



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Death.....to self.

How's your lent going? I am having some trouble with my journey. I am making an effort to be more Holy, and not doing too well. I also have given up swearing (not that I have a potty mouth or anything but occasionally, I slip) and every word costs me a dollar. The money is adding up I might add. I came across this reflection in "One Bread, One Body" which is put out by Presentation Ministries. I felt it really related to lent.

"They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it." —Exodus 32:8

During Lent we imitate Jesus as He was led by the Spirit into the desert (Lk 4:1). The desert is not only a physical place but a spiritual condition. We give alms to the degree that we don't have money to buy what we usually buy. We pray so often we deprive ourselves of our customary diversions. We fast so much we don't have the stimulation we usually have. We enter an emotional, psychological, and spiritual desert. We're hungry for pleasure, entertainment, and food.

We're also hungry for God. The devil will tempt us to give priority to our carnal desires. He will try to manipulate and bribe us with food, power, and pleasure (see Lk 4:3, 6-7). If we give in to these temptations, we will have given something priority over God. In effect, we will have made a golden calf in the desert and worshiped an idol (see Ex 32:8).

However, if we resist the temptation to leave the desert by our own power and find our own promised land, we will see our heavenly Father provide for us, His children. We will move into a new dimension of trust in our Father. In the Lenten desert, we will either be manipulated by sin or transformed by Abba.

Now when I read this last week, I thought, "I'm not doing very well this Lent." Or am I? I have not gone into the total desert of self-denial or death to self. But I have been swearing less (you would to if it cost you a buck a word). I am trying to listen to God more during my morning meditation time. And I am refraining from repeating off color jokes. So in some respects, it has been a good lent.

How about you? One week left until Easter. Consider dedicating this week to some quiet reflection time in front of the crucifix, or attending one or more of the holy week liturgies. Death to SELF brings us closer to LIFE after death.....Tom deHaas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

Good Friday, March 21st is a day of abstinence from meat and also a DAY OF FAST, that is limited to one single full meal. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 years of age. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.

CONFESSIONS: For Holy Week the only time confessions will be heard is on Monday, March 17th from 6:00 — 7:00 pm. Please note: Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.



Come, walk with us through Holy Week to Easter!

Journey to New Life...

Complete your Lenten Journey in a powerful way by attending St. Felicitas Holy Week services.

We will emphasize our participation and our music to prepare our hearts, minds & souls for the Easter Celebration!



Holy Wednesday: 7:00pm

Mass followed by Tenebrae service with Taize

A unique service to help us focus on how Christ enlightened the world. Taize set the Word of God to music, and its gentle repetition allows us deep spiritual contemplation.

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm Mass

Commemoration of the First Eucharist and Washing Ceremony

We will all become servants in a symbolic washing ceremony, accept Jesus, receive the Eucharist, and witness a variation to the procession with the Blessed Sacrament.



Good Friday

12noon - 3pm Stations of the Cross with Reflective Prayer and Song

A meaningful service commemorating the final hours of our Lord's Passion.

Feel free to come and go as your schedule may allow.

6:30pm Passion of Christ and Veneration of the Cross

All of us will proclaim the final hours of our Savior's Passion... enhancing our appreciation of the price Jesus paid on our behalf... receive the Eucharist, and venerate the symbol of our faith.



Holy Saturday: 8:30pm

Renewal of our Faith & Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Join us as we renew our baptismal promises in the service that is the foundation of our faith...our celebration of light, sound, water, Word and Sacrament that inspires us in our daily lives.

This Mass also fulfills our Easter Sunday obligation.



Easter Sunday: Holy Masses at 8am, 9:45am and 11:45am ONLY

Please consider making this a prayerful week of sacrifice and celebration by attending at least one more service than you have attended in the past!

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Felicitas is called to be a diverse, faith-filled Christian community. Rooted in the Eucharist and Catholic tradition, we are unified in the Spirit of hope and love. Individually and collectively, we are responsible to fulfill God's will as Jesus did by striving to grow in unconditional respect for, acceptance of, and service to everyone.



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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Dolores Anderson, Millie Branisel, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Kruum Dimitro, Charlotte Farinacci, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Jim Pevec, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Joseph Ross, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Gordon Skurzak, Milena Sverko, Milton Taisey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert
Please notify the rectory when a name can be removed from this list.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monday of Holy Week Mary Knetz James Kirchmeir, Jr.	Mar. 17
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday of Holy Week Mary Fuerst John Stempihar	Mar. 18
WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday of Holy Week Victoria Pinto Victor Kmetich	Mar. 19
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Present & Past priests of St. Felicitas (<i>Fr. John</i>)	Mar. 20
FRIDAY 6:30 p.m.	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Mar. 21
SATURDAY 8:30 p.m.	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (<i>Fr. Sal</i>)	Mar. 22
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday Minka Kmetich (<i>Fr. John</i>) Lang & Stuerzenberger Fam. (<i>Fr. Sal</i>) Fred & Matilda Melocik (<i>Fr. John</i>) NO MASS	Mar. 23

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar.19.....
Thomas-Greaves
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 23.....Chris & Ashland

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Mar. 23....."B" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — MARCH 22-23, 2008

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	V. Kostelec R. Lamm	P. Mayer	D. Abreo	S. Lonchar / J. Melvin / M. Monger M. Monger / B. Pophal / C. Barni J. Barni / T. Brokamp	P. Koenig C. Malta
Sun. 8:00am	S. Glavic T. Jones	C. Hainrihar	T. Wetzel	M. Gricar / C. Gricar / T. Ogrinc S. Organiscak / W. Burnett/ M. Muehle W. Nalepka / J. Radachy	S. Henry T. Henry
Sun. 9:45am	J. Yeckley A. Barteld	L. Cooke	A. Krutko	M. Haritonovich / E. Dulaney F.Koballa R. Plavac / N. Somich C. deHaas / A. Busch / K. Gamber	E. Doering W. Fistek
Sun. 11:45am	Z. Ivey R. Manning	T. Gorenssek	T. Hlabse	J. Berquist / J. Bretz / L. Grosel E. Hlabse / S. Johnson / B. Kelley K. Musarra / J. Solpa	

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

MUSIC MINISTRY: Music Rehearsals for Bells are on Tues. 7:30-9:00pm, CMG's rehearsals are Wed. 7:30-9:00pm, sings at 9:45am Mass, Traditional Choir's rehearsals are Sun. 11:00am, sings at 11:45am Mass, Children's rehearsals are Wed. 2:30-3:30pm, and will start singing at 4:00pm Sat. Mass Mar. 29th, please be there by 3:00pm. New Members are always welcome to our Music Ministry, please call Dr. William Schoeffler at 216-233-1936.

USHERS WANTED! Men, women, and teens, sixteen and older are invited to be Ushers at one of our five Masses. We are in special need of Ushers for the 11:45am and 7:00pm Masses on Sunday. However, we welcome all new Ushers at every Mass. If you are interested, please contact Don Doering at 440-488-2796.

REMINDER FOR PROGRESSIVE EMPLOYEES: Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting matching gift applications to Progressive for charitable gifts made during 2007 is April 1, 2008. If you are an employee of Progressive, please help our community by filing the application!

SAVE THE DATE-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Planning your vacations or summer camps? Don't forget to mark your calendars for St. Felicitas Vacation Bible School. This year's fun filled week will be July 7-July 11th. If you are interested in helping out please call Rhonda Dulaney at 440-953-0403.

FLOWER SALE: Flower sale order forms can be picked up at the kiosk in the Church Gathering Area. **Orders are due in by Friday, Apr. 11, 2008.**

LAST CALL FOR GIRL SCOUT COOKIES! Girl Scout cookies will be sold after Masses this weekend. Then they'll be gone until next year. Why not buy some to fill Easter baskets or put in the freezer? Since we're selling what we have left, if you want to be sure to get your favorites, or check on possible leftover cookies, call Cynthia at 216-486-6365. Thank you.

NEW ST. FELICITAS ONLINE CALENDAR: Our parish website calendar is now hosted by Google. The new calendar lists all parish events and activities in detail. The calendar is extremely versatile and can even be added to your own free Google Calendar with one click. Go to www.stfelicitas.com and click on the parish calendar link for more details. -Mike Cinalli webmaster@stfelicitas.com

YOUTH CORNER

April 6th	Arabica Coffeehouse Wickliffe	7:00-9:00pm
April 13th	Youth Mass	7:00pm Mass with open gym until 9:00pm
July 12th	Relay for Life	Please join our team at the website/ registration forms in kiosk

We are always welcoming new members, come and see what we're all about. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Linsky at 440-585-3238 or email linsclub@adelphia.net.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



CLOTHING DRIVE AT ST. ROBERT'S: St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a clothing drive at St. Robert's on Saturday, Mar. 29th from 10:00am-1:00pm. Please bring your gently used, clean clothing, linens and shoes. A SVDP truck driver will be attending the truck.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The DeJohn-Flynn-Mylott Funeral Home is offering deserving students The Ross and Carmell DeJohn Trust 100 Scholarship Award. This scholarship is not based just on grades or athletic achievement. The scholarship winners will receive \$500.00 that can be used toward college or technical school. Please call the Parish Office at 216-289-0770 for a copy of the application which is due April 1, 2008.

PILGRIMAGE OF A LIFETIME: You are invited to join Fr. Edward Smith of St. Christine's and Fr. Richard Evans, as they lead an eleven day pilgrimage to some of the holiest sites in Portugal, Spain and France beginning November 3rd, 2008. For more information please contact Fr. Edward Smith at 216-261-1410.

ST. NOEL BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Offering the Embrace of Christ to those who grieve, a six week series on Wednesday evenings. The sessions will be Mar.26, Apr.2, Apr.9, Apr.17(Thurs), Apr.23 and Apr.30, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Nativity Room. Please call by Mon. Mar. 24th to register, at 440-946-0887.

"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	\$1,531,726.91
No. of Pledges	543
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:

Our Little Sisters were very pleased to be in your Parish to celebrate the liturgy with you. We are grateful that you gave us the opportunity to speak about our Mission at the Masses. The collection amounted to \$3,703.90. We thank you for your warm welcome and kindness shown to us. Your generosity is a genuine witness of sharing and concern for the aged. Our prayer asks God's blessing for your entire parish family.

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes & Loose Change Mar.9th.....	\$5,741.95
Children's Envelopes.....	<u>\$18.24</u>
Total Donations Received.....	\$5,760.19
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly	
Operating Expenses.....	\$15,737.00
Excess/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$9,976.81)</u>
Collection same time period last year.....	\$7,827.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	(\$2,066.81)

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

RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Albert Grossman of Euclid, our winner of the **Mar. 9th PTU Weekly Raffle**. Albert Grossman was also the seller winner.

LOOKING AHEAD

WEEK OF MARCH 17TH:

MONDAY-MARCH 17th

6:00-7:00pm Confessions

TUESDAY-MARCH 18th

7:30pm Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 19th

7:00pm Mass followed by Tenebrae
Service with Taize style music

THURSDAY-MARCH 20th

1:30pm Dismissal SFS
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper,
Adoration until 10:30pm

FRIDAY-MARCH 21st

A day of Fast & Abstinence
12:00-3:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY-MARCH 22nd

1:00pm & 3:00pm Blessing of Food
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

SUNDAY-MARCH 23rd EASTER

Easter Masses: 8:00am, 9:45am, and
11:45am *No 7:00pm Mass*

WEEK OF MARCH 24TH

MONDAY-MARCH 24th

TUESDAY-MARCH 25th

7:30pm Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 26th

THURSDAY-MARCH 27th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #3

FRIDAY-MARCH 28th

SATURDAY-MARCH 29th

SUNDAY-MARCH 30th

9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word
5:30pm Catechumenate