

## Father Cook's Corner

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

3- 4 September 2011

In a happy act of divine providence, we have hired **Tisha Frost** as our new interim principal of St. Felix School. Tisha grew up on her family farm near Chatfield, Minnesota. She received her undergraduate degree in American History, a minor in theology, and a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Notre Dame. She has a wealth of experience in teaching and education, both in Catholic schools and as a director of religious education. Tisha is married to Ben Frost, the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Winona. They have two children and live outside of Rochester. I am most impressed with Tisha's life of faith, her love of the Lord, and total dedication to the Catholic Church. We are truly blessed that Tisha will be with us for three days each week, and I am grateful that she accepted our offer to join our excellent teachers, students, and staff at St. Felix School.

Monday, September 5, is **Labor Day**. May all those who labor turn to St. Joseph as a model and inspiration for their work. Unfortunately there will be no Mass scheduled on Labor Day.

Monday, September 5, is the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**. On her feast day we can meditate on one of the many inspirational things she said: *"Do small things with great love. It's not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving."*

On Wednesday, September 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. Felix School Media Room, we will have our **Faith Formation Open House** for all students, parents, and catechists. This Open House provides a great opportunity to complete your registration form and make tuition payments. We are still in need of several catechists to teach our young people on Wednesday afternoons for grades 3-6 & 8-9. Please pray to see if the Holy Spirit is calling you to be a catechist.

On Thursday, September 8, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. On this joyful celebration of Our Blessed Mother's birth, Bishop Quinn will re-consecrate the Diocese of Winona to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. I will be attending this Mass in Winona, and I invite all of our parishioners to join the seminarians and priests of the diocese for this consecration.

At all of the Masses next weekend, September 10-11, the pastors of the Diocese of Winona will **consecrate their parishes to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**. We make this consecration in union with Bishop Quinn's consecration of the entire diocese to Mary. In our act of consecration, we surrender the parish completely to God, dedicating the parish and all our prayers, works, joys, and sufferings, to Our Blessed Mother in order to be obedient to the will of her Son.

Last weekend we collected \$1,015.41 for the **Catholic Home Missions and African and Native Americans**. Thank you for your generous support.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, September 5

Parish Office Closed  
6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group  
6:30 P.M. Light of Christ Prayer Group

### Tuesday, September 6

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Mtg.

### Wednesday, August 7

6:00 P.M. Faith Formation Open House

### Thursday, September 8

### Friday, September 9

### Saturday, September 10

9:30 -11:30 P.M. St. Felix Paper Drive

### Sunday, September 11

Diocesan Celebration of Family  
World Day of Prayer

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 5**

No Mass

**Tuesday, September 6**

11:00 A.M. St. Felix † Charles Hoeg

**Wednesday, September 7**

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † The Irish Family  
(Vera, Erwin and Catherine)

**Thursday, September 8**

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Bill Hawkins

**Friday, September 9**

8:00 A.M. St. Felix The Krause Family

**Saturday, September 10**

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

**Sunday, September 11**

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Donald Tentis

9:30 A.M. St. Felix † Jim Kalmes

### Liturgical Roles September 5th-12th

**Monday– September 5th @ St. Felix**

No Mass

**Tuesday-September 6th 11:00 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Madeline Meyer, Claire Busch

**Wednesday-September 7th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes**

**Thursday-September 8th @ 8:00 A.M. St. Felix**

Servers: Madeline Meyer, Claire Busch

**Friday-September 9th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Madeline Meyer, Claire Busch

**Saturday– September 10th 4:30 P.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Nicholas Meyer, Madeline Meyer

Lector: Lisa Stuhr

Offertory: Dave and Mary Pfeilsticker

Ex. Min.: Shelly Meyer, Ed Passe, Mary Ann Pfeilsticker

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Andy Danckwart, Mike Wobbe and  
Jim Abbott

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

**Sunday– September 11th 8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes**

Servers: Grace Tentis, Ben Tentis

Lector: John Miller

Offertory: Bill and Michelle Huth Family

Ex. Min.: Tom Crowley, Margo Deming, Cindy Eversman

Ushers: Larry Kronebusch, Tony Lamey

**Sunday– September 12th 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Ryan Wolfe, Julia Swanson

Lector: David Fisk

Offertory: Jason and Tiffany Risch Family

Ex. Min: Peter Kay, Sandy Wolfe, Mary Passe

Ushers: Ron Passe, John Taubel, Norm Tentis and

Chad Springer

Sacristan: Peter Kay

### Financial Information

**St. Felix- August 28, 2011**

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support ..	\$4,221.50	\$6,865	(\$2,643.50)
*Includes Direct Deposits		** 114 envelopes	
Offertory.....	\$897.05	\$480.77	\$416.28
Mission.....	\$837.41		

**St. Agnes- August 28, 2011**

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. .	\$406	\$1,058	(\$652)
*Includes Direct Deposits		** 23 envelopes	
Offertory.....	\$252	\$173.08	\$78.92
Mission.....	\$178		

### Parish Life News By: Julie Miller

**This One Thing**

No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us. --Philippians 3:13-14 TLB

In the movie "City Slickers," a man in mid-life crisis and several of his friends find renewal and "purpose" for their lives on a cattle-driving vacation. In one key scene, a gritty, crusty old cowboy named Curly sits straight on his horse, spits a stream of tobacco juice, and tells them, "Boys, ya gotta find that one thing." The rest of the movie is about these city-slickers in pursuit of their "one thing," their reason for living.

The movie got me to thinking: What's God's idea of that one thing? I went on a search... and it didn't take long to find "echoes of Curly" in Psalm 27:4: "One thing I ask of the Lord, is that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and seek him in his temple." In short, the really important "one thing" is being near Jesus and seeking him first no matter where we are or what we're doing....

Whether you're graduating, starting a new job, entering marriage, or counting the days till the birth of a new child, remember, it's all about your focus on Jesus first and his promises for us.

Lord, I have to admit that sometimes I feel so frazzled and distracted that I don't know which way to turn. Help me to remember that the road to purpose in life is you. Holy Spirit, help me to focus all of my energies and desires on pleasing Jesus first. Amen

General Clustered Parish Announcements

**Thank you** for your contribution to help **strengthen the Church at home!** Your generosity will



provide much-needed training for lay persons in parishes that rarely see priests, aid to parishes struggling to keep their doors open, and support for many other essential pastoral works in poor dioceses across the United States. To learn more about Home Missions funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit: [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**St. Felix Fall Festival is 3 weeks away!** Our annual event benefits the St. Felix Grade School and promises to be a fun day for all. Plans are being finalized to make this very important fundraiser a huge success. We are counting on the support of our entire Church and School family. If you would like to volunteer and have not been contacted, please reach out to one of our committee members. There are many opportunities to share your time and talent. Your jams, jellies, canned goods, fresh produce and seasonal décor are welcome at the **Farm Store**, please remember them during this harvest time. Attic Treasures can always help your gently used household items find a new home. Items can be delivered to the St. Felix Auditorium. Andy and Angie Danckwart are once again chairing the **General Auction**. Please contact them at 507-951-2172 if you have an item you'd like to donate. There are drop boxes in the back of church for the festival Grocery Cart and Baker's Cart raffles. We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to fill these boxes.

**Volunteers Needed**

**We are in need of volunteers to help staff *Grandma's Attic Treasures* during the Fall Fest;** Sunday September 18, 2011 from 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-clean-up.

If you can help, please contact Megan Moore (565-5358), or Kat Swanson (565-4648).

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed** on Monday, September 5th in observation of Labor Day.

**May Clinic Hospice Grief Support Group Fall 2011.**

Seven consecutive Monday meetings will be held from **September 12 through October 24, 2011** from 5:00-6:30 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in the Centennial Room.

This group is open to any adult grieving the death of a loved one. There is no charge, but registration is required. The size of the group will be limited to twelve, so early registration is recommended. For more information please call 651-565-5550 or 1-800-506-5519.



On Sunday, **September 18, 2011**

St. Columbanus Church of Blooming Prairie welcomes Frank Runyeon to perform "Sermon on the Mount" and "Hollywood vs. Faith." These performances begin at 6:30 P.M. There is no cost, but a free-will offering will be accepted. This show is family friendly and open to all ages 5-105. For more information about this performance, please call Angie at 507-583-2784, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

The next meeting of the **St. Agnes Quilters** will be **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. Thank you!

There are countless number of volunteers and friends who help out in every aspect of Church ministry and faith. Although they are too many to name, they do deserve the recognition and thanks of all who call St. Agnes and St. Felix their Parish. Welcome and please free to share with us the joy of serving. **Thank You and May God Bless You.**



**The Holy Father Prayer Intentions for September:** For all teachers, that they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.