

Pastors Column: By: Fr. Glenn Frerichs

By now the news has filtered through both of our communities that Fr. Tom Cook has been assigned to serve as your new pastor beginning July 1st. My reason for not making this announcement at the 4:30 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. Mass last Sunday was due to a breakdown in communication. Fortunately I was able to share this news at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday. Our apologies for this.

Fr. Cook was raised in the city of Austin and was later ordained in 1997. He currently serves the parishes of Saint James in Saint James and Saint Mary's in Madelia. I am sure that Fr. Cook's love for the Church, his intense prayer life, and his love for teaching the truths of the faith will compliment our communities well. One of the questions I was frequently asked upon arrival three years ago is if I had experience in serving parishes with a school. The answer was yes! Fr. Cook also brings with him several years of experience in teaching at all grade levels, including the grade school he currently administrates in Madelia. You can be confident that Fr. Cook will do all that he can to support our school, our Faith Formation program and other forms of education in all areas of parish life.

During these next few weeks I would ask that you keep Fr. Cook, myself, and each other in prayer during this time of transition. Changes are never easy. While Fr. Cook has been deeply loved and appreciated in his current assignment, he says that he also looks forward to serving you in the times to come. And as for me, with the Easter liturgies now complete, thoughts are beginning to shift to what lies ahead.

St. Felix School News By: Marsha Stenzel

As we honor Mary during this month of May, we pray that we can become as generous with our lives as Mary was with her life. Mary shows the world a mother's love. On this day, we honor all mothers. We thank the Lord for the great gift of motherhood and we ask our Mother Mary to intercede for all of our mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

The St. Felix School volunteer Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 10th. All school volunteers are invited to attend the Children's Mass followed by lunch. We thank our volunteers at St. Felix School and we value them! We believe our volunteers are necessary to provide the nurturing atmosphere of our school and the well-being of our students. They enrich the educational experiences of our students. Volunteers encourage our children and show the care and love they have for them. They also show our students the importance of service to our school and church community. They are a witness to our students on a daily basis. Our lives are enriched by the commitment of our volunteers. May God grant our volunteers the many blessings that He has provided all of us at St. Felix School.

Our 3rd – 6th St. Felix students and parents will attend the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, May 11th in LaCrosse, WI. The shrine serves the spiritual needs of those who come. It is a place of endless prayer for the corporal and spiritual welfare of God's children, especially those in most need.

Thank you to Marty Wagner and Gene Krause for recycling aluminum cans for St. Felix School. Watson Recycling paid \$380.10 to St. Felix School Parent Association for the most recent recycling drop off.

Box Tops for Education donated \$180.00 to St. Felix School this past month. A thank you to our volunteers, Carol Schmit and Lucille Dick, for their time to organize this fundraiser.

Thank you to an anonymous donor who donated \$2,000 toward the St. Felix School Spanish Program.

Liturgical Roles for St. Felix and St. Agnes 5/9-5/15

Monday

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

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

No Mass

Tuesday

11:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Felix- († Don Schuth)

Wednesday

8:00 A.M. @ St. Agnes († Bill Tatu)

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 († Charles Hoeg)

Friday

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

Saturday

Clothing Share-St. Felix Gym

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 († Harold Dick)

Servers: Kassie Wobbe and Maggie Klees

Lector: Carol Bouquet

Offertory: Jay, Lori and Adam Dunagan

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

Ushers: Larry Stenzel, Jay Dunagan, Dave Pfeilsticker
and Jim Abbott

Sacristan: Judie Fogarty

6:00 P.M. St. Agnes Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday

Clothing Share-St. Felix Gym

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

8:00 A.M. Mass @ St. Agnes (The Parishes)

Servers: Ben Tentis, Grace Tentis and Maci Luff

Lector: Jeff Tentis

Offertory: Dave and Margo Deming

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

Ushers: John Miller and Larry Kronebusch

9:30 A.M. @ St. Felix († Dale Patraw)

Servers: Jenna Eversman, Lexi Stumpf

Lector: Becky Hetrick

Offertory: Chad and Alison Springer Family

Ex. Min: Paul Flicek, Annette Huntoon, and Ruth Klein

Ushers: Greg Hetrick, Dave Grabau, John Passe and
Ron Passe

Sacristan: Sally Schurhammer

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



Thank You to the following people who helped get the old flag in the cemetery replaced with a new one: Bob Vaplon, John Edwards, Steve Passe and Norman Tentis.

Thanks to the American Legion for donating the flag and for the concerned parishioners who kept reminding me that it needed to be replaced.

Thanks, Ed Ostom

Financial Information

Electronic Fund Transfer/Weekly Direct

Deposit. If we all contributed electronically, we would save our parish **over \$3,500.00 per year.**

St. Felix- May 1, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support	\$7,687.00	\$6,865	\$822.00
*Includes Direct Deposits		** 151 envelopes	
Offertory.....	\$565.00		
Debt Reduction.....	\$889.00		
Cemetery.....	\$2,124.49		

St. Agnes- May 1, 2011

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
*Adult Support. .	\$993.00	\$1,058.00	(\$65.00)
*Includes Direct Deposits		** 27 envelopes	
Offertory.....	\$336.80		

General Clustered Parish Announcements

Our **second collection** this Sunday is for the **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal 2011** *Together in Christ, We Help Make Lives Whole.* The many programs of Catholic Charities respond to a wide range of needs throughout our diocese. If you are unable to make a contribution today, please do so later. Simply mail your contribution in the business reply envelope included in the one-page pamphlet that you recently received in the mail describing the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Or, make a donation online at www.ccwinona.org. Thank you for your kind support.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1st:



Jasmin Avilez, Dakota Bauer, Aidan Baxter, Lukas Busch, Manuel DeAngel, Adam Graner, April Hager, Klayton Hawkins, Ava Jeffery, Jasmine Kennebeck, Lindsey Peterson, Bryce Quinton, Julia Schmoker, Grace Sholing, Joseph Stumpf and Amelia Wodele.

Congratulations newly Baptized:

Lyla Mae Drayna daughter of Paul and Lacey (Nihart) Drayna.

Henry Dennis Patterson son of Daniel and Hallie (Abbott) Patterson.

There will be a meeting to begin planning for the **St. Agnes Fall Dinner** on Monday, **May 9th** at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your help and ideas.

Stewardship

Part 4 of 5

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:

Trust in God - Stewardship is trusting God. We believe that our generous God will always provide for us. None of us will ever have all that we want, but we will always have all that we need.

Proportionate Giving - Stewardship calls us to realize that each of us is called to give as God has given to us. We no longer base our giving on what others are giving. We no longer excuse ourselves from giving because we do not see others giving. Rather we give in proportion to all that God has given to us.

Accountability - Stewardship calls us to recognize that just as in the Parable of the Talents, each of us will someday be asked by God to give an accounting of all that we have done with the gifts that have been given to us. Likewise, parish communities that embrace stewardship must be accountable to the community for the way in which the parish uses the gifts entrusted to it.

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.

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



St. Agnes Parish will be taking nominations to replace two positions for Parish Council beginning Sunday, May 8th through Sunday, May 22nd. Voting for those two positions will be on Sunday, June 12th. Current council members are Dave Lee and Frank Lee who will be coming off the council, their terms have ended. John E. Arens, Margo Deming, Bill Hager, Mary Hager, Jeff Tentis and Kathy Tentis. Nomination forms are available at the end of each pew. **Thank You.**

The Council of Catholic Women and St. Mary's Court #208 of the National Catholic Society of Foresters Salad Luncheon will be **Monday, June 13th** in the auditorium from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The theme this year is **"Too Hot To Handle"**. Unit chairmen will be calling for donations of salads, desserts or cash to defray expenses. Please put the date on your calendar. Chairmen again this year are Jan Glomski, Pat Kolb and Betty Fischer.

Mark your calendars! The **St. Felix Golf Fundraiser** is scheduled for Saturday, **May 21st** 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.

Thank you very much to all the ladies involved with the **CCW Mission Quilt project**.



Thanks for your time and effort leaving off a generous supply of materials for putting the quilts together. And thanks to those that are and will still be making them at home as time permits. I have taken a load of medical supplies and quilts to the Rochester Medical Mission recently and by fall there will be over 200 quilts, sheets, etc. that will go to Brother Regis at New Holstein, Wisconsin that will go to the 3rd world countries. For the future if you have anything we can use for making up quilts, please leave the items in the Holy Family Room, put my name on the package and give me a call at 565-3682

Marie Passe, International Affairs Chairman

Social Justice

Volunteer Opportunities:

In order to be prepared for any disaster that might happen to our local area, our parish is looking for members willing to take the Red Cross Shelter training as representatives and volunteers from our parish. The Red Cross has indicated our St. Felix School Gym is a potential shelter that could be used if needed. Responsibilities as a Red Cross Shelter volunteer include registration, information gathering, supervision and serving of meals, and use of listening and communication skills.

Training sessions will be held in Wabasha this summer, and would consist of 2 evening sessions of 3 hours each, with an additional day for training in CPR and basic first aid.

Anyone with a desire to help in the event of a disaster can find a meaningful and valuable role with the help of this Red Cross training. If you are interested in serving our community and parish in this way please let us know by calling the rectory office at 565-3931.

