



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

“Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be.
 Change our minds this time, your life could make us free.
 We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.”

The season of Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 6th! The words from the above Lenten song give us both challenge and hope. Our Parish’s Lenten theme this year is **CHANGE OUR HEARTS**. This is the challenge: to admit that we have parts of our hearts—our attitudes and our actions—that need to be changed. But also we have hope—we are the people who have been set apart and have been given the opportunity by the Lord’s gracious gift in our lives to be free—free of what enslaves us and keeps us from being the wonderful, happy, holy persons the Lord calls us to be. **And so this is the time!** This week is our time to reflect on what it is that needs changing and to begin to work out a plan on how with the Lord’s help we can begin to change. Lent is not so much about “giving up” this or that—but much more about becoming. What do I need to become—more patient, more forgiving, less angry, less aggressive, more prayerful, more encouraging, more generous, more truthful, more faithful, more loving? The list goes on and on. If we each picked just one change that would make us more faithful to our baptismal call to be loving and holy and stuck to our plan, can you imagine what our Easter celebration will be like? We could all stand, renewing our baptismal promises and celebrating our new life! Yes, this is our time!

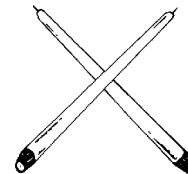
To help us use this time wisely we are offering a number of programs and activities throughout the coming weeks: Our Parish Mission focusing our attention on the Beatitudes, The Women’s Winter Retreat, The Answer the Call Men’s Conference, The Family Simple Supper (March 14th), The Scripture Study, The Church: Communion and Mission Series, The Communal Penance Service (February 26th at St. Paul’s Church), The Stations of the Cross on Fridays, February 8th, February 29th, and March 14th, and The Little Black Books to be distributed next weekend. Each of these is an opportunity to change and to grow and to help support each other in the process. Watch the bulletin and website for detailed information about these! Let us pray for one another that as individuals and as a parish community we can use this time to change our hearts!

.....Mary Muehle



Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
 Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146;
 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



BLESSING OF THROATS

Next Sunday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise, we will have Blessing of Throats at all the Masses. St. Blaise was a Physician who lived in Armenia in the fourth century. He was arrested and imprisoned for his faith. While in prison, Blaise ministered to and healed fellow prisoners including saving a child who was choking on a fish bone. This was the origin of blessing throats on St. Blaise Day.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL NUTRITION FOR WOMEN! Last call for registration. Saturday, February 2nd, 9:00am-1:00pm. Registration forms are in the kiosk in the Church Gathering Area or **YOU CAN CALL THE RECTORY TO REGISTER.** Our hope is that this pre-Lenten day will help you prepare for the season of Lent. Our speakers will be Ms. Maureen Dowd from St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Jennifer Grogin from Euclid Hospital. Give yourself a gift—and spend a morning nourishing your body and soul!

WE ARE CALLED TO BE CHURCH IN COMMUNION AND MISSION: We live in a time when our Church is experiencing a great deal of change. Clustering, clergy shortage, changing parishes—what do these all mean to us? For Lent this year we are offering a series of reflections on the Church given through talks, videos and discussion. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays February 19th, 26th, March 4th, and March 11th. Call the Rectory for more information or to register. Free and open to all in our community! Let us together come to a better understanding of our call to be Church.

ANSWER THE CALL! Saturday, February 9, 2008 at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. A gathering for men from all over Northeast Ohio to share a day of fellowship, spiritual awakening and new direction. Featured speakers include: Rich Cleveland, **Fr. Sal Ruggeri**, Bishop Richard Lennon and Fr. John Capuci. **Ray Somich** will be the Master of Ceremonies. Group rate is \$20.00 and includes all the activities of the day and lunch. Day begins at 8:00 am and concludes with Mass celebrated by **Bishop Lennon** at 4:00 pm. To register at the group rate or for more information please call Steve Dreyer at 440-944-8311. Website: www.cmfneo.com

BAPTISM WORKSHOP: Baptism workshop for expecting parents will be held on Tues., Feb. 12th in the School from 7-9:00pm. If you are expecting during the next five or six months, please call the Rectory at 216-289-0770 to register. Because the Bishop considers this program a necessary preparation for baptism, the parents of every child to be baptized are expected to attend. There is a \$2.00 registration fee to cover the cost of materials.

CATHOLIC MEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Each of us has our own personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we seek growth in our relationship with Christ we can receive assistance from spiritual relationships with other catholic men. St. Felicitas has a Men's Prayer Group that meets in the School Library on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 7:00-8:30am. We are group dedicated to helping and praying for the men of this parish. Please contact Rich Volk at 216-383-6525, Frank Buda, 216-486-3267 or Steve Dryer at 440-781-5001 if you are interested in seeking and providing assistance in spiritual growth to the men of our parish.

The Spiritual Development Commission will be offering a series of articles to help us better understand the Church's position on a variety of life issues. **Topic: Citizenship and Voting** "Only tireless promotion of the truth about the human person can infuse democracy with the right values. This is what Jesus meant when he asked us to be leaven in society." (Living the Gospel of Life 25). "We are not powerless. We are citizens. And in America, this means that we are the architects of our experience in governing for the common good. The character of our nation depends on each of us. Citizens create the future not be being silent, but by advancing their beliefs vigorously by every ethical and legal means at their disposal. In fact, the more we involve our convictions in the public square, the more we serve the community by building a dialogue of truth. And truth, as Pope John Paul II has written is *the inner structure of freedom*. If we want to remain a free people we must begin by rededicating ourselves to the sanctity of every human life, and holding our elected representatives to the same standard. Do our elected officials work to protect the family, to help the poor, to welcome the immigrant, to improve public education, employment, housing and health." (The above is taken from a Statement by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Faithful Citizenship: Building A Just Society.)

COMING IN FEBRUARY: Our Lenten Mission will focus our attention on the Beatitudes. Dates for the Mission are: Sunday, Feb. 17th, Monday, Feb. 18th, Tuesday Feb. 26th, Wednesday Mar. 5th, and Monday Mar. 10th. Watch for more details.

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



Dolores Anderson, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Burton Emig, Charlotte Farinacci, Jim Greaves, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Jim Pevec, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Gordon Skurzak, Milena Sverko, Milton Taisey, Mae Thomas, James Gannon Tracey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert

Please notify the rectory when a name can be removed from this list.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ or Lord. Amen!*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Thomas Aquinas, pr. dr.	Jan. 28
8:15 a.m.	Edward Perko	
7:00 p.m.	Intention of All Parishioners	
TUESDAY	Weekday	Jan. 29
8:15 a.m.	John Kazimir	
7:00 p.m.	Tony Jukic	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Jan. 30
8:15 a.m.	Daniel Raycher	
7:00 p.m.	Intention of All Parishioners	
THURSDAY	John Bosco, priest	Jan. 31
8:15 a.m.	Ronnie Brown	
7:00 p.m.	Intention of All Parishioners	
FRIDAY	Weekday	Feb. 1
8:15 a.m.	Minka Kmetich	
7:00 p.m.	All Souls	
SATURDAY	Presentation of the Lord	Feb. 2
8:15 a.m.	Alojz Hribar	
4:00 p.m.	Richard Willkomm	
SUNDAY	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feb. 3
8:00 a.m.	Christina Mische	
9:45 a.m.	Edward Tousel	
11:45 a.m.	Joseph & Mary Radachy	
7:00 p.m.	Mary Ivec	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Jan. 30.....Musarra
Grande Pointe-Sun.Feb. 3.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Feb. 3 "A" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —FEBRUARY 2-3, 2008

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	H. Baldini N. Baldini	M. Monger	J. Monger	L. Rupp / A. Tegel / S. Tegel J. Borkey / T. Brokamp / B. Pophal C. Barni / J. Barni	A. Schmitt K. Johnson
Sun. 8:00am	C. Otters K. Moores	L. Calderwood	T. Wetzel	J. Page / T. Ogrinc C. Preto	S. Rosace K. Gaser
Sun. 9:45am	H. Williams M. Musk	E. Perme	G. Haritonovich	D. Gannon / C. Goodin M. Haritonovich	M. Wagner V. Wagner
Sun. 11:45am	B. Blue G. Slogar	J. Solpa	T. Gorenssek	K. Wetzel / A. Stokes M. Muehle	W. Thomas-Greaves M. Wetzel
Sun. 7:00pm	J. Boellner M. Chinchar	N. Anzlovar	K. Baioni	R. Tracey / F. Buda / J. Kukula J. Martin / A. Rodriguez / T. Isabella W. Knox / D. Baioni	L. Bogart T. Capek

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"



ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. All St. Felicitas parishioners, school families and neighbors are invited to an Open House in the school today, Sunday from 10:30am-1:30pm. Come meet the teachers, see the awesome work of our students and enjoy some refreshments. Celebrate with us and witness the **"Light of faith, learning and love that shines on the hill!"**

ATTENTION ALL IN MINISTRIES THAT INVOLVE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN: Please note that if you are involved in any ministry at St. Felicitas that involves contact with children, you must read the revised Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse and sign an acknowledgment form that you have done so by February 1, 2008. If you have not yet fulfilled this Diocesan requirement, or have not yet been contacted and asked to do so, please contact the parish office for a copy of the policy and acknowledgment form. Again, these forms must be signed and returned by February 1, 2008.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL offers programs for 3, 4, & 5 years old. Registration for the 2008-2009 school year will be on Wednesday February 6th from 8:00am-1:00pm and from 6:30pm-7:30pm. After February 6th we will take registration Monday thru Friday 8:00am-1:00pm. For further information or to schedule a visit call 216-732-9116. The Pre-school will participate in the "All School Open House" on January 27th from 10:30am-1:30pm.

YOUTH CORNER

February 3rd	Coffeehouse Meeting	Arabica-Wickliffe 7:00-9:00pm
February 10th	Bake Sale For Relay for Life	After all the Masses
February 10th	Youth Mass	7:00pm Mass with open gym until 9:00pm
February 11th	Scripture Study and Conversation	6:30-8:30pm

Scripture Study and Conversation for students in Grades 9-12, is offered on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. This study will be led by Mr. Jeff Linsky and Deacon Tom deHaas. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Linsky at 440-585-3238 or email linsclub@adelphia.net.

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes & Loose Change Jan. 20th.....	\$6,874.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$37.00
Total Donations Received.....	\$6,911.00
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly Operating Expenses.....	\$15,737.00
Excess/(Deficit).....	(\$8,826.00)
Collection same time period last year	\$7,197.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	(\$286.)

Church in Latin America Collection-February 3rd

Thank you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"

PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledge Total	\$1,541,103.67
Campaign Goal	\$1,700,000.00
Percent of Goal	91%
Cash Total	\$1,518,900.01
No. of Pledges	543
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

Thank you for your generosity!

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Paula DiDona of Wickliffe, our winner of the **Jan. 20th PTU Weekly Raffle**. John Kendzierski of Euclid was the seller winner.



**ST. FELICITAS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
216-289-6456**

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered, we can offer prayers of thanksgiving.



St. Felicitas Church

February, 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00pm Healing Mass	2 9:00am-1:00pm Women's Day of Prayer and Reflection
3 Blessing of the Throats at all Masses 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:30pm Catechumenate	4	5 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm Liturgy Commission Meeting	6 Ash Wednesday A day of fast and abstinence Ashes to be distributed at 8:15am Mass, 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm Mass 7:00pm Rite of Election	7 6:45pm Bingo Team #1	8 A day of abstinence 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	9 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group 9:15am-12:30pm PSR Gr. 1-6 6:45pm Bingo Team A
10 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 2-4:00pm SFS Father-Daughter Dance 5:30pm Catechumenate 7:00pm Youth Mass	11 6:30-8:30pm PSR Junior Hi 6:30-8:30pm Scripture Study & Conversation for 9-12th Grade 7:30pm Scripture Study	12 7:00-9:00pm Baptismal Workshop 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm School Development Meeting	13 7:00-9:00pm Confirmation Session	14 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 7:30pm Spiritual Development Meeting	15 A day of abstinence SFS-No School	16
17 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 2:00pm Parish Mission-at St. Felicitas 5:30pm Catechumenate	18 SFS-No School 7:30pm Scripture Study 7:30pm Parish Mission-at St. Felicitas	19 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm Finance Commission Meeting 7:30pm Church-Communion & Mission	20 7:00pm Boosters Mtg	21 6:45pm Bingo Team #3 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	22 A day of abstinence	23 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group 8:30-9:30am Market Day P/U 9:30-11:00am PSR 1st Comm. Class 6:45pm Bingo Team B
24 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 11:45am Rite of Election (Confirmation) 3:00pm Taize Concert 5:30pm Catechumenate	25 7:30pm Scripture Study 7-8:30pm 1st Communion Parent-Child Session	26 7:30pm Legion of Mary Parish Mission at St. Paul with Communal Penance 7:30pm Church-Communion & Mission	27 SFS-1:30pm Dismissal	28 6:45pm Bingo Team #4	29 A day of abstinence 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	