

## Father Cook's Corner

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

6 – 7 August 2011

We continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of wisdom and good counsel as we look for a principal to lead our outstanding Catholic Grade School at St. Felix. We have conducted several interviews, but unfortunately at this time we have not found the right person to lead our school. I continue to trust in the Lord, and I know that in His time we will find the person He is calling to be our new principal. I am confident in the ability of our very talented teachers and staff to lead us during this time of transition.

This weekend we will take up a second collection for the St. Felix and St. Agnes **Charity Fund**. Dispensed at the discretion of the Parish Office, these funds are used to assist people in need. In the past these funds have gone toward help with paying a utility bill, vouchers for food or lodging, or gas money for transportation to a doctor's appointment. If you would still like to make a contribution, please place your gift in an envelope clearly marked "charity fund" and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. Thank you for your generous support.

There will be NO Masses at St. Felix this week, August 8-12. Bishop Quinn has asked me to attend an important international conference for priests on **Exorcism and Deliverance** at Mundelein Seminary north of Chicago. While I am away, the church carpets will be cleaned.

I am sad to be away this week when the Church celebrates the feasts of some honored saints:

August 8 is the Memorial of **St. Dominic**, the founder of the Order of Preachers (commonly called "the Dominicans"). St. Dominic's motto was *contemplata allis tradere* – "to hand on to others the things contemplated." After having spent time in silence and meditation, he would preach and teach the Truth of Jesus Christ to the people in the countries Spain, France, and Italy.

August 9 is the Memorial of **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**. Born in 1891 to Jewish parents, she was an outstanding philosopher who became a Catholic in 1922, a Carmelite nun in 1933, and died at the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1942.

August 10 is the Feast of **St. Lawrence**, the deacon, who was martyred in the year 258 while being burned alive on a grill. When asked by the Emperor to gather up all the riches of the church, St. Lawrence gathered up all the widows, orphans, lepers, poor, blind, and lame of Rome, brought them before the Emperor and said,

"These are the treasures of the Church." On the feast of this holy deacon, please pray for all of the men of our diocese who are discerning a call to the diaconate.

August 11 is the Memorial of **St. Clare**, the good friend of St. Francis of Assisi and the founder of the Poor Clare nuns. Her life of charity and poverty reminds us not to store up earthly treasures, but instead "treasures in heaven" – simple acts of love.

Sunday, August 14, Bishop Quinn will celebrate the **Harvest Mass** at 4:00 P.M. at the Hinckley Family farm in Chatfield, Minnesota. Please see the bulletin for more information. The Harvest Mass is celebrated near the beautiful feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the tradition in many countries of calling the Feast of the Assumption, "Lady Day in the Harvest." Our Blessed Mother is the "first fruits" of the new "harvest;" she is the first one to share, body and soul, in the bounty of her Son's redemption.

Monday, August 15 is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that "when Mary's earthly life came to an end, she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven." This year, and this year only, the Assumption is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. The bishops of the United States have removed the obligation to attend Mass on the *Assumption ONLY* when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. Even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, I would still strongly encourage you to attend Mass on the *Assumption*. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

Monday, August 15	5:30 P.M.
St. Felix	
St. Agnes	7:00 P.M.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, August 8

- 6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group
- 6:00 P.M. VIRTUS Training @ St. Felix
- 6:30 P.M. The Light of Christ Prayer Group

### Tuesday, August 9- NO MASS

### Wednesday, August 10

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

### Thursday, August 11- NO MASS

### Friday, August 12- NO MASS

### Saturday, August 13

- 9:30-11:30 A.M. Paper Drive

### Sunday, August 14

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, August 8**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 9**

8:00 A.M. St. Felix NO MASS

**Wednesday, August 10**

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Jim Kalmes

**Thursday, August 11**

8:00 A.M. St. Felix NO MASS

**Friday, August 12**

8:00 A.M. St. Felix NO MASS

**Saturday, August 13**

4:30 P.M. St. Felix † Jim Meyer

**Sunday, August 14**

8:00 A.M. St. Agnes † Sam Kohn

9:30 A.M. St. Felix *Pro Populo*

### Liturgical Roles August 8th-14th

**Monday- August 8th**

No Mass

**Tuesday-August 9th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix**

No Mass

**Wednesday-August 10th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes**

**Thursday-August 11th @ 8:00 A.M. St. Felix**

No Mass

**Friday-August 12th 8:00 A.M. @ St. Felix**

No Mass

**Saturday- August 13th 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Jackson Gosse, Claire Gosse

Lector: Vicky Johnson

Offertory: Kirk and Ann Lineweaver Family

Ex. Min.: Bob Vaplon, Michelle Cruser, Jerry Arens

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Dave Pfeilsticker,

Andy Danckwart and Leo Meyer

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

**Sunday- August 14th 8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes**

Servers: Cody Irish, Lexi Vaplon

Lector: Rick Vaplon

Offertory: Brian and Barb Irish Family

Ex. Min.: Tom Crowley, Margo Deming, Lori Glomski

Ushers: Larry Kronebusch, Tony Lamey

**Sunday- August 14th 9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix**

Servers: Lexi Stumpf, Mason Kuntz

Lector: Dennis Hetrick

Offertory: Steve and Kathy Gosse Family

Ex. Min: Peter Kay, Bill Allaire, Sandra Allaire

Ushers: Jim Abbott, Paul Flicek, Buck Gosse and

Steve Gosse

Sacristan: Peter Kay

### Financial Information

**St. Felix- July 31, 2011**

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support ..	\$6,618	\$6,865	(\$247)
*Includes Direct Deposits			** 131 envelopes
Offertory.....	\$445.75		
Capital Improvement.....	\$75		
<b>Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011-</b>	<b>\$29,120.00</b>		
<b>YTD Total-</b>	<b>\$24,556.00</b>		

**St. Agnes- July 31, 2011**

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. .	\$916	\$1,058	(\$142)
*Includes Direct Deposits			** 27 envelopes
Offertory.....	\$120.50		
<b>Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011-</b>	<b>\$7,440.00</b>		
<b>YTD Total-</b>	<b>\$6,045.00</b>		

### Knights of Columbus News

Submitted by: Bill Allaire

The Knights of Columbus is a parish service organization representing St. Agnes and St. Felix. Its primary goal is to support the Pastor, the church, and St. Felix school and being involved with works of charity and patriotism, doing this through unity, and fraternity. Since January the group has had two pancake suppers for the residents at St. Elizabeth's nursing home and a BBQ for them this past June. The group has dismantled the Nativity scene and stored it. It has sponsored the annual Tootsie Roll campaign supporting developmental disabilities in Wabasha county. Members of the KC's have led the rosary before all Mass's at both St. Felix and St. Agnes during the month of May. It has also made Rose for Life presentations at several Baptisms over the past few months. The group has done lawn work at the Pastor's home and has also assisted with Father's farewell party. These activities are representative of the kind of ways the KC's supports the two parishes. There will be other fundraising endeavors, work projects, and social activities coming up in the fall. The majority of KC proceeds go to either the school or church. Young men over 18 and in good standing within the church, who would like to assist in charitable projects are urged to join the Knights of Columbus. For additional information on how to become a Knight call Grand Knight, Jim Pfeilsticker 565-4662 or Financial Secretary Jim Sanders 565-3573.

## General Clustered Parish Announcements

There will be a **planning meeting** for the **St. Agnes Fall Dinner** on Monday evening, **August 8th** at 7:00 P.M. at the parish hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. Your ideas on how we can improve or add to the Fall Dinner are welcome. The Fall Dinner this year is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th which is only 10 weeks away.

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, **August 11th** at 2:00 P.M. at the Saint Elizabeth's Health Care Center. The topic of discussion will be: Caregivers and Chronic Stress.

**Attention St. Felix and St. Agnes Ladies: St. Agnes CCW is hosting a Pampered Chef show!** Buy products for your home and/or help stock our newly renovated parish hall kitchen! All of the free product earned for hosting the party will be used to stock our parish hall kitchen with high quality Pampered Chef products!



When: Thursday, **August 11th** at 7:00 P.M.

Where: St. Agnes Church Parish Hall.

This is an open invitation to all Clustered Parish Members, Friends, Family, Neighbors who would like to attend. Food and refreshments will be served.

The election for two new board members for the **St. Felix School board** will take place at the Saturday and Sunday Masses on **August 13th** and **August 14th**, 2011 at St. Felix Parish. Persons who were nominated last weekend are currently being contacted. Both positions are three year terms.

**National Catholic Society of Foresters**, St. Mary Court #208 will be holding their annual **Lark Toys Golf Meeting** on Monday, **August 15th** at 4:30 P.M.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For August:** That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and found their lives in Christ.



The **Sunday Nursery School** during the 9:30 A.M. Mass, will not be available for the month of August, due to a drop in attendance over the summer months. It will start up again the weekend after Labor Day, September 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hust at 565-3264

**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.

It's August already and we wonder where has the summer gone? Let's not think of it as summer coming to an end, but rather the kick off to a great school year. The St. Felix School students return to the classroom on August 22nd. That means the clock is ticking for our **Fall Festival** committee. So to get the kids in the groove for school we are going to be getting them involved in their biggest annual fundraiser. Please watch for these little helpers at the back of church throughout the month of August as they help to make a special collection for purchasing prizes for children's games at the Fall Festival. We are closing in on the final details of this year's Fall Festival, **September 18th**. Raffle tickets are now available, please pick them up in the back of church. Good luck selling your tickets. Your participation makes this festival a wonderful success every year.

Our **special thanks** to the St. Felix CCW, Springer Appraisal, Perry Dental, Paul Busch Auto, Jim and Claire Abbott and Mike Sholing Construction for sponsoring the raffle ticket printing.

**Changes in the Roman Missal will begin in all the Catholic Churches in the US and all over the world beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th, 2011.**

**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** is a five-part study that provides a unique tour of the Liturgy. This bible study will be a total of 6 weeks and it will begin on Tuesday, September 20th from 6:30-8:00 P.M. We will be also holding a morning class beginning on Thursday, September 22nd from 10-11:30 A.M.. The studies will be held at St. Felix School in the Faith Formation Office. Workbooks need to be ordered by August 16th. The cost for the books will be \$18.00. If you have any questions or are interested in this study please contact Pat Kolb at the Faith Formation Office at 651-565-3718 or Julie Miller in the Parish Office 651-565-3931

**Become a part of a Red Cross Shelter Team right here at St. Felix.**

St. Felix congregation with the American Red Cross is developing a Shelter Team to open and run an emergency shelter in the event of a disaster in our community. You can be a part of this team.

There will be an Informational meeting on Monday, **August 15th**, from 7:00-8:00 P.M.

If you have questions, contact Jane Timm, 608-685-3345 or [jtimm@riverland.org](mailto:jtimm@riverland.org) or the Parish Office 651-565-3931.