

**FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF**



It has been a busy time at St. Felicitas School. And it is hard to believe that one quarter of the school year has come and gone. We would like to congratulate Mary Beth Cox. Mrs. Cox received Teacher of the Year from Sams Club/Wal\*Mart. An essay was submitted by student Megan Hamblin. Mrs. Cox received a store gift certificate, and St. Felicitas School received a donation from Sams Club/Wal\*Mart in recognition of this award. Mrs. Cox is a sixth grade teacher, and also teaches fifth and sixth grade math. We are very proud of her, and of all of the teachers we have at St.

Felicitas. I have been a teacher and a principal at a number of schools in the last 20 years, and can tell you that this faculty and staff are excellent. I am truly blessed to be a part of this school and this community. The students at St. Felicitas have also worked very hard, and many of them have received first and second honors for the first grading period of the 2008-2009 school year. Our teachers set high standards for our students, and our students are rising to the challenges set before them. With the help of the teachers and their parents, these students are being prepared for high school and beyond. We are very proud of their efforts. Parents are a big part of the school community. All of our parents attended Parent Conferences during the week of November 10-14. Thank you to all the parents who are so dedicated to making sure that their children receive a quality Catholic education here at St. Felicitas. It is in working together that we ensure that our students grow as students and as individuals. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners, along with our school moms and teachers, at the Ladies Reverse Raffle. Our PTU coordinated this event, as well as the Halloween Bash in late October. The PTU has also sponsored Entertainment Book sales, a magazine drive, and a candy sale this year. Thank you to all who make these events possible. It is a season to be grateful for all the gifts God has bestowed upon us. As we celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends, and prepare for Advent, I would like to share this reflection, written by Pope John Paul II...

*“Should we not think in terms of every grace which we have received from the fullness of Jesus Christ, God, and man? ...to give thanks for every one of those graces, and for all at the same time?...Grace is an interior reality. It is a mysterious pulsation of divine life in human souls. It is an interior rhythm, that of God's intimacy with us, hence of our own intimacy with Him. It is the source of every true good in our life. And it is the foundation of the good which does not pass away. Through grace we already live in God, in the unity of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, although our lives continue to go on in this world. Grace gives supernatural value to every life, even though, humanly speaking, and according to the criteria of time, this life may be very poor, insignificant, and hard. So today we ought to give thanks for every grace of God which has been conveyed to anyone, not only to each of us ... but also to every brother and sister of ours in every part of the world. In this way, our hymn of thanksgiving will become a great synthesis as it were. The whole Church will be present in this synthesis, because, as the (Vatican) Council teaches us, she is a sacrament of human salvation.”*

.....In Prayer, Mrs. Linda Revay, Principal

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;  
 Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):  
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
 Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;  
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**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.

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



Gordon Bertsch, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, George Halgash, William Kunc, 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.**

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

#### **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 8:15am, 12:00noon and 7:00pm.



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

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

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** will be at 9:30am on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for our St. Felicitas Parish Family to gather to offer our prayers of gratitude for all of God's blessings in our community this past year. This will be the only Mass for the day.



#### **CHRIST, KING OF ALL**

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

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**ADVENT BOOKLETS:** *Five Minutes with the Word* will be available for the Advent Season. The booklets will be in the Gathering Area, on Nov. 30th, please take one per family. When we give God just a few minutes each day, He blesses us with His peace and guidance.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, Nov. 24 martyr and companions</b>
8:15 a.m.	Richard Willkomm
7:00 p.m.	Anton & Sylvia Milavec
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Weekday Nov. 25</b>
8:15 a.m.	Neda Grubic-Peovic
7:00 p.m.	Edward Perko
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Weekday Nov. 26</b>
8:15 a.m.	Richard Willkomm
7:00 p.m.	Fr. Bober
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day Nov. 27</b>
9:30 a.m.	James Kirchmeir, Jr.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Weekday Nov. 28</b>
8:15 a.m.	Anna & John Sustar
7:00 p.m.	Minka Kmetich
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Weekday Nov. 29</b>
8:15 a.m.	Dorothy Glavic
4:00 p.m.	Patrick O'Connor
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent Nov. 30</b>
8:00 a.m.	Anthony & Ann Modic
9:45 a.m.	Anthony Gorisek
11:45 a.m.	Zigar Family
7:00 p.m.	Josephine Faraci

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

II. Benjamin Massaro & Janelle Muhvic

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Nov. 26.....Schmidt  
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Nov. 30.....Matt & Ron

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Sun. Nov. 30.....“A “ Team  
 Counters for Mon. Dec. 1.....“E “ Team

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE — NOV. 29-30, 2008**

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	H. Baldini N. Baldini	M. Freas	P. Mayer	M. Malta, C. Barni, J. Borkey, T. Brokamp, M. Carlo	K. Johnson C. Malta
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	C. Otters H. Drozin	W. Nalepka	L. Miller	S. Organisceck, P. Reilly, B. Smith, R. Tepley, R. Eppich	T. Henry S. Henry
Sun. 9:45am	Fr. John	C. Nych L. Peters	N. Bogart	D. Wagner	T. Davisson, A. Dean, S. Dreyer, N. Somich, F. Koballa	H. deHaas T. deHaas
Sun. 11:45am	Fr. John	C. Knox C. Knox	T. Hlabse	S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Berquist, J. Bretz, M. Dodd, D. Thomas-Greaves, J. Radachy	M. Thomas-Greaves D. Brogdan
Sun. 7:00pm	Fr. Mehok	E. Mellody J. Mellody	D. Baioni	T. Isabella	J. Barteld, A. Rodriguez, F. Buda, L. Bochenek, M. Chinchar	A. Isabella L. Bogart

**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.

**HELP WANTED:** The Spiritual Development Commission is looking for a volunteer to help with the Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's and brochures. This would involve a small time commitment to track the inventory on a weekly basis. Please call Eric Dulaney at 440-953-0403/Parish Office if interested.

**MARKET DAY:** We'd like to thank everyone who supported our November Market Day sale! Market Day is pleased to offer December Bonus Days this month with ten high quality cookie dough varieties. Your order is important to us, so please look for your December order guide to come home soon or visit marketday.com to see the entire selection of Market Day foods at a great value!

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



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** All of us, as the St. Felicitas family, again have the opportunity to share our Christmas with someone less fortunate than ourselves.

Beginning Nov. 27th, gift tags will be available in the Gathering Area. You are invited to take one or more tags and return your wrapped present to the Gathering Area, the weekends of Dec. 6 & 7, and Dec. 13 & 14. We will need time to distribute them. We ask that if you cannot afford the gift suggested on the tag, to return the tag to the tree. Each tag is intended for a very special and specific person. May all of you be overjoyed in your sharing with others.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY WITH MANNA!!:**

Next weekend we will have a Christmas gift card order form in the bulletin. The deadline for ordering cards for Christmas is Sunday, Dec. 7th. Your completed order form and check made payable to St. Felicitas can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or put in the Sunday collection basket. If you need assistance completing the order form, contact Teri Kern at 216-731-8153 or stop by the Manna table after weekend Masses on Dec. 6 & 7. Thank you for your support.

**BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:** Registration for the co-ed 3rd Grade basketball league is underway. All games are played at St. Mary of the Assumption in Mentor and the league will start the 3rd week of February. The league is open to all parishioners, both boys and girls in the third grade. Last year St. Felicitas had 2 teams in the league. If you are interested in participating, please contact Marcia Fialko at 216-289-7545. Deadline to register is Dec. 1, 2008.



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2008. Breakfast will be served from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Santa will be available from 9:00am until 11:00am. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Children under three are free. The cost includes breakfast of pancakes, sausage, pastries, coffee and juice. Also included is a photo with Santa. The Santa Shop will be open to purchase last minute gifts. There will also be a Holiday Scholastic Book Fair where you can purchase one book and get one free. Tickets are available at the Parish Office. Tickets are limited. Contact Cathy Semerano at (440) 833-0678 or Michelle Abate at (216) 383-0962 if you have any questions.

**RAFFLE WINNER**



**Congratulations** to Rachel Melvin of Willoughby Hills, our winner of the **Week #7 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Jeff Melvin of Willoughby Hills was the seller winner.

**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](http://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.

**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$8,540.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(3,540.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$204,508.76
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$241,600.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(37,091.24)

**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:	\$1,639,623.61
Difference:	\$ 84,582.06

**Matching Gift Program Weekly Total**

Pledge Payments & Other Contributions:	\$1,145.93
Matching Gift Contributions:	\$1,145.93
Weekly Total:	\$2,291.86

**YOUTH C**

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](mailto:linsclub@adelphia.net).

**ORNER**



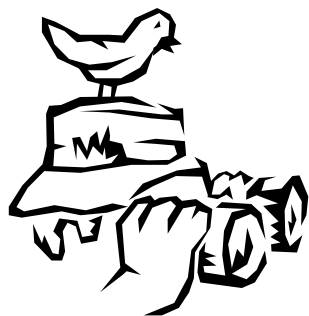
Dear Parishioners,  
With my ever-changing work schedule and wishing to spend more time with my family, it is with deep regret that I am resigning as St. Felicitas' Youth Group Coordinator, effective December 14, 2008, the last youth Mass for the year.

It has been a privilege for me to lead this wonderful group of youth from the Parish over the last 4 years. Representing St. Felicitas at various events has always been an honor for me. Being associated with the group has not only strengthened my religious faith, but also my faith in the young people of our community and our hope for the future. These youngsters are truly something special and the parish should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.

Over the last 4 years they have collected over \$15,000 for the Cancer Relay for Life. We have participated in Christmas and Thanksgiving soup kitchens with the poor at the Villa, Bakes Sales, hay rides, High School Lock-Ins, Food Famine overnights, The Fests, and many more activities. This would not have been possible without the support of the many parents who also gave of their time to be involved in the group. This group is extremely important for the parish as it offers an opportunity for our young parishioners to strengthen their faith and become active members of the community.

In closing, I wish to express my thanks to all in the parish who extended their support to us. We could not have accomplished the many things we did without it. I also wish to extend my willingness to help in any transition for my successor, to ensure that the group continues to grow in our community of faith.

Sincerely.....Jeff Linsky



## 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 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)

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST

#### MONDAY-DECEMBER 1st

7:30pm Rite of Enrollment-Grade 2(C)

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

#### TUESDAY-DECEMBER 2nd

2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1)

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

7:00pm Liturgy Meeting(MR1)

7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

#### WEDNESDAY-DECEMBER 3rd

5:30pm Traditional Group Practice(C)

7:00pm SFS Music Concert(G)

7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

#### THURSDAY-DECEMBER 4th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #2(G)

7:30pm Eucharist Minister Gathering(C)

#### FRIDAY-DECEMBER 5th

7:00pm Mass-Anointing of the Sick after Mass

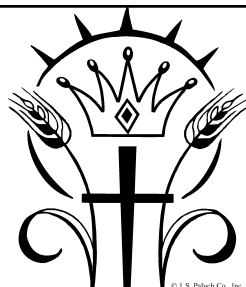
#### SATURDAY-DECEMBER 6th

10:00am Eucharist Minister Gathering(C)

#### SUNDAY-DECEMBER 7th

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

9:00am-12:00pm Breakfast with Santa(G)



## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 23, 2008

"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
 I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

— Matthew 25:35