



## FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

### *Holy Days and Holidays-Fasting and Feasting and Fun*

“It was the Night Before...and it was Beggar’s Night Out”.

“Please help the poor, a soul cake, a soul cake, please?”

Yes, before there was ever a Halloween, there was a certain Beggar’s Night, but with real Beggars begging. Halloween is a degradation of All Hallows Evening. It was the night before All Saints Day. This night before was observed by families as a time of fasting from rich foods and going to the cemetery to pray for their beloved dead “all souls”. Christian families, at the end of the day, would leave their homes at twilight to go to the grave sites of departed loved ones to pray together for the “poor souls”. They would carry lighted candle lanterns made from carved out pumpkins, leaving some behind on windowsills to serve as beacon signals for their return home in the dark. Some candles were left behind to decorate the graves.

Upon returning home, the children would go to bed hungry, with all in the family observing the “fasting” for the next day’s Mass and Holy Communion. Meanwhile, the mother would begin preparing the rich foods for the sumptuous feasting to be enjoyed after the celebration of Holy Mass for All Saints Day.

Wandering Beggars and their many, due to plagues, sickness, and disease, would take advantage of the goodness of Christian charity, to go begging where the window lanterns could be seen. Knocking on the door, they would yell, “Please help the poor, a soul cake, a soul cake, please?” For an extra helping, some even promised to go to the cemetery graves and pray for poor souls of the family. Well, some promised and some did, but only a few did go.

Bright Idea! A housewife decided to design a “reminder” of the Eternal Life for which they promised to pray. She made a small cake into a round shape, and with her thumb, she pushed a hole through the center, making it into a “circle”, without beginning or end, “eternal”. And this was the origin of the first “doughnut”. Afterwards she would fill a large napkin with a portion of bread, meat, and cheese and tie it together, to be carried off on a “hobo stick”

The next day, all would go to Holy Mass for the Feast of All Saints-All “Hallows”. Upon returning home, all would sit down at table for “the feast”. Later that afternoon, all families would gather again at the church to tell stories of the lives of the saints, young and old, in plays and costumes, using skulls and skeletons—depicting life and death, good and evil, Heaven and Hell, angels and devils, final judgment and life ever after. And always little lessons would be learned to inspire respect and love for God and saintly living.

We seem to have lost the HolyDay tradition, in favor of secular Hol-i-day, of “trick or treats”. So, have yourself some safe fun with the children, enjoy yourself, but remember also to pray for all the “poor souls”.

*And that’s how All HALLOWs EvENing , became our “Hallow-een”.*

.....Fr. John



### Readings for the Week

- Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
Jn 1:47-51
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9;  
Mt 21:33-43

### 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**



**WE COME TO YOUR TABLE;** As second grader teachers, we have the privilege of working, along with the parents, to

prepare the children for one of the most special days of their lives, their First Holy Communion.

As young children we realized only a small part of the significance of receiving the Eucharist. Now as adults, teachers, and parents ourselves, we are in a special position. We are responsible for helping to nurture the children's spirits as we teach them what it means to receive the body and blood of Christ.

We help the children prepare for their very special meal. A meal that was first celebrated at the Last Supper. A meal that we are able to experience together as a member of God's family every time we go to Mass. So, we have become Disciples of Christ in our roles as teachers and parents. Together it's our job to educate the children. Together, it's our job to take them to Mass, to talk about the parts of the Mass and their significance. Together, it's our job to be good Christian role models, setting examples of how to live their lives.

Every new school year brings a new herd of sheep anxious to meet their shepherd. The journey begins with a promise by their parents to guide them on their way. As they move one step closer they find peace, as they express their sorrow and longing for forgiveness. They then make their way to the table of the Lord. A seat is waiting for them.

As their teachers, we take special pride in watching the children grow closer to Jesus. We hope that we can help create the desire in them to spiritually want more. We hope to help them realize that this Holy Communion is the spiritual food needed to continue to fuel their beings to live like Jesus.

.....Mrs. Sandy Mullin & Mrs. Marian Koenig  
Second Grade Teachers at St. Felicitas School

**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.

**BAPTISM WORKSHOP** for expecting parents will be held on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**SAVE THE DATES:** October 3, 4 & 5. A visit from Priests for Life sponsored by Respect Life Groups at Immaculate Conception Church, Willoughby and St. John Vianney, Mentor. Friday Oct. 3rd, St. John Vianney Party Center in Mentor 7:00pm buffet dinner to benefit Priests for Life \$30 per person, \$55 per couple, get a 6-pack of seats and a reserved table for \$150. Fr. West will speak on Pro Life Issues. For reservations call Jan Trigilio 440-257-7835 or Marge Craggs 440-257-2155. Saturday morning, Oct. 4th, carpool from Immaculate Conception to attend Rosary for Life Mass with Fr. West at St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey followed by rosary in front of the abortion clinic on Shaker Blvd. Fr. West will deliver the homilies Saturday at St. John Vianney at 4:00 & 6:00pm Masses, and Sunday morning at Immaculate Conception at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00noon. Fr. West will also join the Lake County Life Chain from 2:30-3:30pm.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



Millie Branisel, Anthony Brodnik, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Raymond Fuerst, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Amalia Kolenko, Ruth Lamm, Matt Lebeau, 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 request. Let us know when your request has been answered, we can offer prayers of thanksgiving.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Oct. 1st.....Musarra  
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Oct. 5th.....Chris & Ashland

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Sun. Oct. 5th....."A" Team  
 Counters for Mon. Oct. 6th....."F" Team

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY** **Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels** **Sept. 29**  
 8:15 a.m. Minka Kmetich  
 7:00 p.m. Michael Kowalski

**TUESDAY** **Jerome, priest, doctor** **Sept. 30**  
 8:15 a.m. Mary & John Gibbons  
 7:00 p.m. Joe Nalepka

**WEDNESDAY** **Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor** **Oct. 1**  
 8:15 a.m. Mildred Hagen  
 7:00 p.m. Richard Willkomm

**THURSDAY** **Guardian Angels** **Oct. 2**  
 8:15 a.m. Stanley Janz  
 7:00 p.m. Joe Ross

**FRIDAY** **Weekday** **Oct. 3**  
 8:15 a.m. Jon & Elizabeth Hromco & Family  
 7:00 p.m. Robert & Raymond McNally

**SATURDAY** **Weekday** **Oct. 4**  
 8:15 a.m. Mathilda Schumer  
 4:00 p.m. Dec. Members of Charney Family

**SUNDAY** **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Oct. 5**  
 8:00 a.m. Minka Kmetich  
 9:45 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of Andrew Simon Family  
 11:45 a.m. John Burrello  
 7:00 p.m. Paulina & Pedar Tvorek

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

II. Christopher Yaworsky & Ann DiBartolomeo

<b>MINISTERS SCHEDULE — OCT. 4-5, 2008</b>							
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	MANNA
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	R. Lamm T. Zallnick	D. Abreo	K. Sullivan	T. Brokamp, T. Burrello, S. Lonchar, J. Melvin, M. Malta	A. Schmitt C. Fatica	M. Lekan T. Kern
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. John	K. Stih H. Drozin	L. Calderwood	C. Hainrihar	C. Gricar, M. Gricar, M. Muehle, W. Nalepka, C. Preto	A. Gricar C. Gricar	S. Glavic C. Svigelj
Sun. 9:45am	Fr. John	M. Singer H. Williams	E. Perme	N. Somich	A. Koballa, F. Koballa, J. Kovelan, T. Melfi, J. Miozzi	R. Corbo M. Wagner	A. Koballa C. Mullins
Sun. 11:45am	Fr. Sal	V. Whitmore Z. Ivey	T. Hlabse	J. Johnson	J. Vajda, J. Bretz, J. Bretz K. Wetzel, T. Wetzel	M. Wetzel	A. Molnar S. Kuhn
Sun. 7:00pm	Fr. John	J. Boellner A. Barteld	N. Anzlovar	L. Bochenek	F. Buda, S. Calderone, W. Knox, J. Kukula, J. Martin	T. Capek A. Isabella	N/A

**NEWS "ON THE HILL"**

**LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO 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.

**ST. FELICITAS WEEKLY RAFFLE** begins October 3rd. Extra tickets are still available at the Parish Office or School Office. We greatly appreciate your support for the students of St. Felicitas School.

**ST. FELICITAS BUSINESS MANAGER:** Sharon Racey is no longer employed as the Business Manager of St. Felicitas Parish. Please join me in praying for all the best in the future for her. Also, please know of my heartfelt desire to always do what is in the best interest of the family of St. Felicitas. As such I ask for your continued prayers, not only for myself but for all in our parish.....Fr. Sal

**MARKET DAY:** We'd like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale! This month you will be entered 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 to come home soon or visit marketday.com to see the delicious selection of Market Day foods.

**DAFFODIL SUNDAY:** 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. Drop them in the baskets provided on Sunday, **October 11th -- DAFFODIL SUNDAY**--and the gardeners will plant them for you. Tulips and crocuses are welcome, too!!

**YOUTH C**

**ORNER**

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](mailto:linsclub@adelphia.net).

*Ss. Michael*



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**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,653.88
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,426.12)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$126,380.88
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$144,960.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(18,579.12)

*Catholic Communication Campaign-Sept. 28th*

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

**"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"**

**Capital Campaign Update  
Matching Gift Program**

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,609,242.39</u>
Difference:	\$ 114,963.28

**Matching Gift Program Weekly Total**

Pledge Payments & Other Contributions:	\$8,864.37
Matching Gift Contributions:	<u>\$8,864.37</u>
Weekly Total:	\$17,728.74

**Thank you for your generosity!**

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



# St. Felicitas Church

## October, 2008

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:00pm Craft Fair Mtg(MR1)  7:30pm CMG Practice(C)	<b>2</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #2	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Healing Mass(C)	<b>4</b> 10:00am(PG) Blessing of Pets 4:00pm Polka Mass followed by Oktoberfest (C&S)
<b>5</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	<b>6</b> 7:00pm PTU Meeting(S)  7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)	<b>7</b> 5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir(C) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:30pm Liturgy Meeting(MR1)	<b>8</b> 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)	<b>9</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #3  7:30pm Spiritual Development Meeting(MR1)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S)  6:45pm Bingo Team A
<b>12</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)  7:00pm Youth Centered Mass(C)	<b>13</b> 7:30pm PSR Teachers Meeting(S)  7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)	<b>14</b> 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scouts (MR1) 5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir(C) 7:30pm School Dev. Meeting(S) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:30pm Bells(C) 7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Interviews(S)	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Boosters Mtg(S)  7:30pm CMG Practice(C)	<b>16</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #4  7:30pm Parish Council Meeting(MR1)	<b>17</b> SFS-No School	<b>18</b> <i>Ministry Fair Weekend</i>  8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(S)  9:15am-12:30pm PSR(S)
<b>19</b> <i>Ministry Fair Weekend</i>  9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	<b>20</b> 7:00-9:00pm Baptism Workshop(MR2) 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)	<b>21</b> 5:30-6:30pm Children's Choir(C) 7:30pm Bells(C) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	<b>22</b> 1:30pm-SFS Dismissal  7:30pmCMG Practice(C)	<b>23</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #1  7:30pm Music Planning Mtg (C)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  6:45pm Bingo Team B
<b>26</b> 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	<b>27</b> 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)	<b>28</b> 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scouts(MR1) 5:30-6:30pm Children Choir(C) 7:30pm Bells(C) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	<b>29</b> 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)  7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Formation(S)	<b>30</b> 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 7:30pm Music Ministry Mtg(C)	<b>31</b>	