

## Pastors Column: By: Fr. Glenn Frerichs

### Jesus Christ Is Risen! Alleluia

As I sit here today to write this column I am again overwhelmed with God's desire to bless and direct his people. As many of you know my wife and I had the privilege and blessing to travel to the Holy Land this Lent, it was a time of great blessing and spiritual renewal. To actually walk where Jesus walked and to pray at the Holy sites with Bishop Quinn and fifty other pilgrims was much more than we ever expected.

We as a faith community have just celebrated the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection seeking to grow in faith and understanding of the Good News. What a tremendous gift to know deep with in our hearts and minds, that we are loved by the God who is love. We move from darkness into light, from death to life and from despair to hope. This ongoing conversion in our heart is to be a daily event not just an Easter Sunday occurrence.

This weekend we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** a tradition begun with a Papal decree by Pope John Paul II on May 23, 2000. This feast day reminds us of God's great desire to pour out his Mercy on us and the whole world. As I reflect on God's divine mercy it makes me think of a few things. First it reminds me of my need for **true humility** - to realize I am a sinner, that I need a Savior and be open to his grace. Do I pray like a prideful Pharisee or do I cry out "O God, be merciful to me a sinner"? One of the great gifts we have as Catholics is the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which Jesus removes sin from our souls and in its place, fills us with grace and mercy. This helps us to understand even more the Father's great love for us.

This leads to a second important truth, **what we receive, we must freely give**. We hear this truth in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Forgiving others who have hurt us can be very difficult. It is only through God's love and mercy that we can imitate Jesus and say like he did from the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy." Let us seek the Lord's mercy and share that with others, let us begin in our own families.

Jesus comes to the disciples in the Gospel this weekend through locked doors and says, "**Peace be with you**". May we open the door of our heart to Jesus today and let him fill us with his love, mercy and peace. **Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia**

Deacon John

## St. Felix School News By: Marsha Stenzel

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students receiving their First Communion today. Our students are very excited to receive this special sacrament and experience Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Wobbe, St. Felix 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, who recently received Winona Radio's 27<sup>th</sup> Teacher of the Week award. Mrs. Wobbe was nominated by one of her 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mrs. Mary Passe, our school secretary, was honored by FOX radio station as secretary of the week award. She was nominated by one of our staff members and was an honored guest at a luncheon held at Outback Steakhouse in Rochester. Congratulations to both of our staff members.

May Crowning will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the 1:30 P.M. Children's Mass. We celebrate Mary, the Queen of Heaven, this month with flowers. We crown the statue of the Virgin Mary with a wreath of roses and flowers placed at her feet. May we all continue to honor Mary particularly during this month of May.

St. Joseph Society will be holding a garage sale in the St. Felix Auditorium on Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to St. Felix School.

The St. Felix School Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at Coffee Mill Golf Course.

Please use the registration form in the school office or download the form on the St. Felix School website [www.stfelixschool.org](http://www.stfelixschool.org). Thank you for supporting this St. Felix School fundraiser.

**Liturgical Roles for St. Felix and St. Agnes 5/2-5/8**

**Monday**

**6:00 A.M.** Men's Prayer Group  
**7:30A.M.-2:30 P.M.** Garage Sale Donation Drop Off Time  
 No Mass  
**6:30 P.M.** The Light of Christ Prayer Group  
**7:00 P.M.** Youth Council Meeting

**Tuesday**

**7:30A.M.-2:30 P.M.** Garage Sale Donation Drop Off Time  
**1:30 P.M. @ St. Felix-** ( † Joseph and Rose Ryan )  
**6:45 P.M.** Bible Study-"James: Pearls for Wise Living"  
**7:00 P.M.** Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Wednesday**

**7:30A.M.-2:30 P.M.** Garage Sale Donation Drop Off Time  
**8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes** ( † Kurt Graner )  
**1:00 P.M.** Women's Forester's Quilting  
**7:00 P.M.** Jeff Cavins Bible Study

**Thursday**

**8:00 A.M.** Mass @ St. Felix ( † David Wadley )  
**12:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.** Garage Sale Donation Drop Off Time

**Friday**

**St. Joe's Garage Sale**

**8:00 A.M.** Mass @ St. Felix ( † Eleanor and Jim Lyons )

**Saturday**

**St. Joe's Garage Sale**

**11:00 A.M. -Noon** Sacrament of Penance @St. Felix  
**4:30 P.M. Mass @ St. Felix** ( † Darron Schmit, Al Schmit )  
 Servers: Grace Lineweaver, Claire Busch  
 Lector: Kathryn Fonfara  
 Offertory: Kirk and Ann Lineweaver Family  
 Ex. Min.: Mike Weinandt, Tina Wobbe, Susie Baab  
 Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Jim Pfeilsticker, Mike Schumacher  
 and Cheryl McCormik

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

**5:30 P.M.** St. Felix Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Sunday**

**Happy Mother's Day**

**7:30 A.M.** Sacrament of Penance @ St. Agnes  
**8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes** ( † Carol Tentis )  
 Servers: Elizabeth Avilez, Lexy Vaplon, Marie Arens  
 Lector: John Miller  
 Offertory: Mike and Renee Schouweiler Family  
 Ex. Min.: Margo Deming, Lori Glomski, Carolyn Greeley  
 Ushers: Gerald McGrath, Butch Sullivan  
**9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix** ( The Parishes )  
 Servers: Cammie Schneider, Shania Merchlewitz  
 Lector: David Fisk  
 Offertory: Renee McGrath and Jasmine  
 Ex. Min: Peter Kay, Julie Fosmo, Dennis Hetrick  
 Ushers: Chad Springer, Paul Flicek, Buck Gosse and  
 Steve Gosse

Sacristan: Peter Kay



**Financial Information**

**St. Felix-** April 24, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support	\$4,545.25	\$6,865	(\$2,319.75)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 97 envelopes		
Easter.....	\$3,933.00		
Debt Reduction.....	\$320.00		
Rice Bowl.....	\$673.17		
Good Friday.....	\$797.00		

**St. Agnes-** April 24, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support.	\$848.00	\$1,058.00	(\$210.00)
*Includes Direct Deposits	** 24 envelopes		
Easter.....	\$1,950.00		
Rice Bowl.....	\$385.00		
Good Friday.....	\$153.00		

**General Clustered Parish Announcements**

*Together in Christ, We Help Make Lives Whole* is the them of the **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal 2011**. It will be taken up as a second collection at our parish next week. Please review the one-page flyer that you have received or will soon receive in the mail describing the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. The staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities serve children, families in crisis, vulnerable adults, refugees, immigrants, the poor, the uninsured, and the unborn-regardless of race or faith tradition. Please be generous.



Fr. Glenn Frerichs, Pastor of St. Agnes and St. Felix, is hosting a **motor coach pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Saturday, May 21st!**

Cost: \$10.00 per person (Payment due in full by Sunday, May 15th)  
 Departure: 9:00 A.M. from the park and ride lot across from Scheels Super Valu, Wabasha  
 Return: 3:00 P.M. from the Shrine parking lot  
 The pilgrimage is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 881 of Kellogg/Wabasha. Payment and questions should be directed to: James Pfeilsticker, Grand Knight  
 230 Hiawatha Drive East,  
 Wabasha, MN 55981  
 651-565-4662

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May:** That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

## Stewardship

As we strive to live as faithful and generous stewards, it is important that we understand all of the facets of stewardship. Here are just a few key aspects of stewardship.

Stewardship is:

**Spending Time with God** - Stewardship involves spending time with God. Recognizing that every day is a gift from God, we strive to spend some of each day with God, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, scripture reading, quiet, meditation and other spiritual activities.

**Sharing Talent** - Stewardship involves sharing talent. Recognizing that God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of Our Lord, we strive to share our own talents and to encourage and welcome others to also use their talents to carry out the mission and ministry of the Church.

**Giving Treasure** - Stewardship involves giving treasure. Giving time and talent does not excuse us from giving treasure. We know that throughout the Gospels, Jesus challenged us to give as it has been given to us. Recognizing the tremendous financial blessings that abound in our country, we strive to give out of our need when we give back to God, to support the building up of God's kingdom. Although our level of giving may vary from family to family, through prayer we are aware of what percentage we are giving back and regularly strive to give without counting the cost.

This past year members of St. Felix have come together and achieved many tasks that at first glance may have seemed unbelievable, unthinkable, or overwhelming. But a task that may cause one to falter becomes much easier when a couple of hands join together to lighten the load. Instead of succumbing to doubt, members have found ways to look within and bring forth gifts of time, talent, and treasure to answer the needs within and beyond this community of faith.

As we walk our journey of stewardship as a way of life, we will find ourselves from time to time filled with doubts. Am I following the path God is calling me to follow? Am I making good use of the gifts I have been blessed with? How can I be the person God wants me to be? The message Jesus brought to Thomas and the apostles was how blessed those are who have never seen but still believe. Believe in the steward that God is calling you to be.

On the weekend of May 14th and 15th St. Felix members will be given the opportunity to take that leap of faith and use those gifts of Time & Talents that God has given.

Mark your calendars! The **St. Felix Golf Fundraiser** is scheduled for Saturday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** at Coffee Mill Golf Course. Join us for a day of fun on the course, or if you are unable to play then join us for a great dinner, raffles and live auction. This year's auction will feature items donated by each classroom and of course we will again be auctioning off 'Father's Wallet'.



Anyone interested in contributing to 'Father's Wallet' can do so by contacting Alison Springer (565-4593) or you may drop your donation off at the school office. Scrip makes a great donation for 'Father's Wallet' so grab an extra card when you are buying some for yourself. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated, thank you all.



Due to a recent Diocesan audit of both Parishes and the school, Scrip will not be sold after the weekend Masses as in the past. A change in the way Scrip is sold after weekend Masses is required.

For insurance reasons, the audit report "**Strongly**" suggested that the Scrip inventory not be moved out of the School building. If you prefer to continue purchasing Scrip after the weekend Masses at both St. Felix and St. Agnes, please call the School at (651-565-3931) and place an advance order. Please state the Mass you will be attending and arrangements will be made for you to pick up your order after Mass. It is unfortunate these changes are required and we apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Scrip will continue to be sold as usual at St. Felix School on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. **Thank You.**

## Catholic Trivia Answer:

How many "Hail Mary's" are prayed during a rosary?

If you pray the full rosary (20 decades), you will say a total of 212 "Hail Mary's", as each decade is tied to one of the 20 mysteries and there are three "Hail Mary's" at the beginning of the rosary that will be said four times.

**The St. Felix Parish Council Elections** will be held on **May 7th & 8th**. Those running for the two positions include: Angie Danckwart, Jeremy Solberg, Chad Springer, Lisa Stuhr and Tammy Wingert.

The **Spring Clothing Share** will be held on Saturday, **May 14, 2011**, at the St. Felix Gym from 7:30-11:00 A.M. We will be accepting good, clean bedding, shoes, and summer clothing on Friday, May 13th from 1:00-4:00 P.M. and on Saturday, May 14th from 7:30-8:30 A.M. No household items, please. Volunteers to help sort clothes will be needed on both days. Thank you for your help.



*Cori Wallerich*