

Father Cook's Corner

1-2 October 2011

27th Sunday of the Year

October is **Respect for Life Month**.

During this month of October we pray and make sacrifices for a greater respect for the dignity of all human life – from the moment of conception until natural death. Blessed Pope John Paul II continues to inspire us: *"I make a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life – every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace, and happiness!"* (*Evangelium Vitae*, #5)

I will offer Mass at 8:00 a.m. in St. Felix Church on **First Friday**, October 7, for the Feast of the **Most Holy Rosary**. The Dominican Pope, Saint Pius V, instituted this feast after the famous defeat of the Turkish navy by the Christians at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Because the entire month of October is dedicated to the rosary, I encourage you to pray the rosary with your families. We will have several opportunities to pray the rosary as a community this month; thank you to the Knights of Columbus for leading the rosary before our weekend Masses. Once again, we reflect on the inspired words of Blessed Pope John Paul II: *"The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation. Simple yet profound, it still remains...a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness."* (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, #5 & 1)

During the month of October, Bishop Quinn has once again asked us to take a **Sunday Mass Attendance Count**. At all of the weekend Masses we will count the number of parishioners and visitors who attend Sunday Mass. The Bishop believes that having this information will help us with our long-range pastoral planning for the Diocese of Winona. Thank you for your patience as we comply with the Bishop's request.

This Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the St. Felix Office, I will begin **RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** for both of our parishes. RCIA is the process of educating and welcoming Christians and non-baptized adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. I extend a warm welcome to anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic or to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith. When the disciples of St. John the Baptist came to Jesus for the first time they asked Our Lord, *"Where do you pitch your tent?"* And Jesus responded, *"Come and see!"* Two thousand years later, Our Lord is still inviting us to *"come and see"* where he *"dwells among us"* in the tabernacles of His Catholic Church.



2011 Annual Diocesan Appeal

September 27, 2011

St. Felix

Goal	\$29,120
YTD Received	\$27,291
Parishioners Donating	121
Percent of Parishioners	18.67%

St. Agnes

Goal	\$7,440
YTD Received	\$6,835
Parishioners Donating	32
Percent of Parishioners	20%

We are closing in on the ADA goal for both Parishes. Unfortunately a low percentage of parishioners from both parishes have contributed. To increase the percentages and help reach both parish goals, please pick up a contribution envelope in the back of either Church. You may mail your payment directly to the Diocese, place it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the Parish office. If we do not reach these goals, the Diocese will send each Parish an invoice for the remaining amount. **Thank You for your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.**

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, October 4th

11:00 A.M. St. Felix † Loretta Albrecht

Wednesday, October 5th

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Warren Graner

Thursday, October 6th

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Chuck Hoeg

Friday, October 7th

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Eileen Gamble

Saturday, October 8th

4:30 P.M. St. Felix *Pro Populo*

Sunday, October 9th

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Gerald & Phylis Hall

9:30 A.M. St. Felix † Jim Kalmes

Liturgical Roles October 3rd-October 9th

Monday– October 3d @ St. Felix

No Mass

Tuesday-October 4th 11:00 A.M. @ St. Felix-

Servers: Ben Solberg, Alex Avilez, Elizabeth Avilez

Wednesday-October 5th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes-

Thursday-October 6th @ 8:00 A.M. St. Felix

Servers: Ben Solberg, Alex Avilez, Elizabeth Avilez

Friday-October 7th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Ben Solberg, Alex Avilez, Elizabeth Avilez

Saturday– October 8th 4:30 P.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Madeline Meyer, Cammie Schneider

Reader: Carol Bouquet

Offertory: Rod and Pat Kolb Family

Com. Min.: Jerry Arens, Angie Danckwart, Linda Dick

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Mike Wobbe, Jim Abbott and

Leo Meyer

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

Sunday– October 9th 8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes

Servers: Grace Tentis, Ben Tentis

Reader: Tom Crowley

Offertory: Dave and Margo Deming

Com. Min.: Cindy Eversman, Lori Glomski, Carolyn Greeley

Ushers: Larry Kronebusch, Tony Lamey

Sunday– October 9th 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Lexi Stumpf, Mason Kuntz

Reader: Peter Kay

Offertory: Chad and Alison Springer Family

Com. Min: Julie Fosmo, Dennis Hetrick, Annette Huntoon

Ushers: Norm Tentis, Paul Flicek, Buck Gosse and

Steve Gosse

Sacristan: Peter Kay



Financial Information

St. Felix– September 25, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support ..	\$5,475.97	\$6,865	(\$1,389.03)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 95 envelopes		
Offertory.....	\$444.32	\$480.77	(\$36.45)
Capital Improvement.....	\$15.00		

St. Agnes- September 25, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. .	\$913	\$1,058	(\$145)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 26 envelopes		
Offertory.....	\$150	\$173.08	(\$23.08)

General Clustered Parish Announcements

During the month of October, members of the Knights of Columbus, will be leading the **rosary before Mass at both St. Felix and St. Agnes**. Everyone is invited to arrive early for this form of prayer. The rosary will begin at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday prior to the 4:30 P.M. Mass and on Sunday at 7:30 A.M. prior to the 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Agnes and 9:00 A.M. prior to the 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Felix.

“de-Christianization” and the New Evangelization, Monday October 3rd at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Raymond De Souza

A factual analysis of the process of de-Christianization of the Western Culture as expounded by Pius XI, Pius XII, John Paul II and Benedict XVI in the areas of economy, politics and law, and the corresponding Catholic response: a New Evangelization and Catholic Action.

As a Reminder: The next meeting of the **St. Agnes Quilters** will be this coming Wednesday, **October 5th** at 10:00 A.M. in the St. Agnes Parish Hall. Please bring scissors and a quilting needle. If you have quilt material, pillow cases, bias tape or knit fabric you would like to donate please leave them in the back of church. We will also be making ditty bags for the Women’s Shelter. We need hotel size soap, lotion, shampoo, combs, wash clothes, hand towels, tooth brushes and tooth paste. If you would rather donate money we will purchase the necessary items.

Please join us on October 5th. I am sure that you will find it very rewarding.

A sincere **“Thank You”** to all the ladies of St. Felix Parish who donated baked goods, money or helped at the Fall Festival Bake Sale. The delicious looking baked good were packaged neatly. God bless you all for sharing your time, talent and generosity. *Eleanore Dick, Chairperson*

We are in need of cabbage, peppers, carrots and rutabagas for the St. Agnes Fall Dinner. If you have any of these items you would like to donate please contact Mary Tentis at 767- 4471. Thank You.

St. Felix CCW Volunteer hours are due by October 7th. Envelops and forms can be found in the back of church and Holy Family Room. Please take time to document your hours for the NCCW.

The St. Felix CCW Baby Bottle Campaign will begin the weekend of October 8th and 9th. Stop in back of church and pick up a baby bottle or envelop to fill. The Baby Bottle Campaign benefits The Catholic Charities Mother and Child Assistance Fund. Through this program women across the Diocese can receive financial assistance and counseling through a number of programs and will help women choose adoption or parenting rather than abortion for their unborn child. Your generosity will be blessed and greatly appreciated.



Valley Scare Trip Planned for October 15th. Join us for ghoulish rides, freaky fun and frightening food on Saturday, **October 15th** from 3:30 P.M. to Midnight. Ages 6th grade on up are welcome to attend. The cost for the trip is \$22.00 per student. Please contact the Parish Office at 651-565-3931 or Faith Formation Office at 651-565-3718 with any questions. **RSVP by October 7th.**

The **WDCCW Fall Convention** will be held on Saturday, **October 8, 2011** at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Worthington. Speaker will be Lisa Hendey, Author of "The Handbook for Catholic Moms" The vote to change the area to St. Charles will be taking place. We are looking for as many of our CCW members to attend to vote No to this change. Please contact Pat Kolb to sign-up to go to this very important meeting.

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, **October 13th** at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth's Health Care Center. The topic of discussion will be: *Signs of Alzheimer's Disease.*

The **St. Agnes Parish annual Fall Turkey Dinner** with all the trimmings will be Sunday, **October 16th**, serving from 11:00 A.M until 2:00 P.M. Carry outs will again be available at the Rectory. Other activities include; Country Market and Bake Sale, Tootsie Roll Wrap, Book/Video Sale, Numerous Theme Baskets and Raffles. The Specialty Auction will begin at 1:30 P.M. with the Raffle Drawings beginning at 2:30 P.M. Come and enjoy a good meal and check out the other activities.



America Need Fatima-Public Square Prayer Rally is scheduled for **October 15th** at Noon at St. Felix. The purpose of this rally is to pray for the conversion of America. Please come and gather outside the St. Felix Church where we will group and process in prayer and songs of praise in honor of our Lady of Fatima. We will walk several blocks around St. Felix School and the church property praying the Rosary and then we will complete our rally inside the St. Felix Church. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the St. Felix Gym. For more information please contact Pat Kolb 565-3718 or Ruth Klein 651-345-2041.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, **October 9th** from 8:00-11:00 A.M. in the St. Felix School Gym. All proceeds will go to St. Felix School.

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 3

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group
- 6:30 P.M. Light of Christ Prayer Group
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 4

- 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

Thursday, October 6

Friday, October 7

Saturday, October 8

- 9:30 A.M. Paper Drive
- 4:00 P.M. Rosary-St. Felix



Sunday, October 9

- Rite of Commitment
- 7:30 A.M. Rosary-St. Agnes
- 8:00-11:00 A.M. KC's Pancake Breakfast-St. Felix
- 9:00 A.M. Rosary-St. Felix