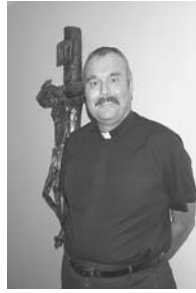


FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

In December, The Church celebrates the Feasts of Christmas and Mary's Immaculate Conception. If we go back to the beginning of time, we find that God created the first man and first woman without sin. Yet, we know that they proved to be unfaithful to God and lost the exalted status that was to be theirs and ours. Our loving God does not give up on us and would see to it that this terrible tragedy would be set aright. He created two more human beings without sin; one was our Blessed Mother and the other was God, allowing himself to be created as a human being. Both were and always have been without sin.



Jesus and his Blessed Mother reversed the terrible wrong that we call original sin. Certainly, Mary was given this grace by God and she cooperated fully with that grace her whole life long. Jesus, as God and sinless human, affected salvation for the whole human race!

There are no greater Christmas gifts for us than our Savior, Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother Mary. Thank you God for giving us Jesus, Your only son, and his Mother Mary.

..... Fr. Dennis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hosp.—Wed. Dec. 22.....Martin
 Grande Pointe—Sun. Dec. 26Legion of Mary
 Counter—Sun. Dec. 26“D” Team

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 20**
 Reading Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 8:15 a.m. Marie Svrga
 7:00 p.m. Orazio DiFranco

TUESDAY **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 21**
 Reading Sg 2:8-14; or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
 8:15 a.m. Robert Modic
 7:00 p.m. Vincent Metalonis

WEDNESDAY **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 22**
 Reading 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 8:15 a.m. Rita & Thomas Dinardo
 7:00 p.m. Charles Pophal (Anniv.)

THURSDAY **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 23**
 Reading Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 8:15 a.m. Philip Berardinelli
 7:00 p.m. Katey Robinson

FRIDAY **Late Advent Weekday** **Dec. 24**
 Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5; 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
 8:15 a.m. Eugene & Bernadette Lowery
 3:30 p.m. Michael Frantz
 5:00 p.m. Anthony & Ann Modic
 10:30 p.m. Francis “Bud” Holaus

SATURDAY **The Nativity of the Lord** **Dec. 25**
 Reading Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
 8:00 a.m. Irene Emig
 9:45 a.m. Fred & Matilda Melocik
 11:45 a.m. Pinto Family
 5:00 p.m. No Mass

SUNDAY **The Holy Family** **Dec. 26**
 Reading Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21
 8:00 a.m. Frank & Ann Koshak
 9:45 a.m. Liv. & dec.'d. of Andrew Simon Fam.
 11:45 a.m. Klancher and Milavec Families
 7:00 p.m. Helen Van Duzen



MINISTERS SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 26, 2004

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	MANNA
5:00						Manna Certificates Are Available in the
8:00		J. Miller	B. Carrick	K. Benda / J. Kirchmeir T. Ogrinc	B. Lozar A. Gaser	Rectory office during Regular business hours
9:45	C. Farinacci / N. Farinacci L. Gorshe / T. Davisson	O. Merela	G. Haritonovich	C. Paratto / S. Davisson M. Luboski / S. Hovanscek	C. Loncaric M. Paratto	Monday—Thursday 8:15 am—7:45 pm
11:45	S. Greaves / W. Greaves L. Baguder / M. Greaves	L. Gase	J. Klemens	R. Jezeski / J. Konchan / I. Klemens M. Muehle / J. Vajda / T. Burrello A. Molnar	J. Molnar S. Molnar	Friday 8:15 am—5:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
7:00	A. Abranovich D. Gasser	T. Isabella	R. Yballe	J. Martin / R. Tracey R. Volk / D. Baioni	S. Bennish E. Quirk	Sunday 9:00 am—1:00 pm

YOUTH NEWS

**ATTENTION ALL 7TH THRU 12TH GRADE
ST FELICITAS PARISHIONERS
INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR
YOUTH GROUP**

At the New Beginnings sessions that were done at the Parish at the end of October, 2004, the need for a Youth Group was mentioned by each group (6 in all). I had an interest in getting the Youth Group started again, but did not know how. Upon hearing the interest from the New Beginning participants, I had a feeling that now was the time. I surveyed some of the youth at the server training, and I found that most were excited at the idea of it starting again. I went back to the New Beginning participants and asked if they were willing to help. Their answer was yes. I had the opportunity to help with the "Turkey Soup", which was a lot of fun. Each student seemed excited about this being a possibility.

With all that being said, there will be an informational meeting for the Youth Group of St. Felicitas Parish.

WHEN: Sunday December 19, 2004

WHERE: St. Felicitas School Library

TIME: 4:00pm

We hope to see you there!!!

Sincerely,
Richard Schulz
St. Felicitas Parishioner

Any questions, please leave messages on my pager - 1-888-587-5671.

NEW HYMNALS ARE HERE

You don't have to be a great singer or musician to contribute to our worship program. You can "sponsor" one of our new hymnals for just \$20.00. For each \$20.00 donation, one hymnal will get a bookplate that reads, "Given as a gift by ____ in the name of ____." If every parishioner sponsors one hymnal, it will cover the entire cost of purchasing the new books. Additional money raised will go toward resources for our choir and musicians. Special donation envelopes will be available starting next weekend. You can call or stop at the Rectory for more information!



COLLECTIONS

Sunday Envelopes—Dec. 12.....\$13,989.00
36 Children's Envelopes\$35.00
Thank you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Special Collection-December 2004

St. Mary Seminary Dec. 5
Retirement for the Religious Dec. 12

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**First Annual St. Felicitas
Christmas Concert!!!
This Weekend
Sunday, December 19th
From 3:00—4:00 pm**



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Persons are gifts received and gifts given...like the Son of God! As we come to this final week before Christmas we are challenged to reflect on what it is we are celebrating and how we are called to be open to receive God's gift to us—His Son. This week children's minds and hearts will be filled with thoughts of gifts and anticipation of opening packages. This week the minds and hearts of those who have received our Giving Star Gifts will be filled with gratitude and hope. Perhaps this week the minds of adults will be filled with anxious concern over "getting everything done" and buying last minute gifts. What we need to do is to stop and reflect on the gifts we have received in our lives. Do we even remember the material Christmas presents we have received? Would these be listed as the most important gifts we have received? Let us pause today and remember our giftedness. Fill yourself with love and joy today. Ask God to fill you to overflowing with every good thing. Then share it with others and give it to the world. Through your giving and sharing your love and joy will grow deeper and richer everyday of your life. Celebrate and rejoice in God's glorious gift of giving. By doing so you can help remake this world and your own life in love, joy, peace, and delight.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF
OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Mary Floria, Concetta Brozak, Joan Neubert, Anna Scaletta, Theresa Szolek, Leslie Grano, Phyllis Freeh, Sally Hansen, Mary Presnell, Jerry Petrofes, Lovre Dzolic, Joe Osborne, Andrew Jarm, Dolores Anderson, George Sheldon, Connie Klinko, Estelle Bousquet, Helen Kinkopf, June Feldkamp, Helen Kramer, Burton Emig, Lisa Morek, Catherine Yert, Robert and Mary Zanagra.

RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Cheryl Hribar of Euclid, winner of the **Dec. 13, PTU Weekly Raffle**. Congratulation also to John Hribar, who was the seller winner.

PARISH NEWS

ON THE HILL SENIORS — Meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 3:00 pm in the school hall. All seniors are invited to attend our meetings.

..... Frank Somrack, Pres.

The Annual **St. Felicitas Reverse Raffle** plans are in the works. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 5, 2005**. This year's fun event will be at the Manor Party Center in Euclid. Tickets will be sold at the school office for \$60 (includes one dinner and a main board number). Additional dinner tickets will be \$40. More details will follow after the holidays. Don't miss out on this great night. Get you table together now!

Check out our St. Felicitas Website! www.stfelicitas.com. You'll find a new series of articles about "You, Your Family and the Internet". You'll find information about computer basics, Internet safety, virus protection, hints, tips and more. Check it often. You'll also find our weekly bulletin posted as well. Perfect for out-of-area St. Felicitas "alumni" to check the activities of our Church on the Hill.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 23rd 7:30 pm
Christmas Eve 10:00 am

ST. FELICITAS MASS ON THE RADIO

Our Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy has again been chosen as the official Christmas Mass on WELW Radio. Three broadcasts will be heard on Christmas Eve at 6pm, and on Christmas Day at Midnight and 6am. Besides 1330am, you can also listen on Lake County's Comcast Cable Channel 99, and on the internet at welw.com. We wish to thank the Jack Borkey Family and PEPCO for helping to make these broadcasts possible.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve:

3:30 pm Children's Mass

5:00 pm

10:30 pm Caroling will begin
at 10:00 pm

Christmas Day:

8:00 am

9:45 am

11:45 am

Please note there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

March for Life! January 22, 2005 marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision, which legalized abortion on demand in the United States. **St. Gregory the Great Respect Life Committee** is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the **March for Life** to witness on behalf of unborn babies and lobby our representatives in Congress. The bus will leave St. Gregory's at 6:45am on January 23rd and return on January 24th about midnight. The group will also be attending the "Mass in Thanksgiving for Life" at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception the evening of January 23rd. Deadline for reservations is January 3, 2005. Hotel accommodations will be at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. Please call Rita Krebs at 216-291-0842 for more information and reservations.

A Holiday Evening for Men & Women in Recovery Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 7-9:30pm at the Jesuit Retreat House(5629 State Rd., Parma). This quiet evening of serenity is open to all AA members, Led by Fr. Clem Metzger, SJ. Free will offering.