

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF



“We are called we are chosen, we are Christ to one another”. Quoted from “Anthem” by Tom Conry, a song that we have used often here at St. Felicitas. Many times, we tend to focus on the sound of music, the style, and instruments. There is nothing at all wrong with this, but we must make the effort to listen, and understand the words that we are singing together. A line from the refrain of the song, “Anthem”, says so much in such a small way.

We are Called, We are Chosen, We are Christ for one another! We are called to Minister, We are Chosen to Ministers, and We are Ministers in Christ. We are all ministers to one another, whether it be as clergy, lecturers, eucharistic ministers, congregation and musicians. Ministers are entrusted with spiritual guidance of the community, and to one another, personally or otherwise. We are all called to minister, no matter if it is in a small way. We listen to the neighbor that is lonely, we support the man who has lost his wife, we hear the cries of those who are unheard in the streets, third world countries, and pray for them, giving from the heart.

We are chosen to minister as clergy and lay religious staff of our parishes and schools. Each of these people, whether in our classrooms, meetings, rehearsals, or discussions, may need moments from our clergy and lay religious staff each in their own special ways.

We are Christ! Christ is present in each and every one of us, every second of every day. We minister to each other through Christ, even when we don't know it. This may happen just by giving someone a smile as you pass them in the hallway, or as you chat about your day. We need to see Christ in one another, when we are distraught, angry, sad, helpless, and even too tired to want to care.

I urge you this week, to find one person each day and make a special point to find some way to minister to them, as you are called, chosen, and in Christ

Peace.....Matthew



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Parish Mission Statement

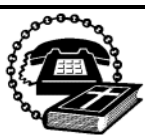
Saint Felicitas is called to be a diverse, faith-filled Christian community. Rooted in the Eucharist and Catholic tradition, we are unified in the Spirit of hope and love. Individually and collectively, we are responsible to fulfill God's will as Jesus did by striving to grow in unconditional respect 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,
Catherine Yert, and Jackie Zupan

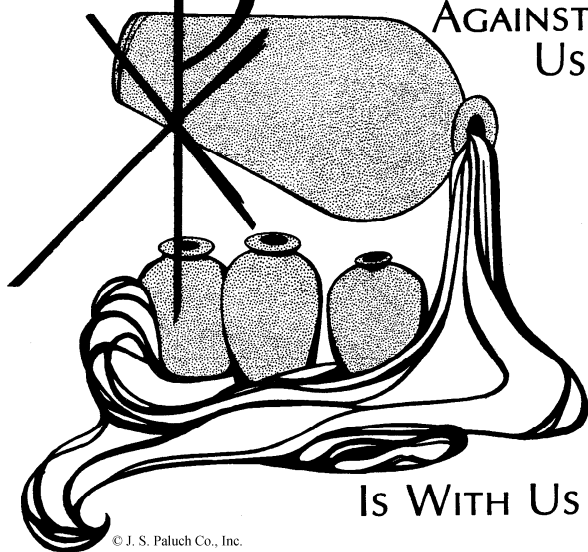
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can be removed from this list.



**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.

ANYONE WHO IS NOT
AGAINST
Us



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DID YOU KNOW?

The average Russian woman has between 3 and 8
abortions in her lifetime.

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**



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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".

**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!

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disci-
ples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit.
They saw people who were not of their company
casting out demons and doing other works such
as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one
who does a good deed in his name can be op-
posed to him at the same time! He goes on to
point out the importance of the "little ones": the
poor, simple people, children, the meek ones
who are not important in the world. It is to them
that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-
righteous. He underscores the importance of
small works done in faith, as well as big works
like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you
a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ .
. . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41).
God builds the coming reign little by little in our
actions, however small and unassuming, when
they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Rose Burrello	Sept. 28
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels Michael Kowalski	Sept. 29
WEDNESDAY	Jerome, priest & doctor	Sept. 30
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Therese of the Child Jesus Richard Willkomm	Oct. 1
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Guardian Angels Patrick O'Connor	Oct. 2
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.	Weekday John Hromco & Family	Oct. 3
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Henry Hiznay Liv. & Dec. Members of Andrew Simon Family John Burrello	Oct. 4

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Sept. 30.....Musarra
Grande Pointe-Sun. Oct. 4.....Jack & Sandy L.

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Oct. 5....."A" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — OCT. 3-4, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	R. Lamm A. Molle	M. Freas	M. Melfi	J. Barni, C. Barni, M. Malta, S. Lonchar, T. Melfi	T. Capek C. Malta	
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	C. Hainrihar	L. Miller	T. Wetzell	C. Gricar, M. Gricar, K.Gamber R. Tepley, R. Eppich	J. Gricar A. Gricar	
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	A. Dean V. Kostelec	T. Bluntzer	G.Haritonovich	J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer, R.Somich M. Haritonovich, J. Chounet	M. Abate C. Dreyer	
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	R. Manning K. McMahon	T.Gorensek	J. Johnson	J. Bretz, S. Johnson, J.Schmidt K. Mussara, M. Proctor	L. Bogart A.Isabella	

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. This weekend Sept. 26 & 27 and next weekend, 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!

St. Felicitas Day of Remembrance Needs You!

Please join us as we plan a special day of remembrance before St. Felicitas Parish closes and reopens its doors as St. John of the Cross. Everyone is invited to bring your ideas, pictures, memorabilia, and your ideas of what made St. Felicitas special. **The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 7 p.m.** in meeting room 2. The day of remembrance will be held on November 15. Please come.

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 Saturday, October 3rd 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!

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.

TOWN HALL MEETING: A Town Hall Meeting with Fr. Sal and the pastoral staff of St. Felicitas will be Monday, Sept. 28th at 7:30pm in the Church. In support of and love for one another, let us gather to share our questions, our prayers, our thoughts, our feelings, and our hopes for the future of St. John of the Cross Parish.



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!



LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO ST. FELICITAS THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST:

Saturday, October 3rd, begins with a Polka Mass at 5:00pm, featuring the Wayne Tomsic Combo, followed by dinner, dancing, and fun for the whole family. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and Children are \$5.00, which includes a luscious German-style feast, followed with treats from our FAMOUS St. Felicitas COMMUNAL DESERT TABLE! Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or the School.

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

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

"Abide in peace, banish cares, take no account of all that happens, and you will serve God according to his good pleasure and rest in him."



NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



BLANKET SUNDAY 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 special SVDP Blanket Sunday Envelopes provided in the pews next weekend.

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES:

Beaumont School; Oct. 11th from 12-2:00pm and Nov. 11th from 6-7:30pm
 Lake Catholic; Oct. 18th from Noon-3:00pm and Nov. 11th from 6:00-8:00pm.
 Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin; Nov. 1st from 12:00-3:00pm
 St. Edward High School; Oct. 18th from 12-2:30pm and Nov. 1st from 12:00-2:30pm

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Hospice of the Western Reserve addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of seriously ill people and their families. Committed and passionate volunteers allow us to care for thousands of patients and their families. A few hours of your time will make a world of difference for our neighbors. Pick up groceries, read a story, plan a party, address envelopes, play games, write a letter, share a smile, bake cookies...these are just some of the ways volunteers contribute. Our next volunteer education begins at Hospice of the Western Reserve, 19201 Villaview Rd. Cleveland, Wednesdays starting Oct. 7th-Nov. 18th beginning at 9:00am until Noon. If you are interested in attending, please call The Volunteer Team at 216-383-3731.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 27, 2009**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
 refreshing the soul;
 the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
 giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8

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!*

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.*

GRIEVING WORKSHOP: St. Paschal Baylon Parish, 5384 Wilson Mills Rd, Highland Hts, will conduct a six-week workshop on grief, beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 7th. The workshop will be held for six consecutive weeks, on Wednesdays, in the Rectory parlor, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please contact the Rectory at 440-442-3410, for any additional information. The workshop is FREE and open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a significant person in their life.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,157.83
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,922.17)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$103,979.96
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$144,960.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(40,980.04)

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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



St. Felicitas Church October, 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:46-9:00pm(MR3) Marriage Course 6:45pm Bingo Team #3(G)	2	3 10:00am Pet Blessing 5:00pm Polka Mass followed by Oktoberfest
4 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	5 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:00pm PTU Meeting(S) 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	6 7:00-9:00pm Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting(S) 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	7 5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 7:00pm Cantor Coaching(C)	8 6:46-9:00pm(MR3) Marriage Course 6:45pm Bingo Team #4(G) 7:30pm Liturgy & Spiritual Dev. Meeting(MR1)	9	10 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team A(G)
11 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	12 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:30pm School Dev. Meeting(S) 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	13 7:00pm Eucharistic Minister Training (C) 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	14 5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)	15 6:46-9:00pm(MR3) Marriage Course 6:45pm Bingo Team #1(G)	16 SFS-No School	17 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G) 11:00am Eucharistic Minister Training (C)
18 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C) 10:00am Mass at St. Felicitas Joint Liturgy 10:00am Mass at St. Paul is canceled	19 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:30pm Finance Meeting(MR1) 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	20 7:00pm(C) Celebrating the Faith Community of St. Felicitas Prayer Service 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	21 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C) 7:00pm Boosters Mtg(S)	22 6:46-9:00pm(MR3) Marriage Course 6:45pm Bingo Team #2(G)	23	24 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team B(G)
25 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	26 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study	27 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:00pm(S) Confirmation Formation	28 1:30pm SFS Dismissal 5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)	29 6:46-9:00pm(MR3) Marriage Course 6:45pm Bingo Team #3(G)	30 6:30-8:30pm Halloween Bash	31