

**FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF**



***St. Felicitas School - A light of faith, learning, and love that shines on the hill...***

It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child. If this is true than I would propose that it takes the entire community to educate that same child. Our St. Felicitas School Mission Statement states:

*“St. Felicitas Catholic Elementary School is a Christ-centered community, dedicated to motivating students to reach their God given **potential** through prayer, study, and outreach.*

The potential that is highlighted in this statement does not refer just to academics. It is our goal to educate the whole child: in spirit, in body, in morals and values, in emotions, and in social interactions, as well as in mind. The educational team of St. Felicitas recognizes that this goes far beyond the lessons taught in the classroom. This is the reason that extracurricular activities are such an important component of our educational program.

According to a recent study by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, children who participate in after-school programs are more engaged in and have a better attitude about learning, perform better academically, and enjoy an increased sense of accomplishment, competence, and self-esteem. We support this study at St. Felicitas, and this is why so many of our teachers donate their own time and talents in order to offer extracurricular activities to our students. Some of these activities include:

- \*Art Club \*Drama Club \*Chess Club \*Ski Club \*Student Council \*Power of the Pen
- \*Spelling Bee Club \*Leaders in Learning \*School Newspaper \*Choir

Parents and other parishioners, that recognize the importance of extracurricular activities for students, dedicate their time and talents as well. Because of their willingness to volunteer, the following activities are also an option for our students:

- \*Girl Scouts \*Boy Scouts
- \*CYO Sports – including Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball and Baseball

It’s easy to see that the students of St. Felicitas have a wide variety of extracurricular activities to choose from and to participate in. We like to brag: ***“There is something for everyone at St. Felicitas School”!***

Thanks to all who make these activities possible for our students, and thanks to all who support them; whether it is to drive or pick up, to attend a play, to sit in the stands or on the field, to read a creative story or article, to display a painting, to camp out in the rain, or to buy a cookie! It truly does take an entire community to educate a child!

.....Mrs. Martha Dodd



**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;  
Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**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.

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

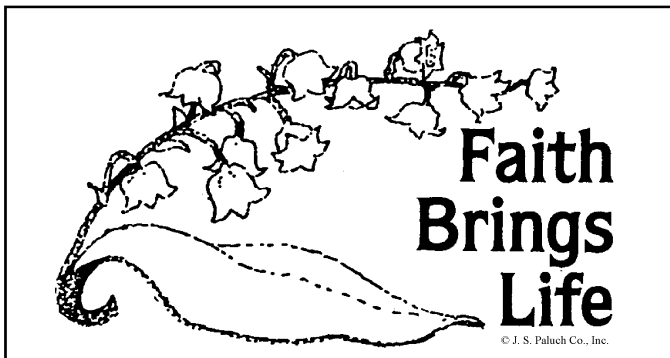


Anthony Brodnik, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Cindy Gates, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash, Packy Hyland Sr., Andrew Jarm, Manda Jukic, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Robert Popvic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Leslie Richards, Norma Sedar, and Milton Taisey

**Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.**



**CARING COOKS MINISTRY:** Are you or your family enduring an illness, recovering from surgery or another emergency? The "Caring Cooks" can help. On a short-term basis, the Caring Cooks will provide meals during a difficult time. Call the Parish Office for further information. If interested in joining this ministry to help your fellow parishioners during their difficult time, also contact the Parish Office.



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**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.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE**

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31). The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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**MASS INTENTIONS:** Since we will be merging with St. Paul on a date still to be approved by Bishop Lennon and will have to accommodate Mass intentions for both parishes, with a potentially different daily Mass schedule, we are not currently scheduling any Mass intentions until further notice.

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA:** St. Felicitas will continue to pray the St. Anthony Novena on Tuesday evenings at the 7:00pm Mass until June 9th.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 20</b>
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
7:00 p.m.	Rita Faron	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 21</b>
8:15 a.m.	Maria & Lucio Faraci	
7:00 p.m.	Arthur Sedar	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 22</b>
8:15 a.m.	Josephine Faraci	
7:00 p.m.	Andrew Pinto	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>
8:15 a.m.	Richard Cinalli	
7:00 p.m.	Victor Kmetich	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>
8:15 a.m.	Joe Kaurich	
7:00 p.m.	Andrew Carson	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Mark, evangelist</b>	<b>Apr. 25</b>
8:15 a.m.	Jo Swetlin	
5:00 p.m.	Lemmo Family	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>
8:00 a.m.	Marge & Joe Kaurich	
10:00 a.m.	Ronnie & Bill Brown	
12:00 p.m.	Baird & Lipold Family	



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Apr. 22.....Brokamp  
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Apr. 26.....Legion of Mary

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Mon. Apr. 27th....."D" Team

<b>MINISTERS SCHEDULE —APRIL 25-26, 2009</b>							
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. John	M.L. Bertsch R. Lamm	M. Freas	P. Mayer	D. Hocevar, T. Isabella, J. Kern, W. Knox, S. Lonchar	A. Isabella N. Isabella	B. Loeser
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. John	R. Tepley J. Buda	C. Hainrihar	T. Hlbase	J. Reilly, P. Reilly, R. Smith, A. Rodriguez, D. Sowell	L. Bogart J. Bryda	A. Vento
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	A. Linek C. Nych	D. DiMare	G. Haritonovich	E. Dulaney, E. Edelman, L. Fulton, P. Gallagher, C. Goodin	J. Dulaney W. Fistek	B. Loeser
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	R. Manning K. McMahan	T. Gorenssek	J. Johnson	D. Rymer, A. Stokes, K. Triskett, D. Thomas-Greaves, S. Thomas-Greaves	M. Thomas- Greaves C. Chiappero	M. Fodor

**GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"**



**NIGHT AT THE RACES:** After the weekend Masses you can purchase your admission ticket for \$15.00 which includes plenty of food and beverages, buy horses for \$15.00 each, or sign up to volunteer. You can also turn in ads for the program. Come Saturday, May 16th and enjoy all the thrills and excitement of being at the track!

**RAFFLE**

**MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY 50/50 RAFFLE:** The list of winners from this weekend's drawing will be posted on the kiosk. There will only be three weeks to sell the May tickets, please turn them in as soon as possible. May tickets are now available after weekend Masses, in the kiosk, or at the Parish Office. Please continue to turn in sold tickets in the collection basket.

**BOCCE SIGN-UP:** With Spring here-Summer and Bocce will soon follow. For the next three weeks we will have Bocce sign-up for the Men's (Monday nights), Women's (Wednesday nights), and Couples' (Friday nights) Leagues. Sign-up forms are in the gathering area of the church. This is a wonderful way to enjoy the sport and get to meet many other parishioners. Hope to see YOU on the courts.

**ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** will be Saturday, May 16th from 9:00-11:00am and Sunday, May 17th from 9:30-11:30am. We currently have open registration for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. We have programs for children 3 or 4 yrs of age by Aug. 1st and for children 5 yrs of age by Jan. 30, 2010. You may call/ or visit the school Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30am-2:00pm. For further information call 216-732-9116.



**"SAVE THE DATES"** Vacation Bible School will be July 13 through July 17. If you are interested in helping please call Rhonda Dulaney at 440-953-0403.

**EUCLID CATHOLIC PARISHES:** A new website, [www.euclidcatholicparishes.com](http://www.euclidcatholicparishes.com) is a portal for information about the six Euclid Catholic Churches. Included is information about the parish mergers, contact information, events, announcements and more. Be sure to take a look!



**WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR:** Please plan to attend our Parish Wills and Estate Planning Seminar on Monday, May 11th at 9:00am or Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm. A volunteer estate-planning attorney from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation will present the May 11th program in the church's gathering area, while the May 18th program will be in the school. People of all ages and estates of all sizes will benefit from this presentation. Please watch the bulletin for more information regarding this seminar and how to reserve a place for yourself, family members and friends.

**THANK YOU !**

to all who contributed to the church for the Easter Altar Flowers;



- Howard & Mary Frain...
- In memory of Patricia Frain
- Pat & James Kuderka...
- In memory of Joe & Marge Kaurich
- Dorothy Raptosh...
- In memory of John Raptosh
- Ross Family...
- In memory of Joseph Ross



**RAFFLE WINNER**



**Congratulations** to Martha Bukovec of Willoughby, our winner of the **Week #28 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Martha Bukovec was also the seller winner.

## LET'S REBUILD TOGETHER!

**New Directions for Living** is a charitable organization in Lake County that helps homeless or near homeless individuals and families help themselves. They offer a self-sufficiency program as well as affordable transitional housing for up to 24 months. During this time they work closely with their clients to help them develop goals and identify specific action plans aimed at improving the overall quality of their lives.

Once again our parish is partnering with **New Directions for Living** to help renovate these homes. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year of working their team improving these homes. Using materials and supplies donated by local businesses, our volunteers donate their time and talents to help rebuild these homes. We need **8-10 volunteers** again this year to help with remodeling, painting, clean-up work, and landscaping. No particular skills are required. This day of volunteering takes place on **Saturday, May 2nd**. The day will be filled with fellowship, fun, and of course a little hard work. You will find that personally helping our neighbors who are less fortunate is a very rewarding experience. As it is written in Matthew 25:40:

***"I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."***

If you are interested in joining us on May 2nd, contact Jeff Melvin at (440) 944-4153 or at melvin-family@oh.rr.com.

**Our Sunday bulletin** is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company, the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times. **A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a strong business community is good for our parish.**

## NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT SAINT JOHN CATHEDRAL:**

Couples who were married in 1959 are invited to celebrate their wedding jubilee with Bishop Richard Lennon on Sunday, July 26th, at 2:30pm at the Cathedral in Cleveland. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

**New Adult Tutor Training:** Thea Bowman Center and St. Augustine Church are welcoming new and returning tutors to their Adult Skills Enhancement classes provided in partnership with CMSD Adult & Continuing Education. Tutors are needed for reading, writing, math, and GED preparation. To register, please contact Meagen Howe at [farrellink@yahoo.com](mailto:farrellink@yahoo.com) or 216.973.4977. New Adult Literacy Tutor Training Saturday, May 2, 9am-2pm The Learning Center at St Augustine Church 2486 West 14th Street, Cleveland. Parking is free. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Link for full announcement: <http://farrellink.wordpress.com/2009/03/25/new-tutor-training/New> Adult Student Registration Thea Bowman Center and St. Augustine Church are accepting new students for their Adult Skills Enhancement classes provided in partnership with CMSD Adult & Continuing Education. New students must register and bring a photo ID. For more information about registration dates and times, contact CMSD Adult Education at 216.631.2885. Link for full announcement: <http://farrellink.wordpress.com/2009/03/25/new-student-registration/>

**Lake Catholic High School Open House:** will be held on Wednesday, April 29th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Learn about the Catholic in Lake Catholic. Tour our student-centered campus. Meet our faculty and administrators and see what academic excellence looks like. Learn about leadership opportunities in Athletics, Academic Clubs and Organizations, Student Council and Committees, Drama, Music, and the Arts. For further information please call Mrs. Mary Jo Elber at (440)951-0077 ext. 234

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL:** The Archdiocese of Anchorage has 11,500 registered Catholic families, 140,000 square miles, and only 30 active diocesan priests. Sadly, such shortages occur often in United States mission dioceses. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports religious education and seminary training to bring increased pastoral care to our home mission parishes. Please give generously in next week's appeal.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$7,317.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(4,763.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$495,280.00
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$418,108.09
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(77,171.91)
Holy Land(Good Friday).....	\$794.00
Easter Collection.....	\$18,394.00

*Catholic Home Missions Appeal-April 26th*

**Thank you for your generosity.**



C-Church  
 P-Parish Office  
 S-School            G-Gym  
 MR1-Meeting Room #1  
 MR2-Meeting Room #2  
 MR3-Meeting Room #3

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**WEEK OF APRIL 20TH**

- MONDAY-APRIL 20th**  
 SFS-Classes resume  
 7:30pm PSR Teacher's Meeting(S)
- TUESDAY-APRIL 21st**  
 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1)  
 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)  
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)  
 7:30pm School Development Meeting(S)
- WEDNESDAY-APRIL 22nd**  
 7:30pm Adult Music Ministry Practice(C)
- THURSDAY-APRIL 23rd**  
 6:45pm Bingo-Team #4(G)
- FRIDAY-APRIL 24th**
- SATURDAY-APRIL 25th**  
 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)  
 9:15am-12:30pm PSR Grade 1-8(S)  
 6:45pm Bingo Team B
- SUNDAY-APRIL 26th**  
 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

**WEEK OF APRIL 27TH**

- MONDAY-APRIL 27th**
- TUESDAY-APRIL 28th**  
 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)  
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)  
 7:30pm Finance Council Meeting(MR1)
- WEDNESDAY-APRIL 29th**  
 1:30pm SFS Dismissal  
 7:30pm Adult Music Ministry Practice(C)
- THURSDAY-APRIL 30th**  
 6:45pm Bingo-Team #1(G)  
 7:30pm First Communion Practice(C)
- FRIDAY-MAY 1st**
- SATURDAY-MAY 2nd**  
 9-11:00am First Communion Practice(C)
- SUNDAY-MAY 3rd**  
 8:30am-1:30pm Blood Drive(G)  
 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)  
 2:00pm First Communion Mass