the first time (or once again) means that we open ourselves to you, value your presence, and want to get to know you. A healthy parish is one that allows newcomers to bring their gifts and talents and share them in the best way possible.

So welcome! Please impose yourself on us. Your visit will truly enrich us as well.

TV MASS THANKS

Thanks to those who participated in the video-taping of two masses for TV. They will be shown on Sunday, December 17, and Sunday, December 31.

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Please check the book, and sign up to be a Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, or Greeter for the Christmas Masses. The book can be found on the Hospitality table.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

We will have our next GOF gathering on Dec. 10/11. This is a busy time of the 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!!* If you are unable to attend, please contact Marla so that we can adjust our food count! Thanks!

RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

Join us this week for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 16, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Haskins (on Highway 582, just west of Haskins). Fr. Al Ceranowski will be joining Fr. Herb for this service, which will also include some of our children and their families.



Many people are in a habit of only going to Confession during advent and lent. But why wait? We all need to be reconciled with God on a regular basis. Plan to join us for an hour that will lift you up and give you peace.



FIRE RETREAT ON NOVEMBER 19

All 32 of our Confirmation Candidates are asked to meet at 12:15 p.m., November 19, at Perrysburg High School parking lot. We will gather in the student parking lot **Southeast corner** (enter off Roachton Road) and 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, 6:30 p.m., November 15, in Dowling! Sponsors are **not required at the Fire Retreat** but needed at the Nov. 15 gathering!!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation class will be 6:30-8:30 p.m., on November 15, at Christ Lutheran Church in Dowling. Sponsors and candidates are asked to attend.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last weekend was \$6,410. Thank you very much. We have been blessed by God in so many ways; giving is a way of saying thanks.

NEXT WEEK MASS TIME!!!

Just a reminder that next Sunday, November 19, our Sunday a.m. masses will be at 8:45 and 10:15. That's right. The second mass on Sunday will be fifteen minutes earlier than usual as we try to be good neighbors with Grace Methodist Church, who needs to use the Commons area of the high school for their annual Thanksgiving event.

Also we will ask for anyone who can, to help us, the custodians, and members of Grace Methodist to remove the folding chairs after mass, and rearranging the other (black) chairs around tables for the meal that will follow. Thank you.



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.
- We collected 71 hats/scarves/ear muffs, 48 pairs of gloves/mittens and 19 hats/glove sets.
- If you need the services of an attorney from time to time to do pro bono work, please call Bill or Mary Batchelor at 419-874-5908.

The monthly team meeting will be TODAY, Nov. 12, at 12:30 p.m., in the home of Mary and Bill Batchelor, 845 Oak Knoll (Perrysburg.) We invite all to attend, who would like to get involved in this ministry.

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

"Thanks for helping us help others"

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q: We're new here. What should we expect for the holidays?

A: This year Christmas is on a Monday. That means Christmas Eve is a Sunday. We are planning our usual 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, December 23, at Christ Lutheran Church. (For families with kids it may be ideal to attend that mass in order to really appreciate the fourth Sunday of advent.)

On Christmas Eve (Sunday), we will have a 10:30 a.m. mass but not the 8:45 a.m. mass. That, again, will be a mass of the 4th Sunday of advent.

On Sunday evening (Christmas Eve), we will use the High School auditorium for two masses: 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The auditorium seats a thousand persons, and we may need the larger space. The 7:30 mass will be sort of the 'Midnight Mass' for those who don't want to stay up that late.

On Christmas morning, there will be one mass at 10:30 a.m.

Michael Pappos, our music director, tells me that he and the choir, along with instrumentalists, have some great music prepared.

You may want to use this as an opportunity to invite someone who doesn't go to church or is still looking. Then come with them. -HW

FR. HERB'S COURSE THIS WEEK

You are invited to come for four consecutive Tuesdays (7:30-9:00 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling) for Fr. Herb's mini-course, "Living as Christ Would Live." During these sessions, Fr. Herb will walk through the basics of Catholic morality and then apply those principles to contemporary moral issues like stem cell research, cloning, surrogate mothering, euthanasia, war, and other social issues.

These sessions are open to all adults. Members of the parish RCIA will also be attending, so this is your chance to be a 'friend of RCIA' and maybe even meet the men and women in this year's process.

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 19 Roger and Dana Frank
Teen Volunteer needed

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



FOOD COLLECTION

Food Collection

Since we started as a parish, we have been trying to support the Assumption Community Center in Toledo. This is the former St. Mary's Parish next to St. Vincent Hospital. The Assumption pantry needs our help!

Next week, November 18-19, please bring with you some non-perishable food items. Members of our Junior High group will help you put the food in vans. The kids will then take the food to Assumption Center on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, where they will stock shelves.

Food suggestions: macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned beef stew and other meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, tuna, hamburger helper, noodles, pancake mix (especially the kind that doesn't need anything but water), oatmeal, and coffee.



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We need assistance from any junior high youth group parent or older sibling to help us with the food collection. Vans will be needed to load the food into on Sat. night at Dowling, and Sunday mornings at the high school. Then on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 9:30 to approximately 11:00 a.m., we will need the youth group to deliver the food to the Assumption Center.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Christie 419-878-7906.



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.)

Kip Patrick Sullivan, Michael Murphy, Conner Curan, Torry Lamp, Ben and James Kettinger, Monty Hanes, Martin Strange, Tyler Leyman, Randy, Joel Mick, and Kevin Brogan.



TEEN TEAM MEETING

The November Teen Team meeting will be at the Mouch's Home at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov 19. We will be working with the St Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, making and delivering Thanksgiving goods around the parish. We'll have burgers, chips, and drinks. It should be a very meaningful get together. All high school young adults are invited!! If you have any questions, contact Coach Dan Mouch or Raeanne Carella.

Hey, Kids! 3:45 CLUB NEWS

Last Sunday, we had our very first 3:45 gathering. Fifty-one kids came, had fun, and ate hotdogs. We would like to thank the 3:45 team for getting this group together. Our next event will be on Dec. 17, when we go caroling at the Portage Valley Nursing home.

PARISH ACTIVITIES GROUP WILL MEET TO PLAN NEXT EVENT

The next meeting for the Parish Activities group will be at 7:00 p.m., on Nov. 21, at Jackie Venzel's home. All are welcome to attend. We will make plans for the next adult parish activity that will be in February.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Service, again this year, will be in conjunction with Christ Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 22, 2006. A dessert reception will follow.

Here are two ways you can help. If you would like to be part of a joint choir, please let Pastor Tim know at tdrothfuss@hotmail.com. Secondly, the reception will feature pumpkin specialties. Please plan to bring something for this 'Pumpkin Dessert Potluck.' We want to hold up our end of the bargain.

RESPONSE TO POVERTY

Poverty in America continues to rise, despite the fact that many people work full-time and at more than one job. Housing and health care costs are skyrocketing, and wages are not keeping pace. Join in solidarity with the **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)** to end poverty in our nation, one community at a time.

There is an envelope in your packet for the CCHD collection. Please consider using it next Sunday. Thanks.

NEED POINSETTIAS OR WINTER GREENS?

Lial School students and parents are taking orders for poinsettias and other winter greens (wreaths, garlands, etc.) after mass. Delivery will take place in early December. Support this fine Catholic School (located near Whitehouse) while also planning ahead for your house decorations.

HOLIDAY CHEESE BALLS

They were a hit last year. They're back. Members of the Christ Lutheran Church make various types of cheese balls as a fund-raiser each year. Many parishioners put in their orders last year. You can do so again by signing the form at the tables after mass.

HOME VISITS/PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

If you are unable to, or someone you know cannot, attend mass on a regular basis, we welcome the opportunity to bring Holy Communion to your home. Please contact Linda Edwards 419-878-0465 or the parish office 419-662-3180.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!



We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Martin & Laura Brogan, Lisa Ramirez, Jeff & Nicole Gagich and family, Jeff & Rebecca Montross and family, Chuck & Kathy Ore, Genevieve Schrinel, and Teresita Anderson and family.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHTED ADVERTISER

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