



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

St. Felicitas School
 A Light of Faith, Learning, and Love that Shines on the Hill...

When reflecting on the beginning of a new school year, the overwhelming thing that comes to mind is “change”. The start of a new school year brings a change of seasons. We leave the warm, lazy, hazy days of summer behind and welcome the beautiful colors of fall, cooler weather, and shorter days. The start of a new school year brings a change in grade level, different teachers, and a more challenging curriculum. This school year at St. Felicitas School a momentous change will occur. It is the 55th and final year that the light of faith, learning and love will shine from the St. Felicitas hill. Next year at this time we will begin a new school year with a new name. As has been reported in the church bulletin, St. Felicitas and St. Paul parishes are merging to form St. John of the Cross. On November 22nd the parish will officially close at a special Mass scheduled for 3:00 p.m. The following Sunday, November 29th our new parish will open with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. From this time until the end of the 2009-2010 school year, we will be officially called St. Felicitas School at the Parish of St. John of the Cross. **OUR SCHOOL IS NOT CLOSING!** We will still be the light of faith, learning, and love, but that light will shine from the hill of St. John of the Cross beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

Prince Philip of England once said, “Change does not change tradition. It strengthens it. Change is a challenge and an opportunity, not a threat.” I have challenged the faculty, staff, and students to embrace this change as an opportunity, however, some things will never change. We are now, and will forever remain, a school of excellence. Our mission will continue to be to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere of love and structure so that students are prepared for higher education with the ultimate goal of becoming messengers of the Good News in their family, parish, and neighborhood communities.

The job at hand for this school year is to reflect on and celebrate the excellence of our school known as St. Felicitas. We will spend this school year commemorating what we have been. We will welcome the last Kindergarten class and graduate the last eighth grade class of St. Felicitas School! We will embrace the opportunity to prepare for the first kindergarten class of St. John of the Cross in the fall of 2010.

I agree with Prince Philip’s observation of change. When faced with change of any kind, big or small, personal or professional, I try always remember that God’s will won’t take me where His grace won’t protect me. Please pray for the students, teachers, and parents of St. Felicitas School as we embark on this new school year of change.

Mrs. Martha Dodd



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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**



Roman Dowhan, Charlotte Farinacci, Mary Grieshammer, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Mary Jo Melody, Dorothy Pinto, Robert Popovic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Norma Sedar, Tony Stepec, Milton Taisey, and Catherine Yert

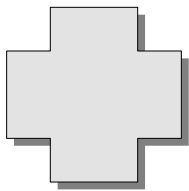
Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.



**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

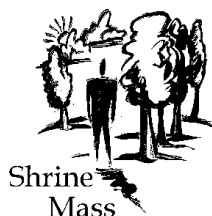


PSR/CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: PSR registrations have been mailed. If you did not receive one, there will be extra registration forms in the kiosk. Please note, the sacrament of

Confirmation will now be celebrated in 9th grade. Therefore, any students 9th grade and above who have not been confirmed can be prepared to receive this Sacrament in March. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Radey, at the Parish Office at 216-289-0770 or Barb Pallo at St. Paul, at 216-531-0900.

PSR's 1ST CLASS will be October 5th, not September 28th as noted in the September calendar. Sorry for any inconvenience.

MASS AT THE SHRINE: The last Sunday 8:00am outdoor Mass at the Shrine will be September 6th., for the season.



Shrine
Mass

Interested in finding out how to become Catholic? Know someone who is?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formation process for those interested in becoming a Catholic Christian. Starting in September we will meet on Sunday mornings to explore the beliefs of Catholicism and provide opportunities for you to experience the love and mercy of God and the joy of being a part of a Catholic Community of faith. If you or someone you know would like to experience what it means to be Catholic or if you have questions, you may contact Barb Pallo at St. Paul 216-531-0900 or Lisa Radey at St. Felicitas 216-289-0770.

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Jo Swetlin	Aug. 31
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday John Stempihar	Sept. 1
WEDNESDAY	No Mass	Sept. 2
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Gregory the Great Don & Andrew Pinto	Sept. 3
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Liv. & Dec. Members of Sedar Family	Sept. 4
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.	Weekday Thomas Milo	Sept. 5
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Bober Liv. & Dec. Members of Andrew Simon Family Patrick O'Connor	Sept. 6



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Sept. 2.....
Thomas-Greaves
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Sept. 6.....Sandy T.

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Sept. 7..... "A" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — SEPT. 5-6, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	C. Knox A. Molle	P. Mayer	M. Melfi	T. Brokamp, D. Carosello, M. Malta, J. Solpa, M. Zoul	N. Cavotta S. Rutti	
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	C. Fornal	N. Anzlovar	R. Smith	A. Gaser, C. Hainrihar, J. Reilly	A. Gricar C. Gricar	
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	R. Apanasewicz M. Chinchar	G. Haritonovich	R. Somich	M. Chinchar, M. Corbo, S. Davisson, C. deHaas, T. deHaas	R. Corbo H. deHaas	
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	K. McMahon L. Williams	J. Bretz	K. Musarra	J. Martin, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, D. Rymer, J. Schmidt	N. Isabella A. Isabella	

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

Parish to hire Part time Director of Religious Education

Last week, I began a search for a part time Director of Religious education for our new parish. I believe that if we are to continue to provide the best that we can in terms of programming, religious education, sacramental preparation and outreach, we must have adequate staffing. Since I will be the only priest at St. John of the Cross, and have very high hopes and aspirations for all that we will be able to offer, I will need even greater assistance from our Pastoral Associate, Lisa Radey, who is truly gifted in so many ways and brings so much life and love to our parish. The hiring of a DRE will help both her and me to truly focus our efforts in not only beginning new ministries, but also additional opportunities for faith formation, catechesis and spiritual growth. It is my commitment to each of you that we will do our best each day, given what we have, to make this a parish where all can grow in faith, hope, and love. God bless you all.

.....Fr. Sal

Lighthouse Catholic Media

New CDs are coming! Six new titles including works about the Trinity, The Blessed Mother, lives of popes, Mass, everyday life and divine mercy will be ordered soon. On the CD, Rebuilding the Christian Civilization, we hear Dr Scott Hahn tells us about being contagious Catholics. During this exciting time of merging we have another opportunity to evangelize by learning our Catholic faith and living our Catholic faith. Listen to a CD or two and then pass them on to friends. Perhaps a friend who hasn't been attending Mass just needs a little encouragement by way of a gift of a Lighthouse Catholic Media CD. As always thank you for remembering to donate \$3.00 for each CD. If you have any questions, please call Andrea Dean 440-944-1157.



ST. FELICITAS WEEKLY RAFFLE begins the first Friday in OCTOBER. Please pick up your tickets in the gathering area after Mass the weekends of August 29th-30th, Sept. 5th-6th and Sept. 12th-13th. We greatly appreciate your support and **THANK YOU** for helping raise over \$5,000 for the students of St. Felicitas School.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

"If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes and walk in the dark."



New Parish Logo Contest

All registered parishioners of St. Paul and St. Felicitas are invited to be a part of a contest to create a logo for our new parish, St. John of the Cross. This logo will be used on our website, our stationery, and all correspondence from the parish. If you are interested, please forward your design to Fr. Sal by **Monday, September 21, 2009**. Members of St. Paul and St. Felicitas will be involved in the judging. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 prize.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies Reverse Raffle will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009 at the Villa di Borally. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL: is offering a eight week program for you and your two/three year old non-preschooler. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Please call the Preschool at 216-732-9116 for further details.

BOCCE BANQUET: Attention all Bocce Players. St. Felicitas Bocce Banquet will be Sunday, Sept. 13th from 1:00pm-7:00pm. Save the date!



NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



ST. PAUL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS: You are all invited to the St. Paul Eucharistic Day on Sunday, September 13th. The Opening Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon. Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 1:00-4:30pm. The Closing Service and Benediction will begin at 4:30pm. Deacon Dave Kushner of St. Mary's Church in Collinwood will be the homilist. Refreshments will be served after the services.

CALLING ALL FORMER PARISHIONERS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH! You are invited to join us for the 85th Anniversary of Holy Cross Parish Saturday, September 19th at the 4:00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Pilla. There will be a reception after the Liturgy in the church hall. Since Holy Cross Parish is being merged with St. Christine Parish to form a new parish in February, 2010, this anniversary is significant. Come and worship with the people of Holy Cross, renew acquaintances, and share your memories. For further information, call 216-486-0850.

HEAVEN'S HOMELESS ANGELS has rescued homeless, elderly and unadoptable animals for the last twenty years. Over fifty animals are now cared for daily. We would appreciate if parishioners could clip pet food coupons to help offset the cost of food to allow more funds available for veterinary care. Your assistance will be ever grateful. A gift bag will be in the Gathering Area on the counter for your coupons. If you have any questions, please call Mary Vorisek, Founder, Heaven's Homeless Angels at 216-789-7127. Thank you.

POOR CLARES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION FOUNDATION 2009 CHARITY EVENT will be Sunday, September 20th, begin with 10:00am Mass with Bishop Roger Gries, O.S.B. followed by a visit with the Sisters. Silent Auction from 12:00-1:00pm, with a luncheon to follow. For tickets or any other information, please call Tom Kelley, President at 216-214-1679.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT hosted by Holy Cross School will be Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 7:00pm. Invited high schools included: VASJ, Beaumont, Lake Catholic, NDCL, St. Peter Chanel, Central Catholic, St. Edward, Benedictine, St. Ignatius, Magnificat, Regina and Gilmour. Holy Cross School is located at 175 East 200th St., in Euclid.

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!*



COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,143.61
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,936.39)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$69,726.63
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$96,640.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(26,913.37)
July Maintenance.....	\$4,662.00

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



LOOKING AHEAD

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST

MONDAY-AUGUST 31st

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 1st
7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 2nd
7:00pm Cantor Coaching Session(C)
7:00pm Oktoberfest Meeting(MR1)

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 3rd
6:45pm Bingo-Team #3(G)

FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 4th
1:30pm SFS Dismissal

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 5th

SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 6th

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH

MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 7th
SFS-No School

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 8th
7:00pm Back to School Night(G)
7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

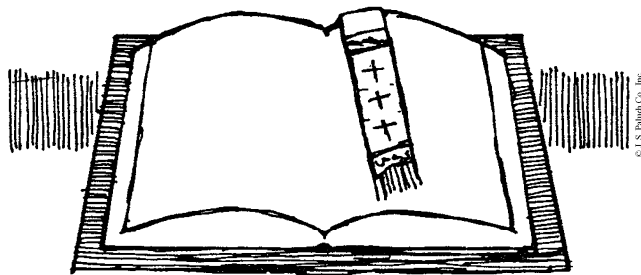
WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 9th
7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 10th
6:45pm Bingo-Team #4(G)

FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 11th

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 12th
7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S)
6:45pm Bingo Team A (G)

SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 13th
10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)



Welcome the Word

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2009**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b