

Father Cook's Corner

23 - 24 July 2011

17th Sunday of the Year

Please welcome **Father William Christiaans, OSFS**, who will be preaching a **Mission Appeal** at our parishes this weekend, July 23rd-24th. Father Christiaans, a native of the African country of Namibia, is a priest of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, and the Vicar General of his diocese. According to *The Legacy of the De Sales Oblate Missions*: "The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales – whose unique charism in the Catholic Church is to spread the spirituality of *The Gentleman Saint* – continue his work in the footsteps of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the ends of the earth." The De Sales Oblate Missionaries work throughout the world, among the poorest communities. There will be a second collection this weekend to support the wonderful work of the Oblate Missions.

Tomorrow, Monday, July 25th is also the 43rd Anniversary of the Encyclical Letter, ***Humanae Vitae***, written by Pope Paul VI in 1968. This letter is about the beautiful vocation and dignity of bringing forth "Human Life" within the Sacrament of Marriage. Men and women solemnly promise on the day of their marriage to "accept children lovingly from God." Pope Paul VI reminds all married couples to be open to the gift of children, even in today's modern world that may often reject the blessing of many children.

I will be away from our parishes next week, enjoying a few days of vacation and witnessing the Sacrament of Marriage for some of my former parishioners. Please welcome **Father Milo Ernster**, who will offer the Masses during the week, and **Father Bob Meyer**, who will offer the Masses next weekend, July 30th-31st. Father Meyer grew up in Wabasha, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1974. He is currently retired and living in Lake City.

Parish Life News Submitted by: John Miller

The following is an update on two projects to be completed at St. Felix School and Church this summer which were mentioned by Fr. Frerichs in a previous homily.

The St. Felix School heating system replacement project, replacing the original steam boiler system installed when the school was built in 1954, began last week with delivery of the furnaces. Bids and proposals were received from 5 companies on four different heating systems. Each company was requested to come in and give a detailed explanation of their bids or proposals. One company declined. After hearing the presentations from the four remaining companies, discussing and tabulating the pros and cons of each, Hartert's Plumbing and Heating was chosen for the project. There will also be air conditioning installed in the office, teacher's lounge and God's kids room used in the summer months, with the capability of adding air conditioning to any part of the school in the future. The project is to be completed before the start of the school year.

The other project is repairs to the Steeple on the Church. Repairs include, covering the louver blades on the 9 large vents, framework and trim band with painted aluminum. Scrape and paint the four cupolas. Replace missing shingles on the steeple. Tuck pointing the steeple and one day of tuck pointing on the Church where needed. Weather permitting the repairs are scheduled to begin this week.

If anyone is interested in donating to either of these projects, please drop your envelope in the collection basket and mark accordingly or stop at the Parish Office. **Thank You for your generosity.**

Liturgical Roles 25-31 July 2011

Monday

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

No Mass

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

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix- († Lawrence Huneke)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Grace Lineweaver

Wednesday

8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes († George and Violet Lamey)

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Rachel Thornton-CCW
Mass)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Grace Lineweaver

Friday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Helen Burrichter)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Grace Lineweaver

9:00 A.M. River City Quilters Quilt Show-St. Felix Gym

Saturday

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4:30 P.M. Mass @ St. Felix (*Pro Populo*)

Servers: Natalie Schmit, Madeline Meyer

Lector: Jan Fuller

Offertory: Tom and Carol Bouquet

Ex. Min.: Mary Ann Pfeilsticker, Carol Schmit and
Annabelle Suilmann

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Leo Meyer, Ed Ostrom and
Mike Schumacher

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes († John, Anne and Irvin
Meyer)

Servers: Abbey Graner, Maci Luff

Lector: Margo Deming

Offertory: Phil and Lori Glomski Family

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

Ushers: Gerald McGrath, Butch Sullivan

9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix († Dale Patraw)

Servers: Andrew Wise, Elliot Wise

Lector: David Fisk

Offertory: Bill and Ann Baxter Family

Ex. Min: Ruth Klein, Chris Wise, Roseanne Wodele

Ushers: Dave Grabau, Ron Passe, Tiffany Risch and
John Taubel

Sacristan: Gerald and Ruth Klein

Welcome newly baptized Lillian Kate Streveler to the St. Felix Faith Family. Lillian is the daughter of Michael and Katie Streveler.

Our **sympathy** goes out to the family of James Schmitt. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Financial Information

St. Felix- July 17, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support ..	\$4,227	\$6,865	(\$2,638)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 111 envelopes		
Offertory.....	\$674.10		
Capital Improvement.....	\$50		
Debt.....	\$200		
Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011-	\$29,120.00		
YTD Total-	\$21,676.00		

St. Agnes- July 17, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. .	\$656	\$1,058	(\$402)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 26 envelopes		
Offertory.....	\$113.35		
Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011-	\$7,440.00		
YTD Total-	\$6,045.00		

General Clustered Parish

The **St. Felix/St. Agnes Youth Council** Scheduled a **Summer High Ropes Youth Challenge** on Sunday, **August 21st** at Lanesboro, MN. Youth will leave from the St. Felix Catholic School at 10:30 A.M. and return back by around 7:00 P.M. Cost for this trip is \$20.00 per student. Please send a sack lunch. Students must be going into 6th grade or older to attend this trip. If you are interested in joining us for the Eagle Bluff Summer High Ropes Youth Challenge please contact the Parish office at 565-3931 or Faith Formation Office at 565-3718. **Deadline to sign up for this trip is Thursday, August 4th.**



American Red Cross 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 jimm@riverland.org or the Parish Office 651-565-3931.

VIRTUS training being held on August 8th from 6:00-8:30 P.M. at St. Felix. Please call Julie at the Parish Office 565-3931 for more information.

Nominations for two new board members for three year terms on the St. Felix School Board will be taken at next weekend's Masses July 30th and July 31, 2011 at St. Felix Parish. After the nominees have been contacted and agree to be on the ballot, the election for those two positions will be August 13th and August 14, 2011.

For reference current board members are: Paul Busch, Jodie Schmoker, Alison Springer, Chris Wise, Tracy Sholing (SPA Rep) and Anna Graner (St. Agnes Rep).

Thank You to Vicky Johnson and John Zeller, their terms have ended.

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 at 6:30 P.M. We will be holding a morning class. Workbooks need to be ordered by August 16th. 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

September 18th is the day! **St. Felix Fall Festival** is rapidly approaching. As you work on your summer fruit and vegetable garden harvesting, please remember the Farm Store. Whether it is canned goods or arts and crafts, the Farm Store welcomes it all. Are some of your perennials spreading a little too far? Perhaps they would thrive in a new home too. If you are looking to thin out your perennial garden, donate them to the Farm Store. If you need perennial containers, please contact Ann Baxter at 651-565-4008.

If gardening isn't up your ally and you are looking for other ways to donate, don't forget our Specialty Auction. Perhaps you could donate an activity like a dinner or birthday party, leaf raking, cookies for college students, or baby sitting. Get your creative juices flowing and think of something fun and unique to donate.

The **Wabasha CCW** has invited our area ladies (each parish) to join them at their annual picnic in Ikes Park, Wabasha on Monday, **July 25th** at 6:00 P.M. We will be sharing information from the WDCCW meeting including the Fall Convention sign up for October 8th in Worthington. We will be taking all of the items each CCW has made for Bro Regis, Rochester Medical and Shoes4Soles. Anyone who has collected the Shoes4Soles, the place that receives them is only a few miles from Worthington so please contact me if you cannot attend the Convention and need to take your items. *Please bring a salad to pass, and a chair and utensils.*

I'd like to sincerely **thank** everyone at St. Felix School and Parish for a memorable thirty year tribute last Saturday evening. The wonderful memories of a faith filled community have truly been a blessing to me and my family.

The many parishioners who worked diligently to have the perfect reception do not go unrecognized. You were so kind in giving the gift of yourselves through your energy, enthusiasm, and love.

It is with gratitude and blessings that I look back. As I leave to begin my duties at the diocese, I am taking many of you with me. You will live on in my memories. I will always remember the things we achieved together, the many successes, and the lifetime relationships established.

I want to pay tribute to my colleagues and staff for their support, friendship and exemplars of what it is to serve faithfully and with humility. I will always remember our shared laughter, our joys as well as our struggles. Thank you too, for the notes of appreciation, thought filled gifts, words of encouragement, sharing of resources, and time. Mostlly, I thank you for sharing your faith, sincerity, and trust. *Marsha Stenzel*

This years' **2011 Harvest Mass** will be in Chatfield, Minnesota. The Mass will begin at 4:00 P.M. honoring our Blessed Mother Mary in the Solemnity of her Assumption into heaven. We will have a picnic supper and entertainment immediately following mass. The meal will include: two pieces of chicken, choice of coleslaw or Italian pasta salad, garden veggies, watermelon, roll, homemade desserts, milk and coffee to drink. Cost: is \$6.00 and \$4.00 for children wanting a hot dog meal. Tickets can be reserved by calling 507-932-3294 or emailing: triparishff@hbcsc.net.

There will be homemade goodies to purchase and all proceeds will be given to the SE Minnesota Rural Resource Center. We hope to see you at the Harvest Mass.

Do you enjoy sharing your faith and working with children? The Faith Formation department is looking for individuals interested in working with students in K-6th grades after school on Wednesdays from 3:15 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. starting in September. If you have questions or are interested in teaching please contact the Faith Formation Office at 651-565-3718 or the Parish Office 651-565-3931

SCRIP will be sold at the Parish Office on August 5th. It will not be available at the school at this time.

The Rochester and Winona Area **CCW** have invited our area to join them at the Seminary in Winona on **July 26th** at 7:00 P.M. to share the Stations of the Cross. This is an annual event that Winona has organized for the past several years and the ladies really enjoy this event. We can stay for the Rochester Area meeting or feel free to leave after the Stations. Please contact Sandie Heimerman (507) 753-2541 or Rosy Krier (507) 798-2433 with who might be attending and who would like a ride.