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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2, 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 4	8:00 am	St. Felix	† Judy Schmit
Wednesday, March 5	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Romaine and Joyce Miller
	7:00 pm	St. Felix	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Thursday, March 6	8:30 am	St. Felix	† Bill Vaplon Family
Friday, March 7	8:00 am	St. Felix	† Susan Allaire
Saturday, March 8	4:30 pm	St. Felix	† Mary Ann Witte
Sunday, March 9	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Ronald Schouweiler
	9:30 am	St. Felix	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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

Deacon John Hust

Gift of Lent

Each year the church gives us an opportunity to reflect on the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection) and its potential effect in our lives as Catholic's and as a Faith Community. The three pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving and it is the intent of these pillars to help us become more Christ like and become a vibrant, active faith community. This will only happen if we are intentional in our Lenten journey.

I believe prayer and fasting leads us into Spirit directed almsgiving (doing). It has been stressed in our Lenten journey about giving up things for Lent. This giving up is meant to be self-discipline but also gives us more time to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit leadings. The question I have for myself and for all of you is: "What is the Lord asking me **to do** this Lent in regards to alms giving (time, talent and treasures). If I give up screen time, what should I do in place? Pray, visit a neighbor, go to daily Mass, the list could go on and on. The Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy come to mind: **Corporal:** feed the sick, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the sick, visit those in prison, bury the dead. **Spiritual:** Instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses patiently, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead. All these works of Mercy lead to encounter with others. We are to be Christ bearers to those around us. What is the Lord asking you to do? I would encourage you to journal your Lenten journey.

The Gospel is quite challenging this week. Jesus says, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first, then you will see clearly." As we prepare for the Holy season of Lent, let us take time to reflect on the beam in our own eye so we can clearly see the Lord's plan for us as individuals and as community. May we remember we are beloved sons and daughters of the Father and have been given a message of hope, love and forgiveness to share with those around us. Be intentional this Lenten season. Peace!

Deacon John

St. Felix Catholic School Eric Sonnek, Principal

As a principal, I get asked a lot about why should my family choose St. Felix or faith-based education. Here is what I have to say:

Academic excellence in a faith-based environment like St. Felix Catholic School is about more than just high test scores—it's about nurturing the whole child while maintaining high academic standards. In this setting, students are encouraged to achieve their best while being supported by their faith and values. Here's how academic excellence is integrated into a Catholic school:

1. Strong Curriculum: The school provides a well-rounded curriculum that goes beyond the basics of reading, writing, and math. It includes subjects like science, social studies, and the arts, while also integrating faith-based principles. This approach helps students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, while also learning how to connect academic knowledge to real-life situations, including their spiritual life.

2. High Expectations: Teachers in a Catholic school are committed to fostering academic excellence by holding students to high expectations. They challenge students to reach their full potential, encouraging them to think critically, ask questions, and take responsibility for their learning. These high standards are paired with the understanding that each child is unique, and support is tailored to their individual needs to ensure they succeed.

3. Character Building: The pursuit of academic excellence is always tied to the development of character. In addition to excelling in their subjects, students are encouraged to show integrity, responsibility, and perseverance in their academic work. Faith-based learning emphasizes how virtues like honesty, kindness, and humility should be reflected not just in schoolwork, but in interactions with others, setting a foundation for lifelong success.

4. Supportive Environment: A faith-based school like St. Felix offers a supportive, nurturing environment where students feel encouraged and empowered to achieve their best. The strong sense of community—guided by faith—helps create a safe space where students can thrive academically without the fear of judgment or failure. Teachers, staff, and parents work together to ensure students have the tools and resources they need to succeed.

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Liturgical Roles - St. Felix

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025- 7:00 pm

Ushers

Mike Wobbe
Larry Stenzel

Servers

Sam Passe
Tommy Passe

EMHCs

Dennis Hetrick
Carol Schmit

Reader

Lisa Klees

Sacristan

Pat Kolb

Offertory:

Faith Formation Students

Saturday, March 8, 2025- 4:30 pm

Ushers

Mike Schumacher
Gene Marx

Servers

Matthew Busch
Alex Busch

EMHCs

Dar Theismann
Deb Danckwart

Reader

Dave Fisk

Sacristan

Pat Kolb

Offertory:

Pat Kolb and Cameille Goihl

Sunday, March 9, 2025- 9:30 am

Ushers

Buck Gosse
Steve Gosse

Servers

Cody Sanderson
Norah Sanderson

EMHCs

Dennis Hetrick
Heidi Flint

Reader

Bill Allaire

Sacristan

Volunteer

Offertory:

James and Katherine Hust Family

Liturgical Roles- St. Agnes

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - 8:00 am

Ushers

None

Servers

None

EMHCs

None

Reader

Tom Crowley

Sacristan

Mary Schwalbe

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - 8:00 am

Ushers

Dave Lee
Frank Lee

Servers

Ava Wingert

EMHCs

Wanda Lee
Deb Peters

Reader

Jeff Fosmo

Sacristan

Mary Schwalbe


5. Service and Leadership: Academic excellence is not just about individual achievement, but also about preparing students to serve and lead others. Many Catholic schools integrate service learning into the curriculum, encouraging students to use their knowledge and skills for the benefit of others. This fosters a sense of responsibility and leadership, teaching students that academic success is meant to be shared and used for the greater good.

6. Personalized Learning: Faith-based schools are often able to provide more personalized attention to each student's academic journey. With smaller class sizes and a focus on individual growth, students can receive the support they need to excel in their studies. Whether they need extra help or more challenging work, teachers are able to adapt and ensure that every student can reach their academic goals.

7. A Holistic Approach: By fostering the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and social development of students, Catholic schools prepare them for success in all areas of life. The aim is to produce students who are not only academically capable but also well-rounded, compassionate, and morally grounded individuals.

When academic excellence is paired with faith and values, students learn that learning is not just about what they know, but about who they are becoming. This approach ensures they are prepared not just for school success but for success in life.

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ March 2nd thru March 15th

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8
Scrip Sold After Mass at St. Felix Divine Mercy Chaplet and Vespers 4:00 PM St. Felix		Knights' of Columbus Meeting 6:30 PM St. Felix School	Ash Wednesday  Mass 8:00 AM St. Agnes Mass 7:00 PM St. Felix No Faith Formation	Mass 8:30 AM St. Felix Adoration 9:15 AM-7:00 PM St. Felix	Stations of the Cross 11:00 AM St. Felix Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM St. Felix	
Sunday 9	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15
Divine Mercy Chaplet and Vespers 4:00 PM St. Felix Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM St. Agnes			K-6th Grade Faith Formation 3:15 PM St. Felix School 7th-10th Grade Faith Formation 7:00 PM St. Felix School	Children's Mass 3rd Grade 8:30 AM St. Felix Adoration 9:15 AM-7:00 PM St. Felix	Stations of the Cross 11:00 AM St. Felix Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM St. Felix	



St. Mary Impact Team 208 (1891 Financial Life) thanks everyone who supported our Bingo and Lunch event on February 22nd. If it was playing Bingo, having lunch, working or donating food it was appreciated. It was a tremendous success and could not have been done without all of you. Thanks again.

Nancy Vaplon and Darlene Wolfe
Co-Chairs



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 (dowrsynod.my.canvas.site), or by scanning the code.



SCAN HERE TO
TAKE THE SURVEY

The St. Joseph Council #6 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered or joined us for our Pancake Breakfast on February 23rd. Your support and generosity made this event a success! All proceeds from the breakfast will go directly to St. Felix School and St. Felix Faith Formation.

THANK YOU!



Enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. Our school is open to families of all faiths and offers tuition assistance programs. We invite you to see for yourself how learning comes to life at St. Felix Catholic School. You can call the school office at 651-565-4446 for a personal tour.



2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Amount Received</u> <u>As of 2/26/2025</u>
St. Agnes	\$8,134	\$0
St. Felix	\$30,553	\$0

Check the Parish website or bulletin board in the Holy Family Room entrance for regular facilities' updates.



Please plan on joining us for one of the upcoming St. Felix parish-wide facilities meetings in the St. Felix Gym.

March 29th 5:30 PM
March 30th 10:30AM

MARCH



St. Felix Scrip Program

Scrip gift cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office during normal business hours.

Thank you to our local supporters of the program.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINUTES

February 20, 2025

- Environment Report included statements of Archbishop Broglio from U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference, and other Catholic climate organizations.
- The Pope's letter on immigrants to U.S. bishops; read and discussed.
- A bedding collection for migrants requires clarification from the Diocese.
- The Assistance Fund (the new name for the Charity Fund) is part of the parish accounts with funding designated for aid to those in need.
- Convocation of Wabasha Aid Organizations; date and time to be set; open to public; to be co-sponsored by St Felix Social Concerns and local churches.
- The voucher issue regarding the MN budget impacts Catholic schools; calling the legislature is crucial.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2025

Submitted by: Ron Zeilinger

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