

**FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF**

I had the honor and privilege of meeting with many parishioners of St. Paul at a town hall meeting last Monday night. I truly believe that the evening was one that helped us to get to know each other a little better and for me to address their concerns and answer their questions to the best of my ability. I do, however, believe that what they honestly needed was just someone to listen, and I did my best to let them know that not only were they being heard, but that I cared about their fears and concerns, their hopes and their dreams.

It became very clear to me that even those who are excited about the merger and find hope in a bright future in the parish of St. John of the Cross feel a deep sense of loss and are in need of healing. I suppose that we all must try to put ourselves in their place and consider what it would feel like to know that, after November 22, we could no longer worship in this church building, even though we know that WE are the Church. Many, I believe are concerned that what had been community at St. Paul will be lost in a larger community and that much of what they love about what they do now will disappear with time. I do know that by the end of the evening, something wonderful had happened...we had begun to build community.

My brothers and sisters, there will be many changes that will come as we prepare for, and as a result of, our merger. **EVERYONE will have to sacrifice something for the good of all...not only the people of St. Paul, but the people of St. Felicitas as well. The people of St. Paul are not joining OUR parish...we are forming a new community.** I ask for your understanding of the changes that will be made in the best interest of the new parish and the need to build something brand new. The nine merger subcommittees made up of parishioners from both St. Paul and St. Felicitas have done wonderful work in visioning for our new parish and dreaming wonderful dreams for our new beginning. I am looking forward to their recommendations on everything from what our new worship space will look like to the programs that we will offer and what we will maintain from both of our parishes to bring life and love to our new parish. This is a new and exciting day blessed by God's grace. No more can we say, "We've always done it this way" since after November 29, we will have never done ANYTHING before...we will be a new, vibrant, wonderful parish with unlimited possibilities.

As I said to the people of St. Paul last night, even though there may be times when this is difficult, we all want the same thing...to be disciples of Jesus and to learn to walk in His ways...to bring forth the Kingdom of God in our midst. This means that we have to work together to build a parish community that feels like home for ALL of us...not just the people of St. Felicitas OR the people of St. Paul, but to everyone who walks through our doors to worship our loving and compassionate God.

St. John of the Cross, pray for us.

In Christ's love.....Fr. Sal

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]


Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



**COME AND CELEBRATE LABOR DAY**  
**MASS: Sept. 7th Monday at 9:30am**  
**(only Mass for the day)**

**LET US TOGETHER JOIN IN**  
**CONSECRATING OUR LABOR**  
**TO THE LORD.**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### We are in need of help before the 10:00 AM Mass each week

Due to a work commitment, the parishioner who has been setting up for Mass before the 10:00am is no longer able to continue. If you would be willing to assist in the set up for Mass each week (cups, wine, chalice, hosts, etc...), please contact Fr. Sal at 216-289-0770. Thank you!

### An evening on the life of St John of the Cross

All parishioners from St. Paul and St Felicitas are invited to a gathering on **Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in Meeting Room 3 (the back of the church)**, to learn about the holy life of St. John of the Cross. We will watch a video entitled "John of the Cross" by Leonardo Defilipis and share our thoughts and reflections about how his faith and love for God can help us to form our own lives and inspire us as we build our new parish community with him as our patron. We will provide popcorn and beverages! Hope to see you there!

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study will resume on Monday, September 28th, at 7:30pm in the School Library. The topic: "The Book of Wisdom".

**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.**

### **JOINT LITURGY TO BE CELEBRATED AT ST. PAUL PARISH ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH AT 10:00 AM:**

Once again we will be celebrating liturgy with the people of St. Paul parish on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00am. This is another wonderful opportunity for us to gather together in worship and fellowship. Our last two joint liturgies were huge successes where we were able to feel the hope in what we will be able to accomplish together. Please once again do your best to attend this liturgy so that we can show our support for our new parish, St. John of the Cross, which will open on November 29th. **Please also note that the 10:00am Mass at St. Felicitas will be CANCELED** so that we can all share in this opportunity. All contributions in St. Felicitas envelopes will be returned to St. Felicitas.

### ***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.



**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 Mellody, 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.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>Weekday-Labor Day</b> Bob Rossoll	<b>Sept. 7</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Anna Budak	<b>Sept. 8</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Peter Claver, priest</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> James Kirchmeir, Jr.	<b>Sept. 10</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:15 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Frank Turk	<b>Sept. 11</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Mary Wray	<b>Sept. 12</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dante & Mary Bonazzoli <b>Canceled at St. Felicitas/ Joint Liturgy at St. Paul</b> Santina Musarra	<b>Sept. 13</b>

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Sept. 9.....Brokamp  
Grande Pointe-Sun. Sept. 13.....Legion of Mary

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Sun. Sept. 13....."C" Team  
Counters for Mon. Sept. 14....."E" Team

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE — SEPT. 12-13, 2009**

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld S. Lonchar	J. Monger	W. Nalepka	J. Barteld, M. Monger, L. Colo, M. Monger, T. Isabella	J. Mello J. Mello	
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	H. Drozin	L. Miller	R. Smith	J. Kmetich, D. Sowell, F. Zalar, P. Reilly, J. Reilly	J. Gricar Z. Martin	
Sun. 10:00am	<i>Canceled-</i>						
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	R. Manning A. Molnar	T. Gorenssek	J. Johnson	J. Bretz, M. Dodd, E. Dulaney, S. Johnson, I. Klemens	J. Dulaney M. Thomas- Greaves	

**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.

**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.



**8 GREAT DATES-COUPLES NIGHT OUT**

**WHAT IS 8 GREAT DATES?**

These 8 weekly dates are designed to build strong healthy marriages.

Over eight evenings, couples have the chance to discuss important issues often ignored in the rush of daily life. Topics include; 1. Building a strong foundation; 2. Communicating effectively; 3. Recognizing each others needs; 4. Resolving conflict effectively; 5. How to make each other feel loved; 6. Relationships with extended family; 7. How to make love a gift (sex talk for grown-up's); 8. Celebrating together.

**Who is "8 Great Date Nights" designed for?**

It is for any married couple. It does not matter how long you have been married. Whether you have been married 1 year or 50 years you can benefit from the things you will learn in this program. It is not designed to repair damaged marriages but to enhance a good one.

**What happens on a typical Date Night?**

Seated at your own private table you listen to a three-part presentation. Between the parts, each couple works on exercises and privately they discuss the results of the exercise. All discussions are private between husband and wife, There are no group exercises or interactions. There is absolutely no need to share anything about your marriage with anyone.

**How much does it cost?** Total cost is \$40 per couple

**When is it offered and where?** The program begins on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> with all sessions from 6:45 to 9:00pm in the large meeting room in the church.

**How do I register?** Registration forms will be available in next week's bulletin OR you can call Lisa Radey at the Parish Office 216 289 0770.

**Participation is limited so register early.**

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE**

**"IN THE EVENING OF LIFE,  
WE WILL BE JUDGED ON LOVE ALONE."**



**MORE GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"**




**ST. FELICITAS WEEKLY RAFFLE** begins the first Friday in OCTOBER. Please pick up your tickets in the gathering area after Mass this weekend. Extra tickets are available at the parish office and at the school office. We greatly appreciate your support and **THANK YOU** for helping raise over \$5,000 for the students of St. Felicitas School.

**IT'S BACK!!!! ST. FELICITAS BOOSTER STEAK ROAST**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 FROM 2:30pm-7:30pm. Enjoy the Browns game with friends while supporting the Boosters. For \$25, you get a steak dinner, potato, corn on the cob, a salad, and Beer and Pop. Tickets will be sold after Masses through Labor Day weekend. There will also be side boards, Football squares to make the Browns game more exciting, and if we can get some boards, a cornhole tournament. If you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions, please e-mail [stfcyo@yahoo.com](mailto:stfcyo@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance your continuing support of our student athletes. Last day to get tickets will be September 6.

**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.



**ST. FELICITAS' BEREAVEMENT CORNER**

*Today is the time to take a break from the labors of daily life. Focus on replenishing yourself for the toil of your grieving. You have been working hard!!*

*\*Get a massage or take a short trip to somewhere you have never been before.*

**NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**

**THANK YOU FROM <THE FEST>**

God's love shone down on all who attended FEST 2009 on Sunday, August 9th. About 30,000 people from our region came together on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership for our ninth annual Catholic Family FESTival! It was a great day of music, inspiration, prayer and Sacraments, fun, faith and family. Over 1,400 volunteers worked to create a great celebration of the love of our God for our local church. Thank you so much for your support! The FEST is possible because of the outpouring of your prayers, your attendance, and your generous donations and participation in The FEST raffle. We couldn't have done it without YOU! See pictures from the FEST and watch for more details about FEST 2010 by going to the website: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). May God bless you for your goodness!

**HEALING OUR LOSSES:** A support group for those working through the process of grief will be offered on a series of six Monday evenings, Oct. 5th-Nov. 9th from 6:30-8:00pm at DeJohn-Flynn-Mylott Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Mullally Funeral Services. For registration/information please call Kathy or Alana at 440-516-5555.

**ST. JEROME PARISH 90TH ANNIVERSARY:** St. Jerome Church at 15000 Lake Shore Blvd. will celebrate its 90th Anniversary with former associate pastor, Bishop James Griffin of Columbus, presiding on Sunday, September 27th at the 10:00am liturgy. A reception will be held in the school gym following Mass and the school will be open for visitation. A Clam Bake/Steak Dinner will follow from 12-3pm. Cost is \$25. per ticket. Tickets are available by calling the Rectory at 216-481-8200 by Sept. 20th.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,273.50
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,806.50)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$79,000.13
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$108,720.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(29,719.87)
Faith & Values Appeal.....	\$442.00
<p><b>Thank you for your generosity.</b>  <b>Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.</b></p>	



# 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 SEPTEMBER 7TH

### MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 7th *Labor Day*

SFS-No School

9:30am Mass—only Mass for today

### 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 Joint Liturgy at St. Paul

## WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH

### MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 14th

7:00pm PSR Staff Meeting(S)

7:00pm Finance Meeting(MR1)

7:00pm PTU Meeting(S)

7:30pm School Development Meeting(S)

### TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 15th

5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)

7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

### WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 16th

7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)

7:00pm Boosters Meeting(S)

### THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 17th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #1(G)

7:00pm Marriage Team Meeting(MR3)

7:30pm Spiritual Development Mtg(MR1)

### FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 18th

### SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 19th

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)

### SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 20th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

2:30-7:30pm Boosters Steak Roast(G)

*Remember*

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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2009**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5