

Father Cook's Corner

21st Sunday of the Year

20 - 21 August 2011

Classes begin tomorrow, Monday, August 22, for the 107 students enrolled at St. Felix Catholic School. May the Holy Spirit fill our students and teachers with wisdom and understanding as they return to the classroom. I am grateful to Marsha Stenzel, Director for the Office of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Winona, for the sacrifices she is making to be our "principal-consultant" during this time of transition. I am also grateful to our dedicated teachers and staff for taking on additional leadership responsibilities until a new principal is hired.

Congratulations to **Wendy Stumpf** and **Nicole Solberg** who were elected last weekend to serve on the St. Felix School Board. Thank you to ALL the people whose names were on the ballot and were willing to serve: Wendy Stumpf, Nicole Solberg, Rod Kolb, Ann Baxter, and Kristine Kruse.

On Tuesday, August 23, I will offer Mass at 11:00 a.m. with the grade school children at St. Felix School. Everyone is welcome to pray with us at our school Masses every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 23, is the Memorial of **St. Rose of Lima**. The patron saint of Peru, St. Rose was a Third Order Dominican and the first declared saint of the new world.

Wednesday, August 24, is the Feast of St. Bartholomew, one of the twelve Apostles. When Jesus met Bartholomew for the first time Our Lord said, "*This man is a true Israelite – there is no guile in him.*" (John 1:47) St. Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and Armenia where, according to tradition, he was flayed alive. It is very easy to find St. Bartholomew in Christian art because he is always depicted holding his own skin.

Saturday, August 27, is the Feast of **St. Monica**, the saintly mother of St. Augustine. St. Augustine (354-430) lived a wild life as a youth, but thanks to the prayers of his mother, Monica, St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose at Easter in the year 387; he was 33 years old. St. Augustine went on to become the Bishop of Hippo in Africa, and one of the greatest doctors and preachers in the Church. *The Confessions of St. Augustine* is the most famous

autobiography in the world. St. Monica is the patron saint of mothers; her prayers remind us to be persistent in our prayers, especially for the conversion of our children and grandchildren.

Next Sunday, August 28, the Second Collection will be for the **Catholic Home Missions** and **African and Native Americans**. Please use the special envelope in your envelope packet for this collection. Unless otherwise indicated on the special envelope, your gift will be divided evenly between the Catholic Home Missions and the African and Native Americans. The Catholic Home Missions assists dioceses in the United States that serve the pastoral needs of Hispanics and other ethnic groups. It also enables Catholic parishes in poor and remote towns (in Alaska, for example) to provide the Sacraments and religious education for their people. The collection for African and Native Americans supports and strengthens evangelization programs throughout the United States.

Social Justice

Catholic Relief Services will get aid to many of the tens of thousands of famished Somalis who are pouring across the border into Kenya. Refugee camps near the town of Dabaab are overflowing with people desperately searching for food during the drought-led food crisis that is plaguing East Africa. If you want to offer your personal support to Catholic Relief Services in its assistance to famine victims, or just want to learn more about the situation and response, the following are some links for further information:

- Background on the drought and its effects can be found at:

crs.org/ethiopia/east-africa-drought-solutions-run-deep

- CRSs relief efforts are described at:

crs.org/Kenya/Somalis-crowd-Kenya-camp

- Prayer resources are available at:

crs.org/Ethiopia/prayer-and-general-intercessions-for-east-africa

- Pope Benedict's call for Catholics to respond to the famine is on the CNS web site:

catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1103031.htm

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 22

No Mass

Tuesday, August 23

11:00 A.M. St. Felix † Sarah H. Freese

Wednesday, August 24

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Elizabeth McNallan

Thursday, August 25

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Charles and Margaret Johnson

Friday, August 26

8:00 A.M. St. Felix † Charles Theismann

Saturday, August 27

4:30 P.M. St. Felix Living and Deceased Members of the St. Felix Class of 1961

Sunday, August 28

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Herbert Hemann
9:30 A.M. St. Felix *Pro Populo*

Liturgical Roles August 22nd-28th

Monday– August 22nd @ St. Felix

No Mass

Tuesday-August 23rd 11:00 A.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Maggie Klees, Elizabeth Avilez

Wednesday-August 24th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes

Thursday-August 25th @ 8:00 A.M. St. Felix

Servers: Maggie Klees, Elizabeth Avilez

Friday-August 26th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Maggie Klees, Elizabeth Avilez

Saturday– August 27th 4:30 P.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Grace Lineweaver, Claire Busch

Lector: Margo Deming

Offertory: Alumni of the Class of 1961

Ex. Min.: Alumni of the Class of 1961

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Ed Ostrom, Mike Schumacher and Jay Dunagan

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

Sunday– August 28th 8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes

Servers: Abbey Graner, Maci Luff

Lector: Tom Crowley

Offertory: Volunteer

Ex. Min.: Kevin Hager, Rosie Lamey, Tom Peyla

Ushers: Gerald McGrath, Butch Sullivan

Sunday– August 28th 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix

Servers: Julia Swanson, Cammie Schneider

Lector: Peter Kay

Offertory: Dennis and Deb Hetrick Family

Ex. Min: Paul Flicek, Julie Fosmo, Dennis Hetrick

Ushers: Tiffany Risch, John Taubel, Norm Tentis and Chad Springer

Sacristan: Gerald and Ruth Klein

Financial Information

St. Felix- August 14, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support ..\$5,471	\$6,865		(\$1,394)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 123 envelopes		
Offertory.....\$707.10	\$480.77		\$226.33
Capital Improvement.....	\$360		
Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011-	\$29,120.00		
YTD Total-	\$24,556.00		

St. Agnes- August 14, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. . \$1,063	\$1,058		\$5
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 29 envelopes		
Offertory.....\$161	\$173.08		(\$12.08)
Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011-	\$7,440.00		
YTD Total-	\$6,045.00		

General Clustered Parish Announcements



Organization continues for the St. Felix School Fall Festival. We are in need of volunteers to assist with **Attic Treasures** and the **Kitchen**. Please contact the Fall Festival committee if you are able to help.

Many of our Fall Festival chairpersons not only give their time and talent, but also contribute funding to their event. Please consider offering a donation to an event of particular interest to you. We are currently looking for donations for our Grocery and Baker's Carts. There are boxes in the back of church.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Felix School Fall Festival!

Tim and Emily Adams	565-4474
Bill and Ann Baxter	565-4008
Aaron and Libby LaRocque	565-4764
Matt and Jodie Schmoker	767-4902
Mike and Tracy Sholing	565-4126
Dan and Wendy Stumpf	565-4960

Congratulations to Allen Schmitz and Kimberly Mueller who were married on Saturday, August 13th at St. Felix.

The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** works to support home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund important pastoral works including lay ministry training. Home mission dioceses rely on lay ministers, because parishes are often hundreds of miles apart and priests cannot get to every parish each weekend. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this appeal.

Nicole Solberg and Wendy Stumpf are the two new St. Felix School board members elected last week end August 13th and 14th. **Congratulations** and



Thank You to Nicole and Wendy. **Thank you** also to Ann Baxter, Rod Kolb and Kristine Kruse who agreed to be on the ballot and were not elected. The 2011-2012 school board members are: Alison Springer (Chair), Paul Busch, Anna Graner (St. Agnes Rep), Tracy Sholing (SPA Rep), Nicole Solberg, Jodie Schmoker, Wendy Stumpf, Chris Wise and Leah Wodele. Thank you for your service.

The **Serra Club of Wabasha County** will meet at the St. Elizabeth's Hospital Chapel for holy hour at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, **August 28, 2011** which will be led by our chaplain Fr. Thomas Cook.

A Potluck supper will follow in the Sr. Gerina Room at St. Elizabeth's. Mary Mamer, District Governor, will be attending our meeting. If you have any questions please contact the Serra Club President, Tom Peyla.



The Diocese of Winona will be offering two celebrations this fall to **honor married couples**. The dates are as follows: **September 11th** at Resurrection in Rochester

and **September 25th** at St. Mary's in Worthington. Bishop Quinn will preside at a special celebration of the Eucharist at 2:00 P.M. honoring married couples and extending special blessings. There will be a light reception following the Mass. This celebration is not restricted to any particular anniversary. If you or someone you know would like to receive an invitation, please stop by the Parish Office to pick up a registration form or feel free to email Peter Martin at the Diocese of Winona pmartin@dow.org

The 6th Annual School Sisters of Notre Dame **NoFest Octoberfest** fundraiser is underway and supports SSND-served ministries. These include East Side Learning Center, Theresa Living Center and Caroline Family Services and MORE, Multicultural School for Empowerment. Through mid-September, SSNDs in your area will be selling NoFest Octoberfest chances. These chances are \$10 each and gives you 31 opportunities to win up to \$2011! Please contact a SSND near you for further information or visit www.ssndmankato.org.

WANTED: Volunteers to serve on the Faith In Action Committee. This Wabasha County wide committee is responsible for management of the program where other volunteers provide services for our elderly and handicapped neighbors. Services provide include transportation to non-emergency medical appointments, shopping for groceries and picking up prescription medications, home chores, minor home repairs, friendly visitations, respite care, and referrals. If you are interested in serving on this Committee please call Rose Jech at Faith in Action at 507-534-1244

News From The Faith Formation Office

Faith Formation Packet including a Parent Letter, 2011-2012 Faith Formation Calendar and a Faith Formation Registration Form has been sent out to Parents. Please take the time to fill them out and return them to the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office or turn them in at the **Faith Formation Open House** being held on Wednesday, **September 7th** at St. Felix School. If you have not received the packet in the mail please contact the Faith Formation Office or Parish Office so we can send this out to you.

We are in need of Faith Formation teachers to help in **grades 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6**. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 3:15/3:30 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. Starting September 21st and it runs through Wednesday, April 25th. If you would like to volunteer to teach or co-teach please call the Faith Formation Office at 651-565-3718 or Parish Office at 651-565-3931.



St. Felix and St. Agnes Mass Servers are invited to a **Pizza Party** on Wednesday, **August 31st** at 5:30 P.M. at the Riverboat Lanes in Wabasha. If you have any questions or want to RSVP for the party contact the Parish Office at 651-565-3931. We ask that you RSVP by Friday, August 26th.