

**THIS WEEK'S MASSES**

Tuesday, Nov 21    **9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the  
Word & Bible study**  
Thanksgiving    **7:00 p.m. Dowling**  
Saturday, Nov 25    **5:00 p.m. Dowling**  
                              *-Tammy Weber*  
Sunday, Nov 26    **8:45 a.m. Perrysburg HS**  
                              *-Frieda Frontiera*  
                              **10:30 a.m. Perrysburg HS**  
                              *-Parish*



**Pastor's Note:  
WOOD COUNTY WIND**

Northern Wood County has three claims to uniqueness. First of all, there are the deep and scary ditches along side many of the country roads. Of course, I know that ditches were necessary to finally drain the Black Swamp many years ago. As we head towards winter, however, I always worry about driving on icy roads next to those ditches.

Secondly, Wood County is flat. I admit I miss the hills of Richland County, where I was assigned for eleven years. At the same time, I am discovering a beauty in the flat landscape.

Finally and especially, we in Northern Wood County have wind, lots of wind. So I have been meditating on wind recently.

You can't see it, but you know it's there. Wind comes strong or gentle – usually strong. It can make a chilly day colder and it can penetrate most clothing. Sometimes wind takes down tree branches or simply blows away garbage placed out for pick-up.

Scientists tell us that wind also has many useful purposes. Sometimes it is harnessed for windmills or gliders. Nature itself uses wind to spread pollen and prepare for next year's plant growth. Birds, like eagles and vultures, love to fly in the wind and allow the wind to do the work of moving them.

Whether we like it or not, the wind is a constant force in our lives. Maybe this week, as we experience it, we can thank God for it. Even when it is more than we want, it may still be beneficial. And like wind, God's love is a force in our lives that sometimes takes us where we don't expect to go.

Readings for this Week	
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44, Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

*Ministers for Nov 25 and Nov 26*

**Lectors:** **Sat** Cathleen Faykosh, Sam Christie  
Sun 8:45 Laura Feldkamp, Steve Way  
Sun 10:30 Lana Horner, Norm Horner  
**Eucharist Ministers:** **Sat** Kathy LaCourse, Mary Oatis  
Sun 8:45 Susan Podlesny, Doug Rhodes, Lisa Rhodes, Linda Schrinel, Richard Podlesny  
Sun 10:30 Tina Carella, Lisa Suelzer, Jackie Venzel, Ingrid Alcover, Linda Edwards, Wendy Foos, Keith Snyder  
**Servers** **Sat** Ryan O'Donnell, Carolyn Oatis, we need 1 more  
Sun 8:45 Brandon Way, Daniel Connor, we need 1 more  
Sun 10:30 Ingrid Sielicki, Hannah Hirzel, Julia Balzer  
**Ushers:** **Sat** Keith Snyder, Julie Snyder  
Sun 8:45 Mike Kolb, Laura Kolb  
Sun 10:30 Emilia de la Pena, Rita Steinberger  
**Greeters:** **Sat:** Gary Christie  
Sun 8:45 Jacki Jurski, Ron Jurski, Shirley Urbaniak, Deb Frontiera  
Sun 10:30 Amy Wagner, Mark Wagner, Vicki Hall, Steve Hall, Debra Blumberg, Lana Horner



**WELCOME TODAY**

Guests and visitors are not only welcome at Blessed John Parish, but you are a blessing to us. We are enriched as you join us. Please feel at home. And take a few minutes afterwards to enjoy the hospitality, check out the literature, and ask some questions.

**SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

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



## ADVENT GOF/CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 10/11, we will be having our advent Generations of Faith: Preparing for the Messiah! Registrations are still being taken until Dec. 3.

Last year, we had so much fun at Generations of Faith as we opened our session with a "Christmas" Dinner that we have decided to try it again! We are asking if each household could **provide a dozen or two of their favorite Christmas Cookies for the dessert!** Just drop them off at church Dec. 9 or 10, and we will get them out to the gatherings. Don't forget to include a few folding chairs in your car just in case we need them!

If you have not tried GOF, now is the time to do so as part of your advent journey and preparation for Christmas! If you have any questions, please contact Marla at [moverholt@blessedjohn.org](mailto:moverholt@blessedjohn.org).



## FIRE RETREAT IS TODAY

Let's meet in the southeast corner of the parking lot today as we journey to Central Catholic High School for the Fire retreat! We will leave and pick up from the same area. Departure time is 12:15 p.m., and the pick up time will be around 7:30 p.m.

## RCIA - RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

The men and women in our RCIA will experience the Rite of Acceptance at the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, November 26, which is also the Feast of Christ the King. This is the first of the various rites as they continue the journey towards Easter. Please keep them in prayer.

## HELP TODAY

In order to be good neighbors with Grace Methodist Church, we are beginning our 10:30 a.m. mass at 10:15 today. Thanks for understanding. After Mass, we will need help in taking down the folding chairs and re-arranging the Commons to place the other (black) chairs around the tables. All volunteer labor will be gratefully accepted!

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our Sunday offering last week was \$6,357. Thank you very much. Thank you, parents, for helping your children use their 'kids' envelopes. What a great lesson you are teaching them!

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

In your envelope packets, and also at the doors after mass, you will find special envelopes available for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This annual appeal by the U.S. Bishops has assisted countless grassroots programs that have helped neighborhoods help themselves in ending the cycle of poverty. Thank you in advance for your support.

## TUESDAY MORNING COMMUNION

On Tuesday, November 21, we will have a Liturgy of the Word and Communion service at 9:00 a.m., followed by the usual Bible study. Fr. Herb will be at the Priests' Council meeting, so there will not be Mass. Mass will resume the following week.



## OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS

- The hats, mittens, scarves drive is over – You have donated a total of 96 hats/scarves/ear muffs, 57 pairs of gloves/mittens and 24 hats/glove sets. We are distributing them to local, needy families, who have been called to our attention. Any excess will be given to area schools and visiting nurse groups for appropriate distribution. THANK YOU!
- We need the service of an attorney who can help us from time to time to do pro bono work, please call Bill or Mary Batchelor at 419-874-5908.

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:** Without a church building, how does Blessed John Parish conduct either funerals or weddings?

**A:** As a parish, we have had both weddings and funerals. Usually, neighboring Catholic parishes are happy to assist us since they know we don't have a church building.

For weddings, which can be scheduled well in advance, the couple needs to work with Fr. Herb as they also make contact with another church to see if it is available. Each parish has its own policies, which we will follow.

Funerals are difficult times for everyone in the family. Working with the funeral directors, we try to cooperate with the local parish churches and their staff. Again, all the parishes near us have been very cooperative in allowing us to come in for funerals.

Blessed John XXIII has a C.H.O.W. team (Catholics Helping Others Willingly) that helps provide a funeral luncheon. They are there to assist any families who need them.

## CLASS NUMBER TWO

All are invited and welcome to the second of four sessions on "Living as Jesus would live," 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 28, at Christ Lutheran Church, Dowling. Fr. Herb continues his mini-course on moral issues. This week he will present principles relating to the morality of war as we look at the sacredness of life. You may come even if you were not present last week.

## 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](mailto:lisasuelzer@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.

Nov 26 Marc and Lisa Suelzer  
**Teen Volunteer needed**

Dec 3 Pablo and Ann Forbes-Ramirez  
**Teen Volunteer needed**

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

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on 2006 to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, disasters avoided, or kindness, and compassion received. Today's gospel reminds us that "when you see these things happening, know that the Lord is near."



## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

With the assistance of the Junior High group, Blessed John Parish is having a food drive today for non-perishable foods for Assumption Outreach Center, the old St. Mary's Parish, Page Street, near St. Vincent Hospital. Thank you.



Reminder to the kids and to the parents who are volunteering their vans, we will be meeting at the high school on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Christie 419-878-7906.

## WE LOVE KIDS!

At Blessed John Parish, we want families with kids to feel at home. First of all, we have Children's Liturgy of the Word at every Mass for kids four years old to fourth grade. Also there is a nursery for smaller children. Or if the kids are younger, the parents can walk them down the hallways in the back.

In addition, we have parish groups for high school students (Teen Team, which is helping with the liturgical ministries at the 10:15 Mass today), a Junior High group (which is coordinating the food collection today), and our new 3:45 Club for those in grades 3, 4, and 5.

Contrary to what people often say, kids are not just the future of the parish. They are already a significant part of the parish!

## SPECIAL MASS AT CATHEDRAL

Bishop Blair will have a special Mass at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, November 26, at the cathedral for all those families who have someone serving in the military, especially in Iraq, Afghanistan, or other places of serious danger. You are invited to attend...and pass this word on to others.



## 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 [icarella@blessedjohn.org](mailto:icarella@blessedjohn.org).) Kip Patrick Sullivan, Michael Murphy, Conner Curan, Torry Lamp, Ben and James Kettinger, Monty Hanes, Martin Strange, Tyler Leyman, Randy, Joel Mick, Kevin Brown, James McBeth, and Robert Coulson.



### TEEN TEAM MEETING

The Teen Team meeting scheduled for this afternoon at the Mouch's House at 1:00 p.m., is POSTPONED. Instead we will meet at East of Chicago Pizza in Levis Commons at 12:30 p.m. to just hang out. The meeting at Mouch's house is postponed because the food pantry will not be available at this time. An email will be sent out this week to let the teens know when we will be meeting to create and deliver Thanksgiving Food Baskets. This will be a great service project. Watch your email on MONDAY for time and place.

---Coach Mouch

### 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.



### THANK YOU

A big thank you to those who showered me (and the new house) with gift cards. They will come in handy as I try to provide the new home with bedding, cooking utensils, towels, and more. To all, you have been very kind. Thank you. And thanks to those who planned and coordinated this effort. It really means a lot.-Fr. Herb

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We have much to be thankful for. Please join us for a joint Thanksgiving Day service with the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 22. Fr. Herb and Pastor Tim are working together on this. We also want to express our gratitude to Christ Lutheran Church for their on-going hospitality and many kindnesses to us.

A pot-luck pumpkin dessert reception will follow the service. Please prepare your favorite pumpkin dish and bring it along. Thanks.

### UNITED WAY DESIGNATIONS

*This word from Catholic Charities:* For those who are thinking of making a contribution to Catholic Charities through your local United Way campaign, you may now have to **write in** "Catholic Charities" to ensure that your contribution will be directed to Catholic Charities.

### 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.

### MEN IN GRIEF

You are invited to a "Men in Grief" program to be held at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 East River Rd., on Thursday, November 30. Please call Laurie Phillipps at 419-931-3365, for more information.

### HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed and appreciated in many areas at St. Charles Mercy Hospital. If you want to give purpose and self-fulfillment to your life, they want to hear from you. Call Diane, Director of Volunteer Services, at 419-696-7424 for more information.

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!



We would like to offer a warm welcome to new parishioners: Kevin & Rebecca Roberts and family, Dan & Karen Cota and family, Alicemae Justen, Leo & Joanne Navin.

### THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHTED ADVERTISER

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