

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF



The snow has arrived, the cold air surrounds us, and the new liturgical year has begun. We now enter our time of preparation: The Advent Season. Historically speaking, Advent is a time of preparation, penance, reflection, and joyous anticipation. The familiar colors of purple, encourage our prayers, thoughts, participation, and that slight touch of pink in the third week reminds us that He is near.

The word “advent” comes from the Latin word which means “arrival”, or “coming”. We should take the time to really understand and listen when the priest says after the Lord’s Prayer, “as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” Yes, we symbolically welcome the Christ Child on Christmas, but we do not know the day, nor the hour, when He will return, thus our preparation.

Our Advent wreath which suspends from the ceiling of the church is not only a tradition, it’s circular shape, emphasizing the “alpha” (beginning), and the “omega” (end). He is the beginning, and the end. The four candles on the advent wreath represent His coming: Jesus, the light of the world. We must turn our hearts towards God, remembering that Jesus, His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ died for us, rose from the dead, and will come again.

I encourage you to make this Advent season a wonderful part of your every day lives. Why not take a few extra minutes to say another prayer, volunteer at a food pantry, toss that spare change into a basket that you see at all the shopping places for the needy.

I also encourage you to attend the Lessons and Carols Prayer Service on Friday, December 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Let us join together there in a prayerful, musical, yet reflective spirit. Also make time to attend our Euclid Cluster Penance Service, Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Felicitas. What an important part of the Advent season this is to allow ourselves to be clear in mind and heart as we remain ever closer to welcoming the Christ Child into our lives.

Have a prayerful week and God bless.....Matthew Fodor



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



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



Gordon Bertsch, Anthony Brodnick, 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.



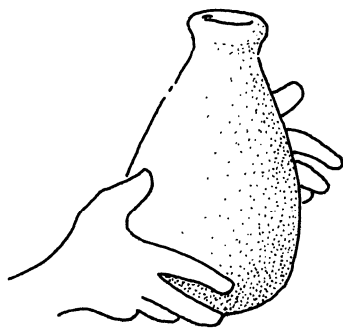
**ST. FELICITAS
PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
216-289-6456**

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

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

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.



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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.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Advent Weekday	Dec. 1
8:15 a.m.	Antonietta Calabrese	
7:00 p.m.	Anthony Carmosino	
TUESDAY	Advent Weekday	Dec. 2
8:15 a.m.	Margaret Walsh	
7:00 p.m.	Joseph & Donna Cenin	
WEDNESDAY	Francis Xavier, priest	Dec. 3
8:15 a.m.	George Matic	
7:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased of Malovrh Families	
THURSDAY	Advent Weekday	Dec. 4
8:15 a.m.	Rose Cistone	
7:00 p.m.	Marge & Joe Kaurich	
FRIDAY	Advent Weekday	Dec. 5
8:15 a.m.	Minka Kmetich	
7:00 p.m.	All Souls	
SATURDAY	Nicholas, bishop	Dec. 6
8:15 a.m.	Frances Gazvoda	
1:30 p.m.	<i>Wedding: Massaro & Muhvic</i>	
4:00 p.m.	Stefi Arko	
SUNDAY	Second Sunday of Advent	Dec. 7
8:00 a.m.	Mary Hiznay	
9:45 a.m.	Living & Deceased of Andrew Simon Family	
11:45 a.m.	Bill & Jeanne Garry	
7:00 p.m.	Mike & Helen Ujcich-anniversary	

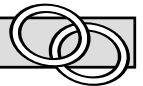
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Dec. 3.....VanGorder
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Dec. 7.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Dec. 7th..... "B" Team
 Counters for Mon. Dec. 8th..... "F" Team

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



III. Benjamin Massaro & Janelle Muhvic

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — DEC. 6-7, 2008

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. John	R. Lamm S. Lonchor	P. Mayer	D. Abreo	M. Freas, C. Barni, J. Barni, J. Borkey, J. Borkey	J. Melvin J. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. John	S. Glavic T. Jones	D. McAndrew	L. Miller	M. Cinalli, R. Eppich, W.Nalepka M. Muehle, J. Kirchmeir	A. Gaser K. Gaser
Sun. 9:45am	Fr. Sal	J. Yeckley L. Gorshe	T. Bluntzer	N. Bogart	E. Perme, C. deHaas, J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer, M. Cox	H. deHaas T. deHaas
Sun. 11:45am	Fr. Mehok	D. Thomas- Greaves G. Slogar	S. Thomas- Greaves	J. Bretz	L. Grosel, B. Kelley, S. Kelley, I. Klemens, A. Molnar	M. Thomas- Greaves M. Wetzal
Sun. 7:00pm	Fr. John	J. Buda M. Chinchar	J. Schmidt	J. Linsky	L. Fulton, W. Knox, M. Chinchar, J. Kukula, F. Buda	J. Bryda A. Isabella

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.

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 or the Parish Office if interested."

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.

MARKET DAY: Markey Day is excited to announce that December Bonus Days are back! With your Cookie Creations purchase you will help our organization earn extra profit as well as enjoy premium cookie dough that taste great! Simply place your order online at marketday.com-it's that easy! Order online until Noon on Dec. 9th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Alice at 216-261-1574. With your support, we're looking forward to reaching our fundraising goals.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY WITH MANNA!!:

This weekend's bulletin has a Christmas gift card order form enclosed. 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.

MORE GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: All of us, as the St. Felicitas family will again have the opportunity to share our Christmas with someone less fortunate than ourselves. Beginning Nov. 27th, gift tags will be available on a branch in the Gathering Area. You are invited to take one or more tags and return your gift-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.



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.

RAFFLE WINNER

PTU Weekly Raffle winner for Week #8 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"

Capital Campaign Update
Matching Gift Program

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,639,987.61</u>
Difference:	\$ 84,218.06

Matching Gift Program Weekly Total

Pledge Payments & Other Contributions:	\$182.00
<u>Matching Gift Contributions:</u>	<u>\$182.00</u>
Weekly Total:	\$364.00

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,740.42
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,339.58)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$214,249.18
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$253,680.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(39,430.82)

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



St. Felicitas Church

December, 2008

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 7:30pm Rite of Enrollment(C) (Grade 2) 7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<p>2 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir(C) 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting(MR1) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>3 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm SFS(G) Music Concert 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)</p>	<p>4 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 7:30pm Eucharistic Minister Gathering(C)</p>	<p>5 7:00pm Mass Anointing of the Sick after Mass (C)</p>	<p>6 10:00am Eucharistic Minister Gathering(C)</p>
<p>7 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C) 9:00am-12:00 Breakfast with Santa</p>	<p>8 Holy Day Immaculate Conception Masses: 8:15am, 12:00Noon, and 7:00pm 7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study 7:30pm(S) PSR Teachers Mtg</p>	<p>9 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir(C) 7:30pm School Dev. Meeting(S) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>10 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:30pm CMG Practice(C) 7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Formation (MR1-3)</p>	<p>11 6:45pm Bingo Team #3 7:30pm Spiritual Development Meeting(MR1)</p>	<p>12 No 7:00pm Mass 7:30pm Lessons and Carols(C)</p>	<p>13 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 8:30-9:30am Market Day P/U 9:15am-12:30 PSR Gr.1-8(S) 9:30-11:30am Advent Family Program(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team A</p>
<p>14 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C) 7:00pm Youth Centered Mass(C)</p>	<p>15 7:00pm(G) SFS Band Concert 7:00pm Euclid Cluster Penance Service(C) 7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<p>16 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir(C) 7:00pm Finance Council Mtg 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>17 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Boosters Mtg(S) 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)</p>	<p>18 6:45pm Bingo Team #4 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1) 7:30pm Music Ministry Mtg(C)</p>	<p>19 11:00am SFS-D dismissal Christmas Break through 01/04</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word</p>	<p>22 7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<p>23 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule 3:30pm (Children's) 6:00pm & 12:00Midnight</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Mass Schedule 8:00am, 9:45am and 11:45am There will be no 7:00pm Mass</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 6:45pm Bingo Team B</p>
<p>28 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>31 7:00pm Vigil Mass for HolyDay</p>	<p>01/01 HolyDay Mary, Mother of God, Masses: 8:15am & 12Noon</p>		