

Pastors Column: By: Fr. Glenn Frerichs

The announcement of my leaving last weekend undoubtedly came as a complete surprise to most, if not everyone, in the area. On Monday I visited the school children in order to explain what is happening and to answer their questions. One question asked several times was whether or not I was excited about the new assignment. My response was that it is both bitter and sweet. It will be hard to leave but I also look forward to what lies ahead. I then shared that it is similar to the Saint Felix 6th graders transitioning into a new school next fall. They will probably miss what they have, but they also look forward to what is to come. The younger children will surely miss their class but growth will also happen as each class matures and new students arrive.

With news like this we may find that it takes time to process everything. Some of us may also be unsure what to say. I have had the benefit of time to work through this. Please know that my door is always open for those who want to talk. I also hope that most parish activities will continue on as they have. There is also time for home visits and blessings, ya know....

Since last weekend, a number of people have asked to repeat some of the details mentioned during the homily. At the end of June I will make space for the new pastor who arrives on the 1st of July. In July, I plan to make a retreat as well as complete a few necessary tasks. I will begin studies at the Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington DC the last week of August. I am currently making arrangements to live with other priests at the dorm of one of the local religious orders. After two to three years of study, I will receive another assignment somewhere in the Diocese of Winona which will include assisting our Tribunal.

How soon will we know who the next pastor of our parishes will be? The short answer is that we do not know. The assignment Committee, a small group of priests, will meet with Bishop Quinn to determine who will best fill the needs of our particular communities. As mentioned last weekend, Bishop Quinn has been to our parishes on several occasions and is very committed to supporting Catholic education. We can feel confident that he will do his best in taking all of these things into consideration when making the next assignment. I would invite everyone to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the entire discernment process and the person who will be called to serve you in the times to come.

St. Felix School News By: Marsha Stenzel

During this season of Lent, our St. Felix School children have been participating in weekly Lenten practices. During our first week of Lent, students made cards of Lenten prayer and good wishes for both health care centers in Wabasha. Week 2 students drew a prayer partner name and prayed for their partners as well as performed random acts of kindness for one another. Week 3 students wrote thank you notes for those who have financially supported our school within the past several months. Week 4 staff and students challenged each grade to see which grade would contribute the most pennies for "Pennies for Patients" activity. Week 5 students will join St. Felix Faith Formation students and donate food for the Wabasha Food Shelf. Week 6, our final week of Lent, students will donate clothing items to the "Common Closet". During Holy Week we will participate in special Lenten prayer services beginning Monday through Thursday. We invite our parents and students to attend the upcoming Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter services.

Children's Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, April 8th and April 15th at 2:15 P.M.

Please continue to pray for our students who will be receiving First Reconciliation (April 20th) and First Communion (May 1st).

The 2008 – 2009 St. Felix School yearbooks are finally ready for sale. Yearbooks may be purchased at the school office for \$14.00 per book.

Liturgical Roles for St. Felix and St. Agnes 4/4-4/10

Monday

6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group
No Mass

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

6:30 P.M. Youth Council Mtg.

Tuesday

1:30 P.M. @ St. Felix († Catherine Marking)

6:45 P.M. Bible Study-"James: Pearls for Wise Living"

7:00 P.M. Faith Formation Commission Mtg.

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

Wednesday

8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes († Valentine and Loraine Schurhammer)

9:30 A.M. CCW Mission Sewing

1:00 P.M. Women's Forester's Quilting

3:30-4:30 P.M. Faith Formation Penance Service

7:00 P.M. Jeff Cavins Bible Study

7:00-8:00 P.M. Faith Formation Penance Service

Thursday

8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix († Bill Schurhammer)

7:00 P.M. St. Felix Parish Council Mtg.

Friday

2:15 P.M. Children's Stations of the Cross-St. Felix

6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross-St. Felix

6:30 P.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Bob and Diane Hoppe)

Saturday

8:00 A.M. Emilee Agin Benefit 5 K Run/Walk

9:30 A.M. Paper Drive

11:00 A.M. -Noon Sacrament of Penance @St. Felix

11:00 A.M. Emilee Agin Benefit Chicken Dinner

4:30 P.M. Mass @ St. Felix (The Parishes)

Servers: Olivia Schmoker, Tanner Sanderson

Lector: Vicky Johnson

Offertory: Jay, Lori and Adam Dunagan

Ex. Min.: Michelle Cruser, Jerry Arens, Angie Danckwart

Ushers: Mike Schumacher, Jay Dunagan,

Cheryl McCormik and Larry Stenzel

Sacristan: Sally Schurhammer

Sunday

St. Joe's Communion Breakfast

7:30 A.M. Sacrament of Penance @ St. Agnes

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes († Bernice Graner)

Servers: Ben Tentis, Grace Tentis, Ellie Sholiling

Lector: Tom Crowley

Offertory: Mike and Renee Schouweiler Family

Ex. Min.: Cindy Eversman, Tim Eversman, Lori Glomski

Ushers: Gerald McGrath, John Miller

9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix († Leo and Eida Wolfe, Darrin Schmit)

Servers: Lexi Stumpf, Julia Swanson

Lector: David Fisk

Offertory: Gerald and Ruth Klein

Ex. Min: Bill Allaire, Sandra Allaire, Dennis Hetrick

Ushers: Chad Springer, Paul Flicek, Buck Gosse and

Steve Gosse

Sacristan: Rosemary Schmidt

Financial Information

Electronic Fund Transfer/Weekly Direct Deposit. If we all contributed electronically, we would save our parish **over \$3,500.00 per year.**

St. Felix- March 27, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support	\$5,769.00	\$6,865	(\$1,096.00)
*Includes Direct Deposits		** 112 envelopes	
Offertory.....	\$261.53		
Debt Reduction.....	\$125.00		

St. Agnes- March 27, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support	\$504.00	\$1,058.00	(\$554.00)
*Includes Direct Deposits		** 23 envelopes	
Offertory.....	\$274.00		

General Clustered Parish Announcements

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus



demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man. By giving to **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl**, we support health programs in Honduras and around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family.

Today we can support families that face difficulties most of us could not imagine, like famine, war, and life in refugee camps. The **catholic Relief Serves Collection** helps families by working to reunite them, caring for vulnerable and exploited children, changing unjust laws, and providing pastoral care and humanitarian and emergency assistance across the globe. **How will you help?** Please be generous to this Collection.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April: That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever-new reasons of life and hope.

Tickets for the **Cole Younker Belgian Waffle Breakfast** on Sunday, **April 3rd** and the **Emilee Mae Again Chicken Dinner Benefit** on **April 9th** will be available after all Masses at St. Felix and St. Agnes. Registration forms for the **Walk/Run** held prior to the Chicken Dinner Benefit will also be available after all Masses.



Attention St. Joe's Members: Mark your calendars. The St. Joe's Communion Breakfast has been rescheduled for **April 10th**.

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, **April 14th** at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth's Health Care Center. The topic of discussion will be: What to Say When.

Respect Life

We know from science that the moment of conception is a moment unlike any other. An amazing event takes place at the moment of conception. The union at the moment of conception constitutes an absolutely new utterly exceptional moment of creation, the moment when a new, unrepeatable and irreplaceable human comes to exist. This new human being has emerged, a vulnerable and unique self-directing self that never before was. It needs nothing but a safe place-the mother's womb-to grow and develop. After the moment of conception, this new human life will go through many stages and phases, none of which are as monumental as the one it has just emerged from: the moment of conception, the moment in which it began to exist. The science speaks for itself. The light of reason is clear.

-Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Homily, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Jan. 24, 2011

April is Prevent Child Abuse Month. Respect Children of Wabasha County Presents: **1-2-3 "Parent Magic"** Speaker Ted Stein of Stein Counseling and Consulting, La Crosse on Thursday, **April 7, 2010** at Bluff View Elementary School, Lake City, MN. Registrations are due Monday, April 4th. **Pre-Registration is required.** This training will be geared toward interactions with children ages 2-12 years. The program is easy to master and to implement and provide very rapid results. The training is free and open to parents, teachers, daycare and foster providers, parent and grandparents. Training Certificates will be provided along with free child care. For more information please contact Judy Siebenaler at 651-565-3032

Stewardship

"We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day." - John 9:4

It is important to note that Jesus uses the plural "we" in this statement and not the singular "I." By saying, "We have to do the works..." Jesus commands all of us to participate in the work of God. It is not enough for us to simply know God's will. We must also do God's will, which means helping and serving others.



The **St. Joe's** will be having their **Annual Sale, May 5th-7th**. Any and all donations are appreciated. All proceeds from the sale go to St. Felix School. More information to come in future bulletins.

The **Spring Marriage Preparation program** sponsored by Catholic Charities is only 5 weeks away. The date is **April 30th** at Christ the King church in Bryon, MN from 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Register early to reserve a spot. Call your local Catholic Charities office at

507-414-2270 for more information or visit www.ccwinona.org for information and registration.

I heard the Lord call my name. Where do you communicate at ease with the Lord? As a country remote option, **Silo Retreat**, is open this spring in rural Kellogg for daytime and or overnight reflection. Reservations necessary-contact Carolyn Greeley at 507-767-4780. Don't miss the Lord's call!

All women are invited to the **Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meeting on April 13th** at Sacred Heart Parish,



Waseca. Registration starts at 8:00 A.M. with the meeting beginning at 9:15 A.M. Even if you do not have a formal CCW in your parish, you are welcome to participate as a member. The meeting will include Mass and special speakers. If you have any questions, contact Bev McCarvel President at 507-842-5460 or email: bmccarvel@roundlk.net

For the Upcoming Week

(I am the Resurrection)

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

Adult: How does the prospect of dying shift the way that I view my life today? How can it draw me into deeper faith?

Children: How can I stay connected with people who have died and gone to God?