

Father Cook's Corner 29 - 30 October 2011

31st Sunday of the Year

The USA Council of Serra International has asked Catholics in the United States to observe October 30 as **Priesthood Sunday**. As Blessed Pope John Paul II said on the 50th Anniversary of his ordination, the priesthood is a "gift and a mystery." I am so thankful to Our Lord for this gift; like an eternal spring, the priesthood is a great mystery that can never be exhausted of its riches. Thank you for your many prayers and sacrifices. It is an honor to serve you as your pastor.

Bishop Quinn appointed me as the Chaplain for the **Serra Club** of Wabasha County. The mission of Serra International® is to pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life. We will have **Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Joachim Catholic Church in Plainview at 3:30 p.m., today, Sunday, October 30. During our time of Adoration, we will pray *Vespers* together and a special *Litany for Priests*.

Tuesday, November 1, the Church celebrates **All Saints Day** – a day to honor everyone in heaven – both canonized saints and saints "known to God alone." *All Saints Day* reminds us that we are all called by God to be saints; He invites every person on earth to share in His Divine Life forever in heaven. This Solemnity is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for all Catholics; all Catholics are required to attend Mass on November 1. The Mass schedule for *All Saints Day* is as follows:

6:30 a.m.* November 1 St. Felix Latin Mass
11:00 a.m. November 1 St. Felix School Mass
6:30 p.m. November 1 St. Agnes

*Yes, this Mass does begin at 6:30 in the morning! This early Latin Mass will be completed by 7:30 a.m. so that you can fulfill your obligation to attend Mass and still get to work or school. The Latin Mass will be offered at the High Altar according to the rubrics of the 1962 Roman Missal. At this Mass the faithful receive Holy Communion only on the tongue while kneeling. It will be a "Low Mass" – there will be NO music or sermon at this Mass.

Wednesday, November 2, the Church celebrates **All Souls Day** – a day to pray and make sacrifices for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. I will offer three Masses on *All Souls Day*; the special Mass schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m. November 2 St. Agnes
10:00 a.m. November 2 Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (for the Curia)
7:00 p.m. November 2 St. Felix Faith Formation Classes

In 1915 Pope Benedict XV granted priests the privilege of celebrating three Mass on *All Souls Day*. The first Mass is offered for a particular intention, the second Mass is offered for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and the third Mass is offered for the Holy Father's intentions. Although *All Souls Day* is not a holy day of obligation, I strongly encourage everyone to attend one or all three Masses to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. A Catholic in the state of grace can receive Holy Communion three times on *All Souls Day*.

During the month of November we are called to pray and make sacrifices for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For this purpose I have placed a special **Book of Remembrance** near the baptismal font in both churches. This book contains the names of those who died in our parishes during the past year. I invite you to write in the book the names of your other family members and friends who have died. We will pray for all the souls inscribed in the *Book of Remembrance* throughout the month of November.

"If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." – St. John Chrysostom as quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1032.

I also encourage you to visit the cemetery during the month of November – a common practice in many countries. *"An indulgence is granted the Christian Faithful (under the usual conditions of Communion, Confession, and a prayer for the Pope's intentions) who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. This indulgence is a plenary indulgence from November 1-8."* (*Handbook of Indulgences*, #13).

At the entrances to the church there are several copies of two important pamphlets: **How to Plan for a Catholic Funeral and Cremation: What Catholics Should Know**. These pamphlets are published by the Diocese of Winona. I invite everyone to take a copy home with them as we reflect on our own mortality and future life with God during this month of November.

Thank you for your generous gifts on **World Mission Sunday**. Last weekend we collected \$1,180.27 for the priests, sisters, brothers, and lay catechists who bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church to "all the nations." Please continue to pray for the Church's missionary work.

On Thursday, November 3, I will be the substitute teacher for Father Andy Beerman's morality class at St. Mary's University in Winona. Because his class begins at 9:15 a.m., the morning Mass on Thursday, November 3 will begin one hour earlier at 7:00 a.m. On Friday, November 4, I will be attending the Permanent Diaconate Planning Committee Meeting at the Pastoral Center in Winona. We will be reviewing the entire program of formation for the men studying to be deacons here in the Diocese of Winona.

Liturgical Roles October 31st-November 6th

Monday– October 31st @ St. Felix-No Mass
Tuesday-November 1st @ 6:30 A.M. @ St. Felix
Tuesday-November 1st 11:00 A.M. @ St. Felix
 Servers: Maxwell Kuntz, Rachel Gosse
Tuesday-November 1st at 6:30 P.M. @ St. Agnes
 Servers: Ben Tentis, Grace Tentis
 Reader: Rick Vaplon
 Offertory: Phil and Lori Glomski Family
 Com. Min.: Lori Glomski, Kevin Hager, Rosie Lamey
 Ushers: Larry Kronebusch, Tony Lamey
Wednesday-November 2nd 8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes
Wednesday-November 2nd 7:00 P.M. @ St. Felix
 Liturgical Roles: Faith Formation Students
Thursday-November 3rd 7:00 A.M. @ St. Felix
 Servers: Maxwell Kuntz, Rachel Gosse
Friday-November 4th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix
 Servers: Maxwell Kuntz, Rachel Gosse
Saturday– November 5th 4:30 P.M. @ St. Felix
 Servers: Ben Solberg, Natalie Schmit, Nicholas Meyer
 Reader: Carol Bouquet
 Offertory: David and Michelle Meyer Family
 Com. Min.: Phil Rosendale, Carol Schmit, Annabelle Suilmann
 Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Jim Abbott, Leo Meyer, Ed Ostrom
 Sacristan: Judie Fogarty
Sunday– November 6th 8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes
 Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Alex Avilez
 Reader: Laura Schurhammer
 Offertory: Bill and Michelle Huth Family
 Com. Min.: Tom Peyla, Kathy Tentis, Mary Tentis
 Ushers: Dave Lee, Frank Lee
Sunday– November 6th 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix
 Servers: Savannah LaRocque, Lexi Stumpf
 Reader: Dennis Hetrick
 Offertory: Gerald and Ruth Klein
 Com. Min: Alice Auth, Carol Binner, Pam Christopherson
 Usher: John Passe, Ron Passe, Tiffany Risch, John Taubel
 Sacristan: Gerald and Ruth Klein

Financial Information

St. Felix– October 23, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support	\$6,076	\$6,865	(\$789)
*Includes Direct Deposits ** 113 envelopes			
Offertory.....	\$500.94	\$480.77	\$20.17
World Mission.....	\$ 807.02		

St. Agnes- October 23, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support.	\$863	\$1,058	(\$195)
*Includes Direct Deposits ** 22 envelopes			
Offertory.....	\$189.60	\$173.08	\$16.52
World Mission.....	\$373.25		

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 31st
 No Mass
Tuesday, November 1st
 6:30 A.M. St. Felix *Pro Populo*
 11:00 A.M. St. Felix † John Schuth
 6:30 P.M. St. Agnes † William Arens
Wednesday, November 2nd
 8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Dewey Marien
 7:00 P.M. St. Felix Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, November 3rd
 7:00 A.M. St. Felix † Trudy Fruetel
Friday, November 4th
 8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Helen Hoppe
Saturday, November 5th
 4:30 P.M. St. Felix † The Irish Family
 (Vera, Erwin & Catherine)
Sunday, November 6th
 8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Herbert Hemann
 9:30 A.M. St. Felix *Pro Populo*

General Clustered Parish Announcements

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday

We the faithful of our Catholic Parishes in the United States have developed our own special way of marking one day to honor our parish priests. Let us come together after Mass today and let Fr. Cook know we appreciate him for all he does.

St. Felix CCW invites everyone to come to the St. Felix Auditorium following the 9:30 A.M. Mass today. We will be serving coffee, juice and rolls. A basket will be available for parishioners to drop cards for Father Cook to welcome and to say thank you.



Mass will be celebrated at the St. Elizabeth's Hospital Chapel and Health Care Center on **November 1st** at 10:00 A.M.

Bishop Quinn will be celebrating Mass at St. Elizabeth's Hospital Chapel on **November 10th** at 4:00 P.M. This Liturgy will include Anointing of the Sick for those who desire the sacrament. All are welcome to attend.

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, **November 10th** at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth's Health Care Center. The topic of discussion will be: *Treatment Options of Alzheimer's Disease.*

There will be a meeting of any and all interested alumni on Thursday, **November 10th** at 7:00 P.M. at the school in order to establish a structure for a **St. Felix Alumni Foundation**. Please come and join us as we discuss ways in which the alumni of the school can become active partners in securing the future of our school.

What is "good" and "evil"? And WHO decides? Is it the State? The opinion of the majority? The individual choice? The Bible? An analysis of Natural Law aimed to identify the logical criteria to define the difference between good and evil in daily life. Join us on Monday, November 14th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00 P.M. to hear speaker Raymond De Souza.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: For the eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.

St. Felix and St. Agnes parishioners who move south for the winter months. When planning your move, please remember to contact the Parish office and advise your anticipated move date and winter address. This will assist in scheduling Liturgical roles and to reduce postage on Parish mailings and contribution envelopes that will not be forwarded. You may call the Parish office at 651-565-3931 or stop in to give your information. **Thank You.**

Scrip Incentive

Here's your chance to WIN! The St. Felix Scrip program is giving away FOUR \$25 Scrip gift cards throughout the month of November!!! And all you have to do to enter is make a \$100 combined weekly Scrip purchase. Yes, it's that easy. For every \$100 purchased your name will be entered and you could win your choice of a \$25 scrip card. Make four weekly purchases of \$100 and be entered each week. Weekly winners will be announced in the bulletin.

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp air. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away.

Upcoming weekends are scheduled for:

November 18th-20th in Stewartville, MN

February 10th-12th in Windom, MN

March 16th-18th in Frontenac, MN

July 13th-15th in Hutchinson, MN

For more information and/or registration, contact:

Jeff and Rondi Kodet at 507-644-3523 or

jrek@redred.com or visit our website at

www.wwmeSection8.org

Wanted: Someone to do Adoration on alternate Fridays at 2:00 P.M. Please contact Edwin Albrecht if you are interested. Thank You.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 30

After 9:30 A.M. Mass-Coffee and Rolls in St. Felix Gym

3:30 P.M. Serra Club Meeting-St. Joachim's Church-
Plainview

Monday, October 31

6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group

6:30 A.M. Light of Christ Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 1

6:30 A.M. Latin Mass-St. Felix

11:00 A.M. Children's Mass-St. Felix

6:30 P.M. Mass-St. Agnes

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 2

8:00 A.M. Mass-St. Agnes

10:00 A.M. Mass-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1:00 P.M. Forester's Sewing Group-School Spanish Room

7:00 P.M. Faith Formation Mass-St. Felix

Thursday, November 3

Friday, November 4

Saturday, November 5

Sunday, November 6