

## Father Cook's Corner

24-25 December 2011

### *The Nativity of the Lord*

**Merry Christmas!** As we celebrate the joyous feast of Our Savior's birth, I pray that the Christ Child will fill your hearts and minds with the blessings of His love, hope, and peace. *"You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing...For a child is born to us, a son is given us."* (Isaiah 9: 2, 5)

I will be spending the Christmas holiday with my family in Austin. Father Milo Ernster will be offering the morning Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. Unfortunately there will NO Mass on Friday, December 30.

Many of you might remember the *Catholics Come Home*® television commercials, which were seen on local television stations from March 9 - April 24, 2011. *Catholics Come Home*® announced that they will air one-minute television commercials from December 16, 2011, through January 8, 2012. The commercials – inspiring invitations to return to parish life or to get to know the Catholic Church – will run more than 400 times on national networks such as CBS, NBC, TBS, USA, TNT, CNN, and Fox News, reaching every diocese in the United States. *Catholics Come Home*® is a wonderful apostolate dedicated to bringing fallen-away Catholics back to the Church. I encourage you to invite your family members and friends to come back to the Church. If you would like to know more about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), or about reconciling with the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, please do not hesitate to contact me. For more information, please visit: [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org). Please remember to pray for this national *Catholics Come Home*® evangelization initiative, and for all souls who will be invited home.

Thank you for your generous year-end gifts to our parishes during this Christmas season. Your contributions to the **Christmas Offertory Collection** are necessary in order to run our parishes on a balanced budget. Thank you, too, for the many financial sacrifices you have made throughout this past year.

In addition to making a year-end gift to the parish, you might also want to consider making a tax-deductible gift to one of the following:

(1) To **Adopt a Child** for St. Felix School

Recently, a flyer was sent to parishioners, alumni, and benefactors regarding the **Adopt a Child** Campaign at St. Felix Catholic School in Wabasha. There are a number of families in our school system in need of tuition assistance. The cost of grade school tuition this year is \$1,830 for one student, \$2,750 for two students, and \$3,660 for three or more students. I encourage you to prayerfully consider a donation to the *Adopt a Child Campaign*. Your contribution will help families who wish to continue the tradition of a strong Catholic education.

(2) To the **Altar Candle / Roman Missal / Chalice Fund**

With the new English translation of the Roman Missal also comes a renewed emphasis on the liturgy and on making the Mass truly a participation in the heavenly liturgy. To this end, there are many liturgical items that are necessary, such as: (1) **New liturgical books**; (2) **Crucifix and candlesticks**; (3) refinishing antique, tarnished **chalices**. If anyone is interested in donating these items, either as an individual, a church organization, or in memory of a loved one, please see me personally, or place a donation in the collection basket in a special envelope clearly marked, *Altar Candle/Roman Missal/Chalice Fund*. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

(3) To the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**

St. Felix Parish has surpassed their 2011 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal of \$29,120 by \$326; congratulations! We are very close to reaching our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal of \$7,440 for St. Agnes Parish; we only need \$275 by December 31, 2011. Please consider helping us to achieve this goal; envelopes for the ADA are available at the entrances to the church. Please mail your gift directly to the diocese, or put your gift in the collection basket.



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 26th

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 27th

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Lawrence Huneke

### Wednesday, December 28th

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Ervin Marking

### Thursday, December 29th

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † John Schuth

### Friday, December 30th

No Mass

### Saturday, December 31st

No Latin Mass

4:30 P.M. St. Felix † Helen Burrichter

### Sunday, January 1st

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † *Pro Populo*

9:30 A.M. St. Felix † Brian Lamey

## Liturgical Roles December 26th-January 1st

**Monday- December 26th-** No Mass

**Tuesday-December 27th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Rachel Gosse, MaKinsie Rollinger, Claire Busch

**Wednesday, December 28th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes**

**Thursday, December 29th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Rachel Gosse, MaKinsie Rollinger, Claire Busch

**Friday-December 30th-** No Mass

**Saturday- December 31st 4:30 P.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Maggie Klees, Adrianna Baab, Abbey Schmoker

Reader: Vicky Johnson

Offertory: Dave and Mary Pfeilsticker

Com. Min.: Carolyn Greeley, Tom Bouquet, Carol Bouquet

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Jay Dunagan, Hunter & Austin

Baab

Sacristan: Kathryn Fonfara

**Sunday- January 1st 8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes**

Servers: Abbey Graner, Maci Luff

Reader: Tom Crowley

Offertory: Phil and Lori Glomski Family

Com. Min.: Cindy Eversman, Kathy Tentis, Tom Peyla

Ushers: Gerald McGrath, John Miller

**Sunday- January 1st 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Savannah LaRocque, Lexi Stumpf

Reader: Dennis Hetrick

Offertory: Steve and Kathy Gosse

Com. Min: Julie Fosmo, Annette Huntoon, Ruth Klein

Usher: Andy Danckwart, Paul Flicek, Buck Gosse, Dave

Grabau

Sacristan: Mark Suilmann

## Vocations Monstrance

In 2004, the late Pope John Paul II blessed a monstrance with the intention of praying for vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life. In cooperation with



the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the USA council of Serra International coordinates the monstrance's tour of dioceses in North America.

The Monstrance was originally intended to travel the continent in honor of the Jubilee Year of the Eucharist, but high demand has kept it in circulation for the past six years continuously. It has criss-crossed North American many times since it came under our charge.

We, as members of the Serra Club of Wabasha County are so very pleased to have this beautiful monstrance in our area for the week of January 8th thru January 13, 2012. This is of special significance as this is National Vocations Awareness Week. We bring this monstrance to the faith community by way of a holy hour and Benediction on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. at St. Felix Church (117 3rd St. W.) in Wabasha conducted by Chaplain Father Thomas Cook as we pray in a special way for our young men and women to be open to the call to religious life and the priesthood. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer. A potluck meal will follow.

Serra Club of Wabasha County consists of the cluster parishes of St. Felix, Wabasha/St. Agnes, Kellogg, St. Joachim, Plainview/Immaculate Conception, Kellogg, St. Mary of the Lake, Lake City/St. Patrick, West Albany and St. Mary, Minneiska. We are always seeking and welcoming new members

**General Clustered Parish Announcements**

**Welcome** newly baptized Liam James Kosik. Liam is the son of Royce Kosik and Heather Gosse.

**Catholic Schools Week** kick off with our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show on Saturday, **January 28th** after the 4:30 P.M. Mass in the St. Felix School gym.

**NEW THIS YEAR: Dessert Auction!!!**

**Do you have a delectable dessert you would like to donate.** We are looking for a wide variety of beautiful desserts to auction off at our dinner. If you would like to donate one, please contact Tisha Frost at the school office or at [tfrost@stfelixschool.org](mailto:tfrost@stfelixschool.org)

**K.C.'s Offer Formation Degree-** The Knights of Columbus is a men's church service organization within the parish cluster working in the areas of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The formation or induction of new members degree, will be offered at St. Joseph's Church in Red Wing on the evening of Monday, **January 9, 2012.** Some potential members have been already contacted, but, if there are any other men in good standing with the Church who would like information on time, transportation, and sponsorship to this degree, please call Grand Knight Jim Pfeilsticker at 565- 4662. Please call as soon as possible for an application form. Those planning on attending the event are asked to put this date on their calendars.

**The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist– Monday, January 16th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7:00 P.M.**

**Speaker: Raymond De Souza.** What is present in the tabernacle? A sacred thing? Or a divine Person? Putting logic at the service of the Faith to investigate the meaning Jesus intended to give to His word, *"This is my Body"*.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January:**

Victims of Natural Disasters. That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

**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.**

*"Give to the Most High as He has given to you — generously, according to your means." Sirach 35:9*

As of December 18, 2011 26th Week	St. Agnes	St. Felix
Church Support budgeted per week:	\$1,355.96	\$7,785.58
Church Support contributed last week:	\$1,043.25	\$6,269.64
Church Support budgeted fiscal year to date:	\$33,899.00	\$194,639.50
Church Support contributed fiscal year to date:	\$30,813.48	\$170,403.69
Capitol Improvements:		\$75.00

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, December 26**

Parish Office Closed

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

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

**Tuesday, December 27**

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix

**Wednesday, December 28**

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

**Thursday, December 29**

**Friday, December 30**

No Mass

**Saturday, December 31**

No Latin Mass

**Sunday, January 1**

