



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

ST. FELIX, WABASHA

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Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm St. Felix
Sunday 7:30 am St. Agnes
Father is also available for individual confessions by appointment

Infant Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to arrange your child's baptism as soon as possible. A baptism preparation is provided for first-time parents.

Matrimony

Recently engaged? Please contact the Pastor to begin preparing for this holy union. Preparation is required for all marriages at least six months before your wedding.

RCIA

Everyone is invited to follow Christ in the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office to ask about becoming Catholic.

Ministry to the Sick

If you or a family member are sick, hospitalized, or homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. Those who are seriously ill or anticipating surgery should make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as soon as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 16	8:00 AM	St. Felix	James, Annabelle and Steve Schaefer
Wednesday, December 17	8:00 AM	St. Agnes	Gene and David Schurhammer
Thursday, December 18	8:30 AM	St. Felix	Mike Binner
Friday, December 19	8:00 AM	St. Felix	Steve and Jeanee Sula
Saturday December 20	4:30 PM	St. Felix	Peggy Johnson Boysen
Sunday, December 21	8:00 AM	St. Agnes	Ervin and Catherine Marking
	9:30 AM	St. Felix	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Bulletin Deadline: Submissions for the bulletin are due by **12:00 pm on Tuesday**. All items may be edited.

FR. TOM LOOMIS, PASTOR

A reminder to fill out and return your ministry volunteer forms. We will follow up after Christmas and get everyone trained and scheduled. Thank you to all who have stepped forward. It is a great way to serve your community.

We continue to take the feedback we received at St. Felix when we met a while ago to look forward to where we are called as parish and community. We have had a number of parishioners step up and volunteer to help organize and offer some things that were talked about and prioritized during our parish meeting. All of this will continue to be a work in progress. Thank you all for being part of this journey.

A simple reminder - we are still looking to bring to a close our Diocesan Ministry Appeal before December 31. We are a bit behind in both parishes. If you are able, please feel free to help close the gap. St. Felix is around \$3,000 short and St. Agnes around \$2,500 short. Thanks for your consideration.

As we gather and celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent you will notice that the priest and deacon will be wearing rose vestments. This Sunday is known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday because we are getting closer to our celebration of Christmas. We will hear from the Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11. We continue to meet John the Baptist. At this time John is in prison and close to his death, yet we see that John still lives in freedom because of his relationship with Jesus. As Jesus speaks to the crowd towards the end of our Gospel today, he speaks about John, and he reminds the people that John did not come from royalty but is a great prophet because he helped "prepare the way for Jesus." We are reminded that as great as John was/is, "yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he (and his earthy ministry)." What a powerful reminder of our role as a people of faith. Faith allows us to experience and be part of the kingdom of heaven. What does that look like in your life today?

ST. FELIX CATHOLIC SCHOOL ERIC SONNEK, PRINCIPAL

I want to express my **heartfelt gratitude** to everyone who has supported and volunteered for the annual St. Felix Christmas musical. This tradition would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our school children, staff, parish members, and the entire community. Your time and efforts are truly a blessing.

A special thanks to our talented students, whose hard work and enthusiasm make this event such a memorable occasion. It is inspiring to see the impact of their performance—how it touches hearts and reminds us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

At St. Felix School, we continue to pray that **the joy and peace of Christ's birth will fill your hearts and homes. May you share the Good News of His love with everyone you meet, and may this season be one of blessings, joy, and renewed faith for all.**



Virtue of the Week: Perseverance

Meaning: Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.

Opposing Trait: Giving up quickly when a task becomes challenging.

Ways to Cultivate:

- Complete a task from start to finish.
- Stay with a task even when it is hard, difficult, or boring.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

You carried Your cross to Calvary even though You were tired, weak, and hurting. Please give me strength not to give up when life gets hard. Help me keep my eyes on You and Your kingdom, so I can do what is right even when I am tired and afraid. Amen.

ST. FELIX- LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 20, 2025 - 4:30 pm

Ushers

Annabelle and
Andy Danckwart

Servers

Lane Gosse
Mia Roemer

EMCH's

Bob Vaplon
Linda Binner

Reader

Katherine Hust

Sacristan

Annabelle
Danckwart

Offertory

Tom and Sharon
Stiner

Sunday, December 21, 2025 - 9:30 am

Ushers

Buck Gosse
Steve Gosse

Servers

Felix Hust
Conlee Riester

EMCH's

Bill Allaire
Sandra Allaire

Reader

Dennis Hetrick

Sacristan

Pat Kolb

Offertory

John and Erma
Anderson

ST. AGNES- LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, December 21, 2025 - 8:00 am

Ushers

Dave Lee
Frank Lee

Servers

Tommy
Lineweaver

EMCH's

Tom Crowley
Wanda Lee


Reader

Rick Vaplon

Sacristan

Mary Schwalbe

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
Youth Mass 9:30-St. Felix Scrip Sold After Mass at St. Felix Confessions 1:00-2:00- St. Agnes Communal Penance Service 3:30- St. Mary of the Lake, Lake City No 4:00 Divine Mercy, Chaplet and Vespers Holy Hour and Vespers 6:00 - St. Agnes Youth Group 6:15-8:15, St. Agnes Hall	Scrip Sold 9:00-1:00 Parish Office	Scrip Sold 9:00-1:00 Parish Office	Scrip Sold 9:00 -1:00 Parish Office Faith Formation K-6th Grade: 3:15-4:30 7th-10th Grade: 7:00-8:15	Children's Mass (Kndg) 8:30 St. Felix Adoration 9:15-7:00 St. Felix Scrip Sold 9:00-1:00 Parish Office Confessions 5:30-6:30 St. Felix St. Joe's Meeting 7:00 PM VFW	Scrip Sold 9:00-1:00 Parish Office	Scrip Sold After Mass
Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
Scrip Sold after Mass at St. Felix No 4:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Vespers Holy Hour and Vespers 6:00-St. Agnes	Scrip Sold 9:00-1:00 Parish Office	Scrip Sold 9:00-1:00 Parish Office	Mass 4:00 St. Felix Mass 5:30 St Agnes	Mass 9:30 St. Felix 	No 8:00 Mass	

Announcements



Every year, it seems that December 31 arrives more quickly than we imagine it will. With the end of the year comes a rush to ensure charitable donations are made in time to qualify as deductions for the current tax year. Here are some things to keep in mind when making your year-end contributions to nonprofit organizations:

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CHECK

For most contributions made by check, the mailbox rule applies. When a donor uses the United States Postal Service, the IRS considers the date of the postmark to be the delivery date for the contribution. Donors are encouraged to request a receipt from USPS when they send the donation; for this reason, sending by certified mail is a good idea.

Note: The IRS has not extended the mailbox rule to include private carriers in the context of charitable giving, so it's best to avoid using UPS or FedEx for year-end contributions.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN PERSON

For contributions delivered to a nonprofit organization by hand, the contribution date is that of the in-person transfer. Again, it's wise to request a receipt.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH AND SECURITIES

Contributions of cash and securities may be made through electronic transfers from the donor's account to the nonprofit's account. Contributions made through account transfers are deductible, not when the transfer is directed by the donor, but on the date when the assets arrive in the nonprofit's account.

While account-to-account transfers of cash often occur on the same or next business day, electronic transfers of securities can take a few days to clear. For this reason, electronic stock transfers should be initiated at least five business days prior to the end of the year.

A SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING MUTUAL FUNDS

Some mutual funds are not able to be transferred by depository trust corporations (DTC). Instead, these mutual funds are transferred by a change recorded on the issuer's books and records. This can take weeks to occur. It's best to begin this process as soon as possible, to ensure a 2025 deduction.

CREDIT CARDS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC PLATFORMS

A donor who makes a contribution via a credit card or through an electronic platform that facilitates credit card transactions may claim the deduction as of the date the card was charged.

IRA ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS

IRA rollover contributions must be made no later than December 31, 2025, to count toward a required minimum distribution (RMD). An IRA rollover contribution is considered to be made when the distribution from the IRA is received by the charitable organization. Please initiate electronic or check transfers from your IRA account early to ensure the funds arrive well in advance of December 31, 2025.

If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA, the normal postmark date rule does not apply. The funds must actually leave the custodial account by December 31, 2025, for the distribution to count against your RMD for that calendar year. The amount cannot exceed \$108,000 annually, per donor. Consult your tax professional to determine the tax free amount you can withdraw. The donating IRA holder must have attained age 70 1/2 on or before the date the QCD check is issued. If an inherited IRA, the beneficial owner must have attained age 70 1/2 or older.

Starting Monday, December 1st, Scrip gift cards will be available for purchase at the Parish Office during designated hours. We have volunteers signed up to sell **Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM through December 23rd.** Please use these designated hours for in-person sales. Online ordering is available through the School and Church website if you would like your order to be ready for pick-up. If you have a large special order that needs to be filled, please place your order by Monday, December 15th, to ensure we can get the cards you are requesting in time. There is a shipping delay when ordering gift cards if they are not currently in stock.



Now Accepting Donations for Facilities Phase 2 at St. Felix

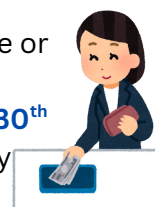
While we have not begun our formal fundraising campaign, if you'd like to make a donation at the end of year in support of our facilities phase 2, we now have a dedicated account open. Here's how to contribute:

- Indicate on your check and/or envelope you want to support "facilities phase 2"
- You can choose to donate through the parish: during offering or through the Parish Office.
- Or through the Catholic Foundation of Southern MN, which will allow for anonymous donations if desired.

The Foundation can receive gifts the following ways:

- Check by mail: Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota, 750 Terrace Heights, Suite 105, PO Box 30098, Winona, MN 55987
- Cash or check dropped off
- ACH: Contact Foundation directly at 507-858-1275
- Non-cash asset conversion:*
- Minimum distributions on IRAs or other retirement accounts
- Gifts of stock or grain
- Forms on website: catholicfsmn.org/donate
- St. Felix's Federal Tax ID is 410695538 for any donation being made.

If you would like your church contribution to be applied to this year, 2025, please have your contributions in the drop box outside the office or **postmarked by December 31st. Contributions received in the Mass collection on December 30th and 31st will be applied to 2025.** If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office.



St. Felix/St. Agnes Youth Group

Christmas Movie & Cookie Decorating



Sunday,
December 14th
St. Agnes Hall,
Kellogg
6:15-8:15 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed **Wednesday, December 24th** and **Thursday, December 25th**



2025
Catholic Ministries Appeal

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
St. Agnes	\$8,134	\$5,525.00
St. Felix	\$30,553	\$24,862.34

Amounts as of 12/5/2025



If you would like your family members or loved one's name on the published list for the bulletin, your **Christmas flower envelope must be in the drop box, or in the collection basket no later than January 1st.**

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