



# St. Felix, Wabasha

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

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### CEMETERY BOARD

St. Felix Cemetery	John Wolfe (651) 564-1386
St. Agnes Cemetery	Bill Hager (952) 412-2103

### 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, 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.

## MASSES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 18	8:00 am	St. Felix	† Joan Wegner
Wednesday, March 19	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Dell, Monica and Pat Reicks
Thursday, March 20	8:30 am	St. Felix	† Dave Matheny
Friday, March 21	8:00 am	St. Felix	† Muriel and Henry Sperling
Saturday, March 22	4:30 pm	St. Felix	† Fr. Donald Lovas
Sunday, March 23	8:00 am	St. Agnes	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	9:30 am	St. Felix	† OC Mangold

**Bulletin Deadline:** Submissions for the bulletin are due by **10:00 am on Wednesday**. All items may be edited.

**Father Tom Loomis  
Pastor**

We welcome Deacon Jordan to our parishes this weekend. He will be preaching at all the Masses. He may be with us one more weekend after this before he is ordained a priest. Let's continue to hold him up in prayer.

Thank you to Patrick, who has put together a retreat this weekend for those who will be confirmed in the near future. We will have young people joining us from Lake City and Conception. It will be a great day for our young people to journey together as they look forward to being Confirmed. We will have a number of volunteers helping from St. Felix and other parishes. I also want to thank the college students from St. Mary's College in Winona who will be joining us as presenters and group leaders. What an impressive gathering of people of faith. It will be a joy for me to be in their presence.

We hear from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke's Gospel, verses 28-36, as we gather around the Altar to celebrate the Eucharist on this second Sunday of Advent. Luke shares with us a mountain top experience that John, James and Peter experience as Jesus is transformed before them. You can imagine the "holiness" of the moment for them. For the three of them it was a life changing experience. After this takes place a "voice from heaven" speaks to them "that this is my beloved son, listen to him". There is something sacred about listening. I know we are able to hear but do we have the gift of listening so that the words of another can penetrate our heart? I invite, this week, to listen to one another, not just hear, but listen. I wonder if the "voice from heaven" will be heard in our community, church and in our everyday lives?

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**St. Felix Catholic School  
Eric Sonnek, Principal**

This week, I had the privilege of meeting with members of the Finance Committee for the State of Minnesota. It was a great opportunity to advocate on behalf of non-public schools, especially our own school. As many of you are aware, the proposed State budget for the upcoming year includes significant cuts to critical funding for services such as busing, textbooks, health services, and guidance counselors. These programs are vital not only to the success of our school but also to the success of non-public schools across the state. They provide essential support to our students and ensure that we can continue offering a well-rounded education.

At this time, I ask that you join me in praying for our elected representatives, that they may make decisions that continue to support our school and others like it. I also encourage you to reach out to your state representatives and kindly ask them to advocate for the continued funding of these crucial programs—busing, textbooks, health services, and guidance counselors. The more voices they hear from us, the stronger our message will be.

Thank you for your continued support and for standing with our school community in these important matters. Together, we can ensure that our students receive the support they need to thrive.

**Lent Service Project**



During Lent, St. Felix Parish and School will collect twin size sheets, twin size blankets and twin size bedspreads for Catholic Charities. The preference is new, but they will also take gently used.

Did you know that Catholic Charities operates an overnight homeless shelter in Winona and Rochester? Between these two shelters, they house about 100 people a night.

The bedding we collect will help the two shelters provide for their guests and help the clients who transition to more permanent housing.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, in the back of Church or in the school entryway. If you would rather make a cash donation, a \$35.00 donation will sponsor a bed at either homeless shelter.

## Liturgical Roles - St. Felix

**Saturday, March 22, 2025- 4:30 pm**

### Ushers

Mike Wobbe  
Larry Stenzel

### Servers

James Sonnek  
Ada Sonnek

### EMHCs

Dar Theismann  
Deb Danckwart

### Reader

Katherine Hust

### Sacristan

Pat Kolb

### Offertory:

Eric and Maggie Sonnek Family

**Sunday, March 23, 2025- 9:30 am**

### Ushers

Ed Wirtz  
Paul Flicek

### Servers

Grant Passe  
Tommy Lineweaver

### EMHCs

Bill Allaire  
Sandra Allaire

### Reader

Tom Stiner

### Sacristan

Diane Vetter

### Offertory:

Jason and Tiffany Risch Family

## Liturgical Roles- St. Agnes

**Sunday, March 23, 2025 - 8:00 am**

### Ushers

Dave Lee  
Frank Lee

### Servers

Maria Sholing

### EMHCs

Wanda Lee  
Deb Peters

### Reader

John Miller

### Sacristan

Mary Schwalbe



## Synod ON EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS

His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

The preparatory phase of the Synod will begin on March 2, 2025. During this phase, consultation will take place across the Diocese in order to aid the deliberations of the Synod assembly in August, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. We invite every member of the local church to participate in this preparatory phase by completing the survey on evangelization and vocations, which can be accessed by visiting our Synod website ([downsynod.my.canvas.site](https://downsynod.my.canvas.site)), or by scanning the code.



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TAKE THE SURVEY



I would like to thank those who helped with the funeral lunch for the Ruth Klein family Tuesday, March 4th. Those who helped were: Lois Loechler,

Rita Pfeilsticker, Pat Kolb and Mary Lu Harney. Thanks also to custodian Willard Schuth for all he does for us.

*Jan Glomski, Unit Chairman*

Welcome to the St. Agnes  
Faith Family!

We are thrilled to welcome  
**Penelope Rose Schwalbe** to  
our St. Agnes community.

Penelope was baptized March 8th by Deacon Scott Schwalbe. Her parents are Samuel and Bethany Schwalbe.



The St. Mary Impact Team 208 (1891 Financial Life) will be meeting on **March 17th** at Wabasha Riverboat Lanes at 5:30 PM. There will be a report on the Bingo and lunch held during the Grumpy Old Men Festival.



There will be **Lenten Stations and a Soup Supper** at St. Agnes on **Friday, March 21st** and **Friday, April 4th**. Stations at 5:30 PM in the church followed by soup supper in the hall.

## Meetings & Events Calendar ~ March 16th thru March 29th

Sunday 16	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
<b>Confirmation Retreat</b> 9:30 AM-5:30 PM St. Felix Gym  <b>Youth Mass</b> 4:30 PM St. Felix  <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:00 PM St. Agnes		<b>Serra Club Meeting</b> 8:45 AM St. Felix Church  <b>Confessions</b> 6:00-7:00 PM St. Agnes  <b>St. Joe's Meeting</b> 7:00 PM VFW	<b>K-6th Grade Faith Formation</b> 3:15 PM St. Felix School  <b>7th-10th Grade Faith Formation</b> 7:00 PM St. Felix School	<b>Children's Mass</b> 2nd Grade 8:30 AM St. Felix  <b>Adoration</b> 9:15 AM-7:00 PM St. Felix  <b>Social Concerns Meeting</b> 3:30 PM Holy Family Room	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 11:00 AM St. Felix  <b>Stations of the Cross with Soup Supper Following</b> 5:30 PM St. Agnes	
Sunday 23	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29
<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet and Vespers</b> 4:00 PM St. Felix  <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:00 PM St. Agnes  <b>Youth Group Open Gym</b> 6:00-7:00 PM St. Felix Gym			<b>K-6th Grade Faith Formation</b> 3:15 PM St. Felix School  <b>7th-10th Grade Faith Formation</b> 7:00 PM St. Felix School	<b>Children's Mass</b> 1st Grade 8:30 AM St. Felix  <b>Adoration</b> 9:15 AM-7:00 PM St. Felix  <b>Confessions</b> 5:30-7:00 PM St. Felix	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> 11:00 AM St. Felix  <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 5:30 PM St. Felix	<b>St. Felix Parish Facilities Update Meeting</b> 5:30 PM St. Felix Gym

### Announcing 2025–2026 Scholarship Program *Charles I. Passe Endowment Fund*

The Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota has established a process for awarding endowment funds. This 2025-2026 academic year, up to **\$47,700** is available for qualified students.

Funds from the Charles I. Passe Endowment Scholarship will be awarded in the following order:

1. St. Felix parishioners enrolled in a diploma and/or certificate program at a trade/technical school
2. St. Felix parishioners enrolled in an Associate's degree program at a trade/technical school
3. Cluster parishioners enrolled in a diploma and/or certificate program at a trade/technical school
4. Cluster parishioners enrolled in an Associate's degree program at a trade/technical school

In the rare event that funds remain after all applications in those categories have been processed, the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota will consider other scholarship applications (i.e., Bachelor's degree programs). All awards are made by the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota.

Applications will be available starting on **February 28, 2025**, at the St. Felix, St. Agnes, and Immaculate Conception parish offices and websites, the Wabasha-Kellogg and Plainview-Elgin-Millville High School counselor's offices, and on the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota website at [www.catholicfsmn.org/granting](http://www.catholicfsmn.org/granting).

All applications must be returned to:  
 Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota  
 PO Box 30098  
 Winona, MN 55987

Applications must be received by **4:30pm on Friday, May 16, 2025**. Notification of awards will be made no later than July 1, 2025.

Please email Kelly Hoffman at [khoffman@dowr.org](mailto:khoffman@dowr.org) or call 507-858-1276 with any questions.



## 2nd Sister Generose Gervais Faith and Medicine Symposium

April 11 and April 12, 2025

Lourdes High School, 2800 19th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901

The aim of this conference is to explore the dynamic relationship between advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), medicine, beauty, faith, meaning and purpose, within the healthcare industry. By bringing together healthcare professionals, AI researchers, and spiritual leaders, we aim to foster an interdisciplinary dialogue that delves into the potential synergies between these seemingly divergent aspects. Through thought-provoking panel discussions, and innovative novel presentations, we aspire to uncover how the integration of medicine and beauty with AI and technology can revolutionize patient care, enhance healing, and bring meaning and purpose to medical providers.

The target audience is healthcare professionals including physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, therapists (respiratory, physical, occupational, speech), pharmacists, and medical administrators, who are looking for a deeper meaning in their work in the current complex medical technological environment. Visit <https://www.cathmed.org/guild-event/unveiling-the-healing-power-of-ai-beauty-meaning-and-purpose-in-medicine/> for more information.



2025  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

### Amount Received As of 3/12/2025

	<u>Goal</u>
St. Agnes	\$8,134
St. Felix	\$30,553

	<u>Amount Received</u>
St. Agnes	\$0
St. Felix	\$0

## Faith Formation

First, I would like to extend a big welcome to the Confirmation students, catechists, and parish staff from St. Mary's in Lake City, St. Patrick's in West Albany, and Immaculate Conception in Kellogg, who are joining us at St. Felix this weekend for a Confirmation retreat. Please say an extra prayer or two for these young people and their parish leaders, that they may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit during this retreat.

Next, please be sure to take a look at the reverse side of this week's bulletin insert for important information regarding the Diocese's upcoming **Man of God Conference**, as well as the **Lenten Parish Mission** that will be hosted for the parishes at St. Felix in a few weeks. If you know men/families who would be interested in attending, please encourage them to do so/ sign up! In the case of the former, I encourage you to watch the personal invitation video from Bishop Barron linked in the QR code below.



Finally, a reminder that there will be an **Open Gym and Games** night for parish youth on **Sunday, March 23rd** in the **St. Felix School gym** from **6:15 to 8:15 p.m.** All parish youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend, snacks and drinks will be provided, and students are welcome to come and go as their schedules allow.

Have a good week!  
Patrick

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