



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

That's the kind of Savior we have!!!!

What is Jesus like? How much does he love us? We all know/believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He is our Savior. But because we didn't do the suffering, it's sometimes hard to feel the pain. Jesus suffered two kinds of pain: Physical and Emotional. I'm sure the physical pain was unbearable, but the emotional pain of the desertion of his followers, disciples, Judas and especially Peter was far more hurtful. He was not only suffering, but suffering alone!

I came across a story that showed sacrifice, loss, and emotional suffering. See what you think:

There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, 'If I could only see the world, I will marry you.'

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, 'Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?' The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: 'Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.'

This is how the human brain often works when our status changes. Only a **very few** remember what life was like before, and who was always by their side in the most painful situations.

Emotional suffering may be worse than physical suffering. Who have been given a view through another's eyes and what do we need to tell them.

Remember, That's the kind of Savior we have!!!!

.....Tom deHaas



Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25;
 Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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 month, many children from St. Felicitas parish will be starting a new year of parish school religion classes (PSR). For some it can be overwhelming to enroll in a new class while others are coming back eager to see their friends. As second grade PSR teachers, we have been given the opportunity to guide our students as they embark on their very personal journey bringing them closer to Jesus. Working with our parish's youngest individuals and their families has allowed us to become more in touch with our own Christianity. We enjoy preparing our second graders for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion as well as teaching all the students to follow in Jesus' ways.

Each PSR session includes prayer service, music practice, and engaging activities to accompany lessons about Jesus' teachings. These sessions help us to build a rapport with our students and their families and it is a pleasure for us to watch them grow throughout their PSR experience.

We would like to thank all families who have given us wonderful and memorable experiences in previous years and look forward to an exciting new year.

.....Maureen Thompson & Kari-Ellen Organiscak

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY- CARING COOKS: *"Food, like a loving touch or a glimpse of divine power, has that ability to comfort."*
~ Norman Klopas

If you enjoy cooking and would like the opportunity to minister to parishioners in need on a short term basis, this ministry is for you! Caring Cooks will be a group of people who will be willing to be contacted when a family is in need of meals due to, for instance, a death in the family, illness, etc. I do not anticipate that ministers will having to cook more than a few meals per year, especially if we get enough volunteers! If you are interested in this ministry, and would be willing to help our parishioners in this way during a time of need, please attend an organizational meeting on Sept. 27th, Saturday at 10:00am in Meeting Room #1.

COMMUNION STATIONS: Since the start of September you may have noticed that we have removed the communion station in the back of the church. This is because we have decided to only schedule 5 Eucharistic Ministers at each of our Masses. Too many Ministers were being asked to be available week after week with no opportunity to attend a different liturgy if need be. Hopefully early in 2009 the diocese will offer training for Eucharistic Ministers and we can offer many more of you the opportunity to serve. Are you being called to serve?




BAPTISM WORKSHOP for expecting parents will be held on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH** in the Church Meeting Room #2 from **7:00–9:00pm**. If you are expecting during the next five or six months, please call the Parish Office at 216-289-0770 to register. It is necessary for all new parents to attend this workshop so we may support you in your role as catholic parents.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Fr. Mehok will begin a new season with "The Psalms; a call to prayer with the mind of Christ." on Monday, September 29th at 7:30pm in the School Library. Call the Parish Office for more information or to register.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE: St. Felicitas will be participating in the Cemetery of the Innocents by displaying 150 white crosses on our front lawn representing the total number of children killed each hour through the act of abortion. You can help by purchasing a cross for \$10.00. Just place it in an envelope marked Right to Life Crosses and place it in the collection basket or pay at the Parish Office. **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**

PET BLESSING IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of pets at 10:00 AM on October 4th in the field behind the bocce courts. This brief prayer service and blessing will give all of us an opportunity to thank God for these wonderful companions. Hope to see you and your pets there!

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY 

Delores Anderson, Millie Branisel, Anthony Brod-nik, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Krum Dimi-trov, Charlotte Farinacci, Raymond Fuerst, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Amalia Kolenko, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Nancy Picicci, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Milton Taisey, Ken Wisniewski, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Sep.24.....VanGorder
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Sep. 28.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Sep.28th....."B" Team
 Counters for Mon. Sep.29th....."G" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — SEPT. 27-28, 2008

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. John	M. Monger M. Freas	M. Monger	J. Monger	J. Monger, M. Monger, M. Zoul J. Borkey, J. Borkey	J. Monger S. Rutti
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	P. Sova C. Hainrihar	W. Nalepka	T. Wetzel	F. Zalar, C. Hainrihar, M. Cinalli, K. Gamber, R. Gaser	T. Henry S. Henry
Sun. 9:45am	Fr. Sal	C. Nych L. Peters	A. Krutko	G. Haritonovich	L. Fulton, T. Dreyer, C. Goodin, M. Haritonovich, S. Hovanescek	W. Fistek D. Brogdon
Sun. 11:45am	Fr. Sal	M. Thomas- Greaves B. Blue	K. Musarra	T. Gorenssek	J. Solpa, D. Thomas-Greaves, S. Thomas-Greaves, K. Triskett	W. Thomas- Greaves
Sun. 7:00pm	Fr. John	E. Melody J. Melody	W. Knox	J. Linsky	J. Reilly, A. Rodriguez, D. Baioni, J. Schmidt L. Bochenek	L. Bogart J. Bryda

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Weekday	Sept. 22
8:15 a.m.	Minka Kmetich	
7:00 p.m.	Frank Vodopivec	
TUESDAY	Pio of Pietrelcina, priest	Sept. 23
8:15 a.m.	Good Health for Tone Stepec Family	
7:00 p.m.	Katherine & Angelo Fiorello	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Sept. 24
8:15 a.m.	Marge & Joe Kaurich	
7:00 p.m.	John Stempihar	
THURSDAY	Weekday	Sept. 25
8:15 a.m.	Stefania Zyskowska	
7:00 p.m.	Jim Proctor	
FRIDAY	Weekday	Sept. 26
8:15 a.m.	Michael & Irene Bohn	
7:00 p.m.	Jennie Omersa	
SATURDAY	Vincent de Paul, priest	Sept. 27
8:15 a.m.	Howard Stark	
4:00 p.m.	Frank Nalepka	
SUNDAY	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sept. 28
8:00 a.m.	Eva & Joseph Sova	
9:45 a.m.	Michael McNally (Anniversary)	
11:45 a.m.	Leo & Rose Burrello	
7:00 p.m.	Carl Ursich	

BANNS OF MARRIAGE 

I. Christopher Yaworsky & Ann DiBartolomeo



GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Due to several extenuating circumstances the Planning Committee has decided to cancel the annual Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 2nd. We look forward to having this dinner next year, and thank you for your support in previous years.

ST. FELICITAS PTU WEEKLY RAFFLE begins again in October. Please pick up tickets to buy or to sell in the gathering area after Mass this weekend. We greatly appreciate your support and **THANK YOU** for helping raise over \$10,000 for the students of St. Felicitas School.

ST. FELICITAS 2ND ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST: Saturday, October 4th, begins with 4:00pm Polka Mass featuring The Wayne Tomsic Combo, followed by dinner, dancing, crafts and games for the whole family! And, don't forget to bring your best dessert for our famous Communal Dessert Table. Ticket price of \$9.00 for adult, \$5.00 for children includes a luscious German-style dinner and dancing. Tickets are on sale at the Parish Office and the School.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: Support St. Felicitas PTU by purchasing your Entertainment book for \$25.00. Books are available at the Parish Office or School until Nov. 1st. Thank you for your support.

On Sunday, October 26, Girl Scout Troop 681 will be selling homemade strudel, krofe, and potica after Masses. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU: Special thanks to Manhattan Deli for the discount on the breakfast trays for our Annual Parish Commission Gathering that took place this past Saturday.

DAFFODIL SUNDAY: Do you love the look of bright yellow daffodils poking through the ground after a long, cold, snowy winter!?! That sea of yellow blooms can brighten your day, and make you smile! We would like to brighten the parish gardens next spring. Our Adopt-a-Garden-Plot gardeners will plant daffodils in their own gardens for all parishioners to enjoy. We will also plant any additional bulbs parishioners donate. That's right! Buy an extra bag of daffodils when you buy your own this fall. Drop them in the baskets provided on Sunday, **October 11th -- DAFFODIL SUNDAY--**and the gardeners will plant them for you--perhaps alongside the driveways, maybe in those big mulched areas out front. Tulips and crocuses are welcome, too!!

YOUTH C

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Oct. 12th	Youth Centered Mass 7:00pm	Open gym afterwards until 9:00pm
Nov. 9th	Youth Centered Mass 7:00pm	Open gym afterwards until 9:00pm

We are always welcoming new members, think about bringing a friend. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Linsky at 440-585-3238 or email linsclub@adelphia.net.

ST. FELICITAS' BOY SCOUT TROOP 367: invites you to visit our mock campsite (by the bocce courts) today Sunday, September 21st after the morning Masses. Come out to see what the troop does on one of our many campout weekends. We will have tents and demonstrations set up for parishioners to see. Scouts will demonstrate cooking, orienteering, pioneering and other scout skills. Stop by to sample our outdoor cooking! Adult leaders will be there to answer questions and provide information about the troop for any young men age 11-18 who may be interested in joining Troop 367. If you have any questions call Scoutmaster, Joe Colo (216) 486-8096.

MARKET DAY: We'd like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale! This month you will enter to win FREE groceries with any October order placed as part of our BIG GROCERY GIVEAWAY. Over 1,000 winners will be awarded! Your order is important to us so please look for your October order guide coming soon or visit marketday.com to see the selections.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?" As Christ calls each of us to proclaim his Good News, the Diocesan Vocation Office invites single, Catholic women and men (18-40) to join local sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to our annual *"Where Are You Going?" Retreat* on Saturday, Sept. 27th at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave., in Wickliffe. This day-long retreat (8:30am-6:30pm) is intended for young adults who may be considering the possibility to serve the Lord. The cost is free, but reservations are required by calling 216-696-6525, ext. 3460.

“SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE”

Capital Campaign Update
Matching Gift Program

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,591,513.65</u>
Difference:	\$ 132,692.02

Matching Gift Program Weekly Total

Pledge Payments & Other Contributions:	\$14,056.50
Matching Gift Contributions:	\$14,056.50
Weekly Total:	\$28,113.00

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes & Loose Change Sept. 14th...	\$10,457.00
Children’s Envelopes.....	<u>\$20.50</u>
Total Donations Received.....	\$10,477.50
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly	
Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$15,737.00</u>
Excess/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$5,259.50)</u>
Collection same time period last year	\$11,123.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	(\$645.50)

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

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



LOOKING AHEAD

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND

MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 22nd
7:00pm(MR1) Art & Environment Committee

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 23rd
5:30-6:45pm(C) Children’s Choir Practice
7:30pm(MR2) Legion of Mary
7:30pm(C) Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 24th
1:30pm(S) SFS Dismissal
7:00pm(MR1) Oktoberfest Meeting
7:30pm(C) CMG Practice
7:30pm(S) Confirmation Meeting
(Candidates & Parents)

THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER 25th
6:45pm(S) Bingo-Team #1
7:30pm(C) Music Ministry Comm Meeting

FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 26th

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 27th
10:00am(MR1) Caring Cooks Meeting
6:45pm(S) Bingo Team B

SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 28th
9:45am(C) Children’s Liturgy of the Word

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29TH

MONDAY-SEPTEMBER 29th
7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok’s Scripture Study

TUESDAY-SEPTEMBER 30th
2:30-4:00pm(MR1) Girl Scout Meeting
5:30-6:45pm(C) Children’s Choir Practice
7:30pm(MR2) Legion of Mary
7:30pm(C) Bells Practice

WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 1st
7:00pm(MR1) Craft Fair Meeting
7:30pm(C) CMG Practice

THURSDAY-OCTOBER 2nd
6:45pm(S) Bingo-Team #2

FRIDAY-OCTOBER 3rd
7:00pm(C) Healing Mass

SATURDAY-OCTOBER 4th
10:00am(PG) Blessing of Pets
4:00pm(C&S) Polka Mass followed by
Oktoberfest

SUNDAY-OCTOBER 5th
9:45am(C) Children’s Liturgy of the Word