

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF



As we gather each and every week, we are often challenged to be the voice of God to the world. To be that light that shines God into our homes, our places of work, on a playing field or in the grocery store. This is no small task and one that can only be achieved through the grace of a good relationship with our God. As we prepare for our new parish, St. John of the Cross, I have been looking to the wisdom of John to inspire me. For a man whose virtues and gifts were so extraordinary I have learned that John himself was quite an ordinary and simple man. For John it is always about love. St. John of the Cross teaches that if we choose to live in the Spirit of Love, where we desire only love to dwell in our hearts and minds, God pays us back with His unconditional love. This creates this strong circle of love that blesses our lives and all those we come in contact with. We then become beacons of light shining God's love everywhere we go.

"Where there is not love, put love, and you will find love."

~St. John of the Cross

Today walking through the doors of our church are those who are inquiring into the Catholic faith. We offer our support in fellowship and prayer for Bridget, Donald, Bunnie and Edward as they choose to walk a journey towards a love relationship with God. May they see in this place, the love of God shining brightly.

.....Lisa Radey



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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**



Roman Dowhan, Charlotte Farinacci, Mary Gri-
eshammer, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash,
Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie
Maher, Mary Jo Melody, Dorothy Pinto, Robert
Popovic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Adolf
Rot, 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 re-
quest. Let us know when your request has been
answered, we can offer prayers of thanksgiving.

DID YOU KNOW?

That half of all abortions are performed on women
who are repeated customers.

Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life

*Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each
person, created in love by You. In Your mercy,
guide and assist our efforts to promote dignity and
value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask
this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**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 bev-
erages! Hope to see you there!

***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 inter-
ested 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 Lisa Radey at 216-289-0770.



SCRIPTURE STUDY: Fr. Mehok’s
Scripture Study will resume on Mon-
day, September 28th, at 7:30pm in
the School Library. The topic: “The
Book of Wisdom”.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let’s not be too hasty in defining who is “the
wicked one” and who (namely us) is just! We are
very quick to label others as evil, because we
tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don’t
like it when we are brought up short by a pro-
phetic voice that brings us some bad news about
our own behavior. We don’t like to be reproached
for transgressions of the law or charged with vio-
lations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us
up against these truths about ourselves when, if
we were really good, we would thank them for
helping to keep us on the right path. This is the
way they treated the prophets and the way they
treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those
whose message we don’t like?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY	Matthew, apostle & evangelist	Sept. 21
7:00 p.m.	Dec. Members of Vodopivec Family	
TUESDAY	Weekday	Sept. 22
8:15 a.m.	Helen Campolieti	
WEDNESDAY	Pio of Pietrelcina, priest	Sept. 23
THURSDAY	Weekday	Sept. 24
7:00 p.m.	Michael McNally	
FRIDAY	Weekday	Sept. 25
8:15 a.m.	Josephine M. Stupica	
SATURDAY	Cosmas & St. Damian	Sept. 26
5:00 p.m.	Jennie Omersa	
SUNDAY	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sept. 27
8:00 a.m.	Diane Acceta	
10:00 a.m.	Michael Melfi	
12:00 p.m.	Mary Obat	



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Sept. 23.....Schmidt
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Sept. 27.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Sept. 27..... "B" Team
 Counters for Mon. Sept. 28..... "F" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld R. Lamm	P. Mayer	K. Sullivan	T. Brokamp, D. Carosello, B. Pophal, D. Rymer, M. Zoul	M. Brokamp A. Perez	
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	J. Buda	J. Kirchmeir	T. Wetzal	F. Buda, T. Ogrinc, K. Wetzal, W. Burnett, M. Cinalli	C. Gricar Z. Martin	
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	A. Linek J. Pesek	T. Bluntzer	D. Wagner	T. Bernardo, D. Hocevar, J. Miozzi, V. Wagner, M. Wagner	C. Chambers A. Hocevar	
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	A. Molnar D. Thomas-Greaves	T. Isabella	J. Schmidt	R. Jezeski, S. Kelley, J. Martin, J. Konchan, J. Radachy	N. Isabella M. Thomas-Greaves	

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

Update of Parishioner Information

As we prepare for our merger, it is important that we have accurate and up to date information on all of our parishioners. To make updating records as easy as possible, we will provide each registered family with a print out of your information for your review and correction, if necessary. On the week-ends of Sept. 26 & 27 and Oct. 3 & 4, there will be tables set up in our gathering area after all Masses for you to pick up your information for review. Envelopes that are not picked up will be mailed. Please make the necessary corrections and/or additions and return the form either in the collection basket or to the parish office by October 26, 2009. **Please return the form even if there are no changes, since we will assume that families that do not return forms do not wish to be registered at St. John of the Cross.** Thank you for your cooperation as we prepare for our merged parish!

ATTENTION ALL USHERS FROM ST. PAUL AND ST. FELICITAS CHURCH: There will be an informative joint meeting of ushers held at St. Felicitas Church on Thursday Sept. 24th at 6:30pm. We will gather together for a small social of drinks and cookies, and take the opportunity to get to know one another. This will also allow us to gather an usher's list of contact information, and to discuss ideas for the ministry for the St. John of the Cross Parish. Anyone who is interested in becoming an usher are welcome. You are *greatly encouraged* to attend. Please contact Matthew Fodor at the St. Felicitas Parish Office to register at 216-289-0770 or mfodor@stfelicitas.com

NEW PARISH LOGO: 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, Sept. 21st.** 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 24th 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 the kiosk OR you can call Lisa Radey at the Parish Office 216 289 0770. **Participation is limited so register early.**

LADIES REVERSE RAFFLE: Come and share a fun night out just for the ladies on Friday, October 16th at Villa di Borally. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and includes a sit down dinner with dessert, beer and wine, and a chance for the \$1,000.00 grand prize. If you have any questions, please call Robyn at 216-215-2574 or Ann Marie at 216-486-7446 or amtylman@roadrunner.com

MORE GOOD NEWS ON THE HILL



ST. FELICITAS WEEKLY RAFFLE begins in OCTOBER. Tickets are available at the parish office, the school office or by calling Paula Gallagher at 440-944-7445. We greatly appreciate your support and **THANK YOU** for helping raise over \$5,000 for the students of St. Felicitas School last year!

BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON The weekend of October 10-11 marks the Twenty-Third Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent De Paul Society. This year, due to lack of storage space, we will sponsor a **cash only** collection. We'll gratefully accept your cash donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter - and give yourself a warm feeling. There will be a special SVDP Blanket Sunday Envelope provided during the weekend of October 3-4.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word is a special way of presenting the Gospel message to children ages 5 through 12. We meet during the 10:00am Sunday Mass each week from September through May. All children are invited to join us, there is no sign-up. The kids can hear the day's readings in a way that is easier for them to understand and then join in a lively discussion of what it means to them. Any adults who may be interested in joining this ministry are welcome to call me with questions or sit in on one of our groups.....Jean Dreyer 440-944-8311.



THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST: Saturday, October 3rd, beginning with a Polka Mass at 5:00pm, and dinner at 6:00pm, with dancing to the Wayne Tomsic Combo until 9:00pm. Fun for the whole family. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and Children are \$5.00, which includes dinner, coffee, live music, dancing and FUN! Beer, soft drinks and water are extra. Come and polka the night away after enjoying a fine German-style feast followed with treats from our FAMOUS St. Felicitas COMMUNAL DESSERT TABLE! Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or the School.



ST. FELICITAS' BEREAVEMENT CORNER—AUTUMN

Year after year the seasons come and go, then come around again. Autumn can be a time for nostalgic remembering, as well as a time to set new goals as we move forward.

- * Start a new exercise routine
- * Take up a new hobby

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-SEPT. 23-NOV.1: Christians throughout the Cleveland, Akron and Lake County area are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life program from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1. Join thousands across Ohio and the country for an end to abortion by participating in 40 days of simultaneous prayer and fasting and 40 days of continuous peaceful vigil at our local abortion clinics. Cast a new pro-life vision with us at our first Kick Off Rally Sept. 22nd at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 1545 Green Rd. S. Euclid, from 7:00-9:00pm. For more information visit us online www.40daysforlife.com or call Mary at 440-943-6813 or Anna at 440-749-4293. All are welcome!

LAKE COUNTY'S 16TH ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN: Come stand with hundreds of others for one hour on Sunday, Oct. 4th from 2:30-3:30pm at the intersections of Rt. 20 and 306 in Mentor. Life Chain is a silent, non-confrontational community reminder that *life should be respected at all stages and ages.*

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

“In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction.”





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 21ST

MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 21st

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 22nd

7:00pm Catholic Information Night (S)
 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 23rd

5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (C)
 7:00pm Adult Music Group Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 24th

6:30pm Joint Usher Meeting (C)
 6:45pm Bingo-Team #2(G)
 6:45pm-9:00pm Marriage Course(MR3)

FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 25th

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 26th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)
 6:45pm Bingo Team B

SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 27th

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH

MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 28th

7:00pm Oktoberfest Meeting (MR1)
 7:30pm Townhall Meeting (C)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 29th

7:00-9:00pm St. John of the Cross Night(MR3)
 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 30th

5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (C)
 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR1)
 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)

THURSDAY-OCTOBER 1st

6:45pm Bingo-Team #3(G)
 6:45pm-9:00pm Marriage Course(MR3)
 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting (MR1)

FRIDAY-OCTOBER 2nd

SATURDAY-OCTOBER 3rd

5:00pm Polka Mass-Oktoberfest to follow with dinner and dancing until 9:00pm

SUNDAY-OCTOBER 4th

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

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$7,6310.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(4,449.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$94,822.13
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$132,880.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(38,057.87)

Catholic Communication Campaign-Sept. 27th

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 Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.**

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