

A Note from the Principal

There are times in our lives that mark particularly special occasions. St. Felix School has provided so many of those times. For three decades, I have served St. Felix Catholic School in the Diocese of Winona. Come summer, I will be embarking on a new chapter in the Diocese. I have accepted the position as Director of the Office of Catholic Education which includes the 33 Catholic schools in the Winona Diocese.

For me, that means stepping down from the helm at St. Felix School where I have been teaching since 1981 and a principal since 2006.

I entered into the field of education when I was just 22 years old. The first year of teaching was at Alma, WI. The rest of my career has been working at St. Felix School. A time in my life has come for me to move forward. I have prayed and discerned this opportunity many sleepless nights. It was not a decision that was made easily and one my family was very much a part of.

As I leave St. Felix School, one of my proudest accomplishments is the building of community in the lives of our children, staff, and parents. Many of the families who send their children to St. Felix are involved in the numerous schools' activities as well as their child's/children's education.

I have encouraged fun activities for the school families such as potlucks, spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, marathon, fall festival, field day, Christmas musical, and the list of memories continues. Daily morning prayer as a school family with special prayer intentions, the gospel readings, children's liturgies, adoration, and the many opportunities for our students and staff to pray together will always be special to me.

After so many years working in Catholic schools, I have one bit of advice for parents: Make time for God. Pray with your children.

I am so blessed that I was given the opportunity to serve St. Felix School and Parish within the past 30 years. Each of you holds a special place in my heart.

Parish Life News

The 2010-2011 Faith Formation program year has come to a close giving us an opportunity to look back on what we have accomplished. Our parish Faith Formation team plan for the year was to highlight special planning around activities aimed at our pre-school children and youth, offer additional programming for young families with small children, and increased outreach efforts aimed at our homebound parishioners - while continuing to meet the spiritual and faith needs of our entire parish. Our parish Faith Formation team has worked to offer a variety of new and on-going programs to foster an awareness of God in our daily lives, to renew connections and understanding of Catholic tradition and doctrine, and to provide a sense of welcome and belonging to our faith community.

Some of our faith formation accomplishments this past year included:

Children/Youth-based initiatives

Children from the St. Felix and St. Agnes parishes joined with more than 100 children from three other area churches for a summer fun, faith-based Vacation Bible School program;

A Nursery School Program was initiated with six families currently enrolled;

More than 30 Kindergarten-6th graders and 80 junior high/high school children and youth enrolled in our on-going faith formation programs;

Twelve youth participated in our faith formation program leading to Confirmation and first Communion;

A Youth Council initiative was created to empower our youth to develop faith-based and service-oriented programming aimed at teenagers and young adults in our parish; monthly council meetings and four scheduled activities have had more than 25 participants;

Baccalaureate mass was held celebrating 12 graduating seniors from within the St. Felix and St. Agnes parishes;

Children's bulletin ministry was initiated creating new connections with our mass services for our youngest parishioners;

Homebound outreach initiatives

HomeTouch ministry program was initiated to reach out to homebound parishioners with a monthly mailing of devotions and faith-based activities specifically aimed at keeping our homebound parishioners connected with church life;

Initiatives for Young Families

POYC (Parents of Young Children) group was formed offering support for and meeting the faith-based needs of new families;

Family psychologist Dr. Kahn was brought in as a speaker as part of our 'Year of the Family' activities;

Other faith formation highlights

'The Faith Connection' publication made available to parish members both online and in back of church during mass; this weekly faith formation resource helps adults make important connections between the Sunday Scripture and their everyday lives;

Jeff Cavins Bible Study ministry has attracted many participants

We want to help you continue to nurture and grow in your faith! Registration for 2011-2012 Faith Formation will be begin in July.

Liturgical Roles for St. Felix and St. Agnes 6/6-6/12

Monday

6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group
6:30 P.M. The Light of Christ Prayer Group

No Mass

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix- († Charles Hoeg)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Ellie Sholing

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday

8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes († William Arens)

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Francis Russell)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Ellie Sholing

Friday

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix († Carol Tentis)

Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Ellie Sholing

Saturday

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

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

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

Servers: Natalie Schmit, Adrianna Baab

Lector: Kathryn Fonfara

Offertory: Tom and Carol Bouquet

Ex. Min.: Ed Passe, Mary Ann Pfeilsticker, Carol Schmit

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Ed Ostrom, Jim Pfeilsticker and
 Mike Schumacher

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

Sunday

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

St. Agnes Parish Council Elections

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes († Herbert Hemann)

Servers: Abbey Graner, Ellie Sholing

Lector: Margo Deming

Offertory: Mike and Renee Schouweiler Family

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

Ushers: John Miller, Dave Deming

9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix († Harold Dick)

Servers: Jenna Eversman, Ryan Wolfe

Lector: Peter Kay

Offertory: Steve and Kathy Gosse Family

Ex. Min.: Bill Allaire, Sandra Allaire, Linda Binner

Ushers: Chad Springer, Jim Abbott, Paul Flicek and
 Buck Gosse

Sacristan: Peter Kay

3:00 P.M. Youth Council Meeting

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

Summer SCRIP Schedule

May 31st - June 10th - scrip sold every day from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 in the office.
 Starting the week of June 13th, scrip will only be sold on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 in the office.

Financial Information

St. Felix- May 29, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support ..	\$4,867.00	\$6,865	(\$1,998.00)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 122 envelopes		
Offertory.....	\$504.00		
Debt Reduction.....	\$120.00		

St. Agnes- May 29, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. .	\$675.00	\$1,058.00	(\$383.00)
*Includes Direct Deposits	**24 envelopes		
Offertory.....	\$176.00		

General Clustered Parish



The clustered parishes will be hosting two **farewell gatherings for Father Frerichs** as he prepares to move on to the next steps in his faith journey. After more than three years as our clustered Parish Priest, Father is leaving to continue with his education at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. There will be an hors d'oeuvre and appetizer reception from 5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. on **June 18th** at St. Felix and a brunch reception from 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. on Sunday, **June 19th** at St. Agnes. We hope that everyone will make plans to join us as we share our best wishes to Father Frerichs.

Take a Friend to Lunch! The Salad Luncheon is Monday, **June 13th** from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the St. Felix Auditorium. Advance tickets



are available at Abbott Furniture, First State Bank of Wabasha and Kellogg, First State Insurance, Hill's Hardware, State Farm Insurance, Marcia's Beauty Shop, Wabasha County Bank, Wabasha Clinic or from chairmen Pat Kolb, Jan Glomski and Betty Fischer. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance \$7.00 at the door. If you buy your ticket in advance there will be no waiting to be seated the day of the luncheon.

Jessica Weisbrod has accepted a teaching position in the Chicago Area. She will be teaching part-time science and coaching. **We will miss Jessica and wish her well.**



Thank you to the American Legion Post 50 and VFW Post 4086 and their Auxiliaries for decorating the graves of their departed brothers and sisters. Thank you to the veteran's for their program at the cemetery honoring our departed veterans and for all of the families who decorated the graves. Your cemetery had many, many good compliments on how it looked. A special thank you to Don and Theresa Hager for doing an outstanding job of maintaining the grass cutting and trimming. If you see Don or Theresa tell them thank you for a job well done not just at Memorial Day but throughout the year.

The election for two positions on the **St. Agnes Parish Council** will be next Sunday, **June 12th**. Nominees for the election are currently being contacted to see if they will accept their nomination.

St. Felix Cemetery Notice: Memorials that are not placed on or within the foundation, must be removed within 14 days after the holiday. If items are not picked up at the appropriate time the Cemetery Board has the right to remove any such items. Memorials such as flag standards must be placed in the foundation of the headstone, not the military marker. Other memorials, such as plant stands, vigil lights, Sheppard hooks, etc. must be installed in the foundation with the headstone. Deadline for removal of such items is June 17th. Thank you.



SUMMER SPLASH with the Notre Dames: a camp for girls who are completing 6th, 7th or 8th grade and their moms (or a significant female adult). Held at Good Counsel Campus (170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001), beginning Friday, **June 17th** (1:00 PM) until Saturday, June 18th (3:00 PM). Cost - \$60.00 per mother/daughter pair. Includes a blend of activities designed to strengthen the mother-daughter connection while providing an inside look at the Sisters' lives. See www.ssndmankato.org for more information and to register.



Congratulations newly baptized Declan Jacob Abbott. Declan is the son of Jacob Abbott and Marcy (Hoffman) Abbott.

St. Agnes Cemetery is compiling a list of persons interested in having their name engraved on the Altar at the cemetery. The engraving will be done approximately the end of June or first part of July 2011. The price decreases as the number of people who sign up increases. For more information on the approximate cost or if you want your name added to the list, please call Magdeline Graner at 767-2234 or John Miller at 767-3105. **Thank You.**



The **Alzheimer's Support Group** will be meeting on Thursday, **June 9, 2011** at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth's Health Care Center. The topic of discussion will be: *Making the Connection*.

Seeds of Faith- Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Applications are now available. Forms can be picked up at the School or the Parish Office. The Application due date is June 17th. Scholarships will be awarded by July 22, 2011 and applied to tuition for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for June:

That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God

Lunch and Learn-Let's Go Fishing!

Monday, June 20th, Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center,



"Let's Go Fishing" is a non-profit group started in 2002 to provide fishing and boating excursions for seniors. Efforts are underway to bring "Let's God Fishing" to the Wabasha area. Get the scoop!

Presenter: Craig Norenberg, Regional Development Director Let's Go Fishing!

Bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch at the hospital cafeteria and join us in the meeting room at 12 Noon.

Questions? Contact Karen at 651-565-3237

For the Upcoming Week

(Tongues as of Fire)

Readings: Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Adult: When I take an honest look at my life, how do I determine the major fault lines of division that keep me separated from other people and from God?

Children: How do I know that everyone belongs to one family, God's family?