

I am truly blessed that the Lord has sent me as the new pastor of your beautiful parishes, St. Felix and St. Agnes. I know that the faith is strong here, and I am looking forward to knowing, loving, and serving the Lord Jesus more profoundly together with you over the next several years. I ask you to be patient with me as I learn your names and adjust to life at a new parish. I have been praying for all of you since Bishop Quinn appointed me your new pastor. I ask for your prayers as well that I will be a good shepherd, teacher, and sanctifier – a holy priest acting *in persona Christi* – bringing God to man and man to God.

As we celebrate our nation's independence this 4th of July weekend, it is important to remember that no government or military can make us free. True freedom comes in knowing Christ Jesus. If a person does not know Christ, even though they are living in the United States of America, they are still slaves – slaves to sin; they are not free. *"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* (2 Corinthians 3:17) *"I am the Truth ... and the Truth will set you free."* (John 8:32)

Thank you to Father Glenn Frerichs for his excellent leadership over these past few years. I am grateful to Father Frerichs for offering the Masses and witnessing the marriage this weekend. I will be away from our parishes July 1st -8th. Every year, in July, I attend the annual meeting of the St. John Fisher Society at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on the Campus of Mundelein Seminary outside of Chicago. The St. John Fisher Society is an association of diocesan priests who are faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church. The annual meeting/retreat includes: daily Latin Mass, the Divine Office, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, quiet prayer, intense study, and priestly fraternity.

Parish Life News Submitted by: Julie Miller

The Power of Example

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

--Philippians 3:17-18

One of the reasons God may have chosen Paul to write much of the New Testament is that he wanted us to get to know Paul well. The Holy Spirit may have wanted us to grasp Paul's thinking, his motives, his attitudes, and his choices which are highlighted throughout his biblical writings. Paul's life ambition was evangelism... his focus was the cross... and his motive was Christ and Christ alone. No wonder the Spirit of God inspired Paul to say to us, "Join with others in following my example." Paul could say that without a hint of smug self-righteousness.

Faced with accusers? Paul would hold his tongue and point to the facts. Assaulted by hardships? Paul said that they all fit together for good. Confronted with injustice? Paul patiently stated his case and moved forward. Slapped with false imprisonment? Paul sang praises to God in his cell. Harassed by death threats? Paul said it would merely send him home sooner to Glory. Hounded by loneliness? Paul fixed his eyes on the heavenly glories above.

This week read the book of Philippians with an eye on Paul's example. See how in Philippians 3:4-8 he lists all his religious credentials and then calls them "rubbish." Not only did he consider his religious achievements and worldly possessions worthless, he thought they were damaging to his relationship with God. Follow Paul's example. Let's not take pleasure in our regular church attendance, or pride in how many committees we serve on. Let's take pleasure in pleasing Christ and Christ alone. Remember, you are an example to others - whether for good or bad.

Lord God, thank you for the example of godly men like the apostle Paul. Help me to learn from his life and make the cross my focus, evangelism my motive, and the glory of Christ my goal. Amen!

Liturgical Roles for St. Felix and St. Agnes 7/4-7/10

Monday

Parish Office Closed

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

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

(† Deceased Members of the Wingert Family)

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

Group



Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix- († Frances Mertes-Schmidt)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Lexi Stumpf

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Elizabeth Binner, Emil Binner and Joseph Binner)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Lexi Stumpf

Friday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Mark Walter)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Madeline Meyer

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

Saturday

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

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

Servers: Kassie Wobbe, Claire Busch

Lector: Vicky Johnson

Offertory: Dave and Mary Pfeilsticker

Ex. Min.: Carol Bouquet, Tom Bouquet, Linda Dick

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Dave Pfeilsticker, Leo Meyer and Ed Ostrom

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

Sunday

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

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes († Donald Tentis and Leonna Spooner)

Servers: Cody Irish, Lexy Vaplon

Lector: Rick Vaplon

Offertory: Brian and Barb Irish Family

Ex. Min.: Kathy Tentis, Mary Tentis, Linda Vaplon

Ushers: John Miller, Dave Deming

9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix († John Ahlers and Carol Tentis)

Servers: Cammie Schneider, Jenna Eversman

Lector: Chris Wise

Offertory: Chris and Mindy Wise Family

Ex. Min: Mary Passe, Bill Alliare, Sandra Allaire

Ushers: Dave Grabau, Greg Hetrick, Ron Passe and Tiffany Risch

Sacristan: Mark Suilmann

12:00/Noon Family Picnic for Catholic United Financial Members and Families

3:00 P.M. Youth Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. Prayer Night-St. Felix

Financial Information

St. Felix- June 26, 2011

Received Budget Over/Under

*Adult Support .. \$6,939.00 \$6,865 \$74.00

*Includes Direct Deposits ** 118 envelopes

Offertory.....\$373.09

Capital Improvement..... \$105.00

Peter's Pence.....\$802.35

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011- \$29,120.00

YTD Total- \$19,896.00

St. Agnes- June 26, 2011

Received Budget Over/Under

*Adult Support. . \$1539.00 \$1,058 \$481.00

*Includes Direct Deposits ** 31 envelopes

Offertory.....\$176.00

Peter's Pence.....\$474.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2011- \$7,440.00

YTD Total- \$5,985.00

General Clustered Parish

Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the **Peter's Pence Collection**. Our contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Benedict reach out to those in need. Your generosity will help to cast Christ's peace upon the world.



Welcome newly baptized Natalie Marie Sandwick to the St. Felix Faith Family. Natalie is the daughter of Jeff and Janet Sandwick.

Welcome newly baptized Matthew Alan Risch to the St. Felix Faith Family. Matthew is the son of Jason and Tiffany Risch.

The **Parish Office will be closed** on Monday, **July 4th** in observation of the 4th of July holiday.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July:

That Christians may contribute to alleviating the material and spiritual suffering of AIDS patients, especially in the poorest countries.

**Peyton LaVigne's "Fight for Sight"
Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**



Saturday, **July 9th** at Stub's Bar and Grill in Kellogg 5:00 P.M. until gone.

Peyton is legally blind and will undergo treatment for his Optic Nerve Atrophy. He is the grandson of parish members Don and Sharon LaVigne Dick and Dave and Wanda Lee.

Catholic United Financial Family Picnic, July 10th at Beach Park sponsored by the St. Joseph Society. All CUF members and their families are invited to attend. We will eat at noon. Hot dogs, beverages and eating utensils are provided. Bring a dish to pass and your appetite! Kids should bring their fishing poles. The bait will be provided.



The **9th Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Garden Tour** is dedicated to the memory of Ross Grobe and will be held Sunday, **July 10th**, from 12:00-4:30 P.M. Cost of the tour is \$7.00 with the proceeds going to the Plainview-Elgin food shelf. Thrivent Financial supplemental funds will also be available. Tickets will be sold at the Good Shepherd church the day of the tour from 11:30-3:00 P.M. We hope to see you there.

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, **July 14, 2011** at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth's Health Care Center. The topic of discussion will be: *Behavioral Symptoms of Alzheimer's Dementia*

Lisa Stuhr and Jeremy Solberg were the two new members elected to the **St. Felix Parish Council** for the 2011-2012 year. They are replacing Linda Binner and Cori Wallerich. Thank you to Linda and Cori for their dedication and service to the council. The 2011-2012 Parish Council members will be: Bill Allaire, Jan Fuller, Mary Lou Harney, Jeff Hanson, Dennis Hetrick, Paul Irlbeck, Carol Schmit, Jeremy Solberg and Lisa Stuhr.

With the recent credit card fraud problem in the area, you can lessen the chance of becoming a victim and benefit St. Felix School at the same time. **Buy Scrip**. Scrip cards may be safely used at over 75 different retailers with a percentage of your purchase going to St. Felix School. For more information or to purchase scrip you may call the School at 565-4446 or come in on Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. or call the Parish office at 565-3931. **Thank You.**



Fall Festival Update

When you are going through your jewelry box or dusting your book shelf, keep the fall festival in mind. Box up all of your unwanted household items and have them ready to donate to our Attic Treasures. If you are working on a new art or craft item, think about making an extra one or two for our Farm Store. Your special home made items are very much appreciated by the "uncrafty" people who look forward to purchasing them. The Specialty Auction is also one of our biggest hits at the Fall Festival. There are so many easy and fun ways to contribute such as birthday parties, ski lessons, babysitting or yard clean up. Let your imagination go wild!



As most of you know, Marsha Stenzel has accepted a position at the Diocese of Winona and we want to give her a proper send off. **Come celebrate Marsha's 30 years at St. Felix and congratulate her.** Mark your calendars for Saturday, **July 16th**. We are requesting all available St. Felix students to sing at the 4:30 Mass. Following Mass the celebration will continue at the St. Felix Auditorium with a Summer Picnic and Ice Cream Social!

Please RSVP to Susie Baab or Alison Springer so we know how many pews to reserve for children at Mass and to get a head count for food. This is a catered picnic and ice cream social, so financial donations would be most appreciated. If you are interested in contributing to the expense of the food please contact Alison or Susie.

We look forward to seeing as many families, parishioners and friends as possible to make this a great celebration of Marsha for all that she has done for St. Felix School over the years.

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"I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter." (Pope John Paul II)
Our Holy Father invites all married couples to experience the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, which is a fantastic gift of the Catholic Church. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for:



July 29-31, 2011 in Marshall, MN
November 18-20, 2011 in Stewartville, MN
For information and/or registration, contact: Jeff and Rondi Kodet at 507-644-3523 or jrek@redred.com or visit our website at www.wwmeSection8.org