



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

HOLY –DAYS or HOLL-I-DAYS

...”O You better watch out?”...What will it be at your house?...With you and your family? “Seasons Greetings”, “Happy Holidays”, or...Mary Christ-Mass??

“Keep Christ”, in your “Christ-Mass”. Keep your focus on Him, our “Emmanuel-God with Us”, Jesus Christ the Lord...the One who has come into the world, has died, is risen—and who is coming again, in His Power and Glory...to judge the living and the dead. The One to whom every knee shall bend and every head

shall bow...The One who is and was and is to come! Are you and I ready to receive Him and give a full account of our Christian lives. If not, then, by all means, “Get Ready” and “Prepare the way of the Lord”. Open your hearts more completely to let Him in.

Advent is the Church’s season of preparation, preparing ourselves for this second coming of Christ the Lord—we know not “when”. But Christ our Lord, through the special grace offered to us by His Holy Spirit, bids us to prepare ourselves for His arrival this Advent Season, by taking “time-out” from all the hyped-noise, the “hustle and bustle”—to become more aware of His Presence and Personal Love for you and me. We can do this by dedicating ourselves to a daily prayer-time, alone; by our spirit of generosity, especially for the sake of Christ’s poor; and by our practice of “self-denial”, which will not only free-us-up from our self concern and self preoccupation, but also encourage us to “better listen” and “better love” those nearest and dearest to us.

From our house to your house, try to have yourselves a very “Mary Christ-Mass”. Mary “treasured all these things in her heart”, a wonder-filled experience. Be joyful. Be thank-filled, that He has come, into your very own Soul. Avoid Excess. The secular spirit of our culture tempts us “to eat and drink and be merry..shop til you drop”. AVOID ALL EXCESS: KEEP CHRIST IN C*H*R*I*S*T-M*A*S*S.

REMEMBER: Jesus the Lord is counting on you and me to bear-witness to Him as our “God” and “Savior”, who has come into the world, to be the “Light” that shines in “the Darkness”. PRAY: Try to encourage one another, at home, to keep alive the true spirit of Christmass. Enter into the Holy Season of Advent:

“O, Come, O Come Emmanuel”.

“Bless You”.....Father John



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10, or,
(for the memorial of the Dedication)
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Mt 14:22-23
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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.



**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.

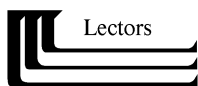
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT



CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Masses will be 3:30pm(Children's Mass), 6:00pm, and 12midnight.

Dec. 25th Christmas Day Masses will be 8:00am, 9:45am, and 11:45am. There will be no 7:00pm Mass.

REMEMBRANCE CANDLES: If you had a loved one who was buried from St. Felicitas this past year and you were unable to attend our Mass of Remembrance last Saturday, Nov. 1st., there is a candle with your loved one's name on it in the gathering area that you may take home as a reminder of this communities support and prayer.



Lectors

LIVING THE WORD books for the coming Church year are in the Sacristy. Lectors, please stop and pick one up and sign the sheet to let us know you have received your book.

DECEMBER 7th SUNDAY 7:00pm MASS: will serve as your Sunday obligation, and not for the vigil of the Immaculate Conception Feast Day, Monday Dec. 8th. The Mass schedule for the holy day will be 6:30am, 9:00am, 12:00noon, and 7:00pm.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: For the past 8 weeks, Donna Piscopo and Lashawna Mackura have participated in a period of prayer and inquiry into the Catholic Faith. Now ready to make a commitment to a serious spiritual journey of conversion, we as the faithful of St. Felicitas will welcome them during the Rite of Acceptance/ Welcoming today at the 9:45am Mass. Now ready to publicly declare their intention to become Catholic Donna and Lashawana will be asked to more fully embrace the Gospel message as they are signed with the Cross of Christ to show that they truly belong to Him. In this Rite, the parish community has the opportunity to more fully participate in lifting up in prayer these two children of God.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone. In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Elizabeth of Hungry	Nov. 17
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
7:00 p.m.	Franc & Ivana Hiti	
TUESDAY	Weekday	Nov. 18
8:15 a.m.	Edward Perko	
7:00 p.m.	Katherine Fiorello	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Nov. 19
8:15 a.m.	Mary & Douglas McMillan	
7:00 p.m.	Mary & Robert Urbancic and Carolyn Loecy	
THURSDAY	Weekday	Nov. 20
8:15 a.m.	Mary Jane Delsanter	
7:00 p.m.	John Stempihar	
FRIDAY	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Nov. 21
8:15 a.m.	Carl Ursich	
7:00 p.m.	Dell Hanks	
SATURDAY	Weekday	Nov. 22
8:15 a.m.	Ronnie Brown	
4:00 p.m.	Mary Fuerst	
SUNDAY	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	Nov. 23
8:00 a.m.	Cecilia Miller	
9:45 a.m.	Rudy Ujcich-Anniversary	
11:45 a.m.	John Tepley	
7:00 p.m.	Edward Perko	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Nov. 19...Thomas-Greaves
Grande Pointe-Sun. Nov. 23.....Legion of Mary

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Benjamin Massaro & Janelle Muhvic

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Nov. 23rd..... "D" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —NOVEMBER 22-23, 2008						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. John	V. Kostelec S. Lonchar	J. Borkey	J. Borkey	M. Monger, M. Carlo, D. Abreo, B. Pophal, T. Brokamp	J. Melvin R. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	K. Stih C. Fornal	J. Kirchmeir	L. Calderwood	R. Eppich, T. Wetzel, F. Zalar, J. Radachy, W. Burnett	A. Gricar M. Wetzel
Sun. 9:45am	Fr. Sal	H. Miozzi L. Gorshe	L. Cooke	G. Haritonovich	E. Edelman, P. Gallagher, A. Koballa, M. Cox, S. Davisson	M. Wagner V. Wagner
Sun. 11:45am	Fr. Sal	G. Slogar S. Sowa	J. Solpa	J. Bretz	E. Dulaney, J. Bretz, K. Wetzel, A. Stokes, J. Vajda	D. Brogdon J. Mello
Sun. 7:00pm	Fr. John	C. Bresnahan A. Barteld	L. Bochenek	T. Isabella	L. Colo, W. Knox, J. Kukula, L. Fulton, R. Volk	L. Bogart Z. Martin

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

LOVE TO PLAN GET TOGETHERS, PARTIES, SOCIAL EVENTS? WE NEED YOU!

The people of St. Felicitas love social events! That was a resounding theme at the Parish Town Hall Meeting this summer. We are, therefore, trying to begin a Social Activities Committee as soon as possible! If you are interested in being a part of this new group, please call Fr. Sal at 216-289-0770.

ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHER? DO YOU JUST LOVE TO TAKE PHOTOS?

There are so many wonderful things that happen day in and day out at St. Felicitas, and we should share memories of those special moments with our community! If you like to take photos and would be willing, in conjunction with others, to take pictures at various events that take place at St. Felicitas please call Fr. Sal at 216-289-0770. Your photos and the photos of others will then be placed on the cover of the bulletin once a month. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS DEC. 24TH 3:30pm:

We are inviting those in Grades K-7 to join together to sing the music for the Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy on December 24th at the 3:30 pm Mass. The rehearsals for this Mass will take place on Tuesday Dec.9th from 5:30-6:30pm and Tuesday Dec. 16th from 5:30-6:30pm. All rehearsals will take place in the church. The arrival time for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass is 2:45 pm. Please contact our Director of Music, Matthew Fodor at the Parish Office 216-289-0770 if your child is interested in participating.

REMINDER: Those that pre-ordered strudel or potica from the girl scouts can pick them up in the school's kitchen on Saturday, November 22 from 9-11 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Cynthia at 216-486-6365. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27th and Friday, Nov. 28th for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

YOUTH CORNER

Dec. 14th	Youth Centered Mass 7:00pm	Open gym afterwards until 9:00pm
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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.

MORE GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

ST. FELICITAS COOKBOOK PROJECT

We hope that you will share some treasured Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's recipes with our Parish Community. You can post and view recipes online at www.stfelicitas.com. Click on the Cookbook Project link. You can subscribe there for free. If you are already subscribed, you have direct access to the cookbook. You can also submit written recipes at the Parish Office or drop them into a collection basket. If interest continues to grow, we may consider printing the parish cookbook.

KALAHARI RESORT: St. Felicitas PTU invites you to a Kalahari Resort getaway on Nov. 24th & 25th...no school! Call 1-877-KALAHARI and ask for the "St. Felicitas Group Rate" of \$109/tax for four people.(\$20./person up to two additional people) Any questions, call Kim Dressel 216-481-0051.



RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Jack Borkey of Bratenahl, our winner of the **Week #6 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Jack Borkey was also the seller winner.

Congratulations to Millie Lekan of Willoughby Hills, our winner of the **November Monthly Raffle**.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



The American Slovenian community has united and is proud to announce the birth of its new publication: **SLOVENIAN AMERICAN TIMES** Published in Cleveland, Ohio. The first issue will be released mid-November and will include both the English and Slovenian sections. To receive a **first complimentary issue**, to subscribe, or to place an ad (business or personal), write to: Slovenian American Times
P.O. Box 43070
Richmond Heights, OH 44143
E-mail: www.slovenianamericantimes.com

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: For 38 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has partnered with poor and low-income people to identify their needs and implement long-term solutions. In the Diocese of Cleveland, CCHD has a rich tradition of working with community groups that are making a difference by addressing socioeconomic problems that affect the most vulnerable in our communities. Please give generously on November 22 and 23.



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REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Gordon Bertsch, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Amalia Kolenko, Ruth Lamm, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, and Milton Taisey

Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.

“SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE”

Capital Campaign Update
Matching Gift Program

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,637,332.05</u>
Difference:	\$ 86,873.62

Matching Gift Program Weekly Total

Pledge Payments & Other Contributions:	\$193.90
<u>Matching Gift Contributions:</u>	<u>\$193.90</u>
Weekly Total:	\$387.80

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$10,938.10
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(1,141.90)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$196,013.76
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$229,520.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(33,506.24)

*Catholic Campaign for Human Development-
November 23rd*

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



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 NOVEMBER 17TH

MONDAY-NOVEMBER 17th

7:30pm Hospitality Ministry Meeting(MR3)

7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 18th

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

7:00pm Finance Council Meeting(MR1)

7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-NOVEMBER 19th

5:30pm Traditional Group Practice(C)

7:00pm Boosters Meeting(S)

7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Formation(MR1-3)

THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 20th

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

7:30pm Parish Council Meeting(MR1)

7:00pm Mission Meeting(MR2)

7:30pm Music Ministry Meeting(C)

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 21st

7:00-10:00pm SFS Junior Hi Dance(G)

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 22nd

9:00-11:00am Strudel/Potica Pick Up(S)

9:15am-12:30pm PSR Grades 1-8(S)

6:45pm Bingo Team B(G)

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 23rd

8:30am-1:30pm Blood Drive

9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24TH

MONDAY-NOVEMBER 24th

7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 25th

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

7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-NOVEMBER 26th

SFS-No School through 11/28

5:30pm Traditional Group Practice(C)

7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 27th

THANKSGIVING

9:30am Mass-only Mass for today

Parish Office will be closed

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 28th

Parish Office will be closed

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 29th

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 30th

9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

