



## FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

I know we've been hearing about this time, talent, treasure talk lately. You may be asking the question "So what does this have to do with me? I can barely afford gas for my car, buy food, pay the bills and what's left over is a negative balance in my checking account!" Sound familiar? As I write this, one of our cars is getting a gas leak fixed which may cost more than what's left in our checking account and it's 15 days till payday. So what's a good steward to do? I am tempted to just not give for a couple weeks at church. But I came across this story. I put the most compelling part in bold (and yes it has to do with money).

### Quilt of Holes

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles; an angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in every day life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the **bright hues of worldly fortune**. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose; each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. **I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes**. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and wealth, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light.

An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, 'Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you. 'May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through!'

So here's the question I ask myself everyday. "If I can't take it with me, what does God want me to do with my time, talent, and treasure TODAY?.....Tom deHaas

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20; or Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58 (for St. Joseph)
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

### **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.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### **NEXT STEPS IN THE CLUSTERING PROCESS** By The Most Reverend Richard Lennon:

Consultation is the goal. In the next three months these plans are to be presented to the parish communities with an explanation of the proposed plan by the parish cluster team. Feedback from the parishioners is to be received. The insights and wisdom of the wider community will be taken into consideration by the planning team and help them fine tune the proposed plan. This phase also will provide important formation for parishioners, that is, giving them a fuller understanding of the life and mission of the Church going forward. Formation and consultation within the parishes is of the utmost importance as the clustering process moves toward its goal: a recommendation to the bishop.

The goal of these first two stages of the cluster planning process is the presentation of a recommendation to me. As the bishop of the diocese, after having heard much advice and counsel, I have the responsibility and the burden of making these challenging decisions concerning the nature and shape of the pastoral ministry for our diocese. The cluster planning process will provide essential input and wisdom from those most directly involved in and responsible for the day to day ministry in our parishes.

Beginning in September the first set of recommendations will be submitted to my office. With the assistance of the Vibrant Parish Life II Task Force and my staff, these recommendations will be considered. In February I will promulgate the definitive plan for pastoral ministry in each of our 69 clusters. By the end of June 2010 these plans will be fully implemented and our entire diocesan Church will be poised to move into the future with a more vibrant, stronger, and energized pastoral ministry, thereby addressing the challenges of the mission of the Church.

So, these Easter days of light and life will be days of communication, formation, and consultation for our parishes and our clustering planning teams. May the spirit of communion and cooperation that has marked the first stages of this process be even more prevalent in this new phase.

As I said in my installation homily almost two years ago, let us pray that together we as a local Church might more perfectly embody the faith described in the Acts of the Apostles in which "the devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers." This Easter hope and life is our call to vibrancy. May the Risen Lord abide with us and guide us in his ways.

(This is part two of the article that appeared in the Universe Bulletin April 4, 2008 issue. Part 2 will appear here next week)



Baptism workshop for expecting parents will be held **on TUESDAY, May 13<sup>th</sup>** in the School from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. 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. Please note the change of day: this workshop will be held on Tuesday.



**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA** will continue each Tuesday until June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Novena is held in conjunction with the 7:00 pm Mass.



**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT SAINT JOHN CATHEDRAL:** Couples who were married in 1958 are invited to celebrate their wedding jubilee with Bishop Richard Lennon on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30pm at the Cathedral in Cleveland. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

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



Delores Anderson, Helen Bretz, Millie Branisel, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Milena Sverko, Milton Taisey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert

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

**RAFFLE WINNER**

**Congratulations** to Arlene Hosler of Richmond Hts., our winner of **Week 29 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Arlene Hosler of Richmond Hts. was also the seller winner.

**Congratulations** to the Chiappero Family of Wiloughby Hills, our winners of the **April Monthly Ten Ticket Raffle**.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Apr. 30. Thomas-Greaves Grande Pointe-Sun. May 4.....Matt & Ron

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Sun. May 4th....."B" Team  
Counters for Mon. May 5th....."G" Team

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>
8:15 a.m.	Libert & Andrew Pinto	
7:00 p.m.	Richard Willkomm	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Catherine of Siena</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>
8:15 a.m.	Paul Tommer, Jr.	
7:00 p.m.	All Souls	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>
8:15 a.m.	Martin & Mary Lally	
7:00 p.m.	Matt Hutar	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>May 1</b>
8:15 a.m.	Robert Vitas	
7:00 p.m.	Charles & Victoria Shell	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Athanasius, bp. doc.</b>	<b>May 2</b>
8:15 a.m.	Minka Kmetich	
7:00 p.m.	Jimmy Trusso	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Philip and James, apostles</b>	<b>May 3</b>
8:15 a.m.	Ernie Kinkopf-Anniversary	
4:00 p.m.	Stefi Arko <i>(Fr. Sal)</i>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 4</b>
8:00 a.m.	Henry Hiznay <i>(Fr. Mehok)</i>	
9:45 a.m.	Verona Horvat <i>(Fr. Sal)</i>	
11:45 a.m.	Santina Musarra <i>(Fr. Mehok)</i>	
1:30 p.m.	<i>First Communion Mass</i>	
7:00 p.m.	Grace Ican <i>(Fr. John)</i>	



**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.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAY 3-4, 2008**

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	M. Freas V. Kostelec	J. Borkey	J. Monger	L. Rupp / B. Pophal / C. Barni J. Barni / T. Brokamp / M. Malta J. Melvin / M. Monger	K. Johnson J. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	P. Sova H. Drozin	D. Meyers	W. Nalepka	J. Page / M. Muehle / T. Ogrinc S. Organiscak / C. Preto / J. Radachy W. Burnett / M. Gricar	S. Henry T. Henry
Sun. 9:45am	A. Barteld J. Yeckley	E. Edelman	N. Bogart	T. Bernardo / C. Goodin / S. Dreyer D. Szafranski / A. Busch / L. Cooke J. Kovelan / T. Melfi	J. Nych H. deHaas
Sun. 11:45am	C. Knox C. Knox	L. Gase	T. Gorenssek	K. Wetzel / J. Bretz / E. Hlabse S. Johnson / B. Kelley / S. Kelley K. Triskett / J. Bretz	M. Thomas-Greaves J. Mello
Sun. 7:00pm	C. Breshnam A. Abranovich	T. Isabella	N. Anzlovar	M. Carlo / D. Baioni / J. Barteld F. Buda / W. Knox / J. Kukula J. Martin / L. Fulton	A. Isabella C. Gricar

**GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"**

**RETIREMENT STRATEGIES FOR LIVING A LONG LIFE. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN TO DEAL WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS?** St. Felicitas parishioner Stan Davisson will present an informative seminar designed to educate about options for providing for long term health care to deal with chronic illness. The objective will be to clarify options and dispel myths about what you can count on from the government. Ample time will be available for questions. This seminar will help you to plan for care as you live a long life. Monday, May 12th at 7:30 p.m. St. Felicitas School.

**MANNA NEWS:** Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to sell Manna cards. The schedule and selling details will be mailed to you shortly. A special thank you to our team captains: Annette Koballa, Millie Lekan, Sheri Glavic, and Audrey Molnar. We will begin selling Manna after all the Masses on the following weekends; May 3rd, 17th, and June 14th and 28th. Please watch the bulletin for future dates. The following cards will be available; Giant Eagle, Heinens, Dave's, Speedway, Shell, BP, Kohl's, Macy's, Wendy's and Bob Evans. We will have limited number of the new cards and ask for your patience if a card should sell out.

**BOCCE SIGN-UPS:** With Spring here, Summer and Bocce will soon follow. This is the last weekend for Bocce Sign-ups for the Men's (Monday nights), Women's (Wednesday nights), and Couples' (Friday night) leagues. Sign-up forms are in 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!

**ADOPT-A-GARDEN-PLOT:** Ever wish you could plant your favorite perennials near the Shrine? Or add annuals to the gardens around the Church? Know of any plants that the deer *won't* eat? Do you or someone in your family have the greenest thumb in the neighborhood? Or do you just want to be part of something mulch bigger-made up of smaller plots that enhance the grounds here at St. Felicitas? There are no ground rules-only that it be pleasing to the Lord! The parish will supply the plot, God will supply sunlight and rain, you supply the green thumb and plants of your choosing. And yes, we still have plenty of thyme, as most spring planting should not be done until after the last frost. For more details, contact Ellen Perme at 216-404-0685, or Fr. Sal at the Parish Office. There will be a short meeting in early May to weed out questions, sprout friendships, and sow enthusiasm.

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May 11th	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
Aug. 3rd	THE FEST	Save the date; Noon-8:00pm with Mass & fireworks

We will be selling flowers Mother's Day weekend after all the Masses for Relay for Life. Please call/ email Jeff Linsky at 440-585-3238 or linsclub@adelphia.net to sign up at a Mass you will be attending to help sell. This should only take a few minutes and shouldn't conflict with any family plans you may have.

**RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE** will be at St. Felicitas on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 1:00pm.

**BOOSTER FLOWER SALE** pick up will be Saturday morning, May 3rd from 10:30am-12:30pm in the church parking lot.

**COLLECTIONS**

Envelopes & Loose Change Apr.20th.....	\$9,149.67
Children's Envelopes.....	<u>\$31.00</u>
Total Donations Received.....	\$9,180.67
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$15,737.00</u>
Excess/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$6,556.33)</u>
Collection same time period last year .....	\$9,290.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	(\$109.33)

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

**"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"**

**PLEDGE UPDATE**

Pledge Total	\$1,541,203.67
Campaign Goal	\$1,700,000.00
Percent of Goal	91%
Cash Total	\$1,545,039.54
No. of Pledges	545
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

**Thank you for your generosity!**



# St. Felicitas Church

## May, 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #4	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00-11:00am First Communion Practice
<b>4</b> <b>Ascension</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word  1:30pm First Communion Mass	<b>5</b> 7:00pm PTU Meeting  7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	<b>6</b> 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm Liturgy Comm. Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #1  7:30pm Spiritual Dev. Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group 9:15am PSR Gr. 1-6 Closing Mass 6:45pm Bingo Team A
<b>11</b> <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word  7:00pm Youth Mass	<b>12</b> 7:30pm Long- term Care Seminar 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	<b>13</b> 7:00-9:00pm Baptismal Workshop 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm School Dev. Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00pm SFS- Spring Band Concert	<b>15</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #2  7:30pm Parish Council Mtg	<b>16</b> 1:00pm SFS- May Crowning	<b>17</b> 9:00am- 12:00pm Clothing Swap & Shop (School Hall)
<b>18</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word  8:30am-1:00pm Bloodmobile	<b>19</b> 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	<b>20</b> 7:00pm SFS- Preschool Graduation 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Finance Comm. Meeting	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Boosters Mtg	<b>22</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #3	<b>23</b> SFS-1:30pm Dismissal	<b>24</b> 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up  6:45pm Bingo Team B
<b>25</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word	<b>26</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 9:30am Mass (only Mass for today) SFS-No School	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Townhall Mtg.- Clustering 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena 7:30pm Legion of Mary	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #4	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>