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St. Agnes, Kellogg

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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CEMETERY BOARD

St. Felix Cemetery	Jim O'Brien (507) 517-4218
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

Call the parish office to make arrangements to have your child baptized as soon as possible! A Baptism preparation class is given to first-time parents.

MATRIMONY

Recently engaged? Contact the Pastor before setting up any arrangements to begin preparing for this holy union! Preparation is required for all marriages and must begin at least six months beforehand.

RCIA

Everyone is invited to the fullness of communion with Christ in the Catholic Church! Call the parish office to inquire 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, December 6	8:00 am	St. Felix	† Joseph Wolfe
Wednesday, December 7	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Ronell and Angeline Martin
Thursday, December 8	8:15 am	St. Felix	† Kay Vaplon
	6:00 pm	St. Agnes	† Jess and Agnes Schouweiler
Friday, December 9	8:00 am	St. Felix	† Jim Roemer
Saturday, December 10	4:30 pm	St. Felix	† Harry Meyer
Sunday, December 11	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Herbert and Irene Hemann
	9:30 am	St. Felix	† Pro Populo

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

**Father Prince Raja
Pastor**

**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

The liturgy of today speaks of repentance, personal change of heart, a transformation or conversion. Repentance is more than merely grieving over our sins; it is a call to change for the better. Today's First Reading from the Book of Isaiah consists of a descriptive prophecy related to the coming of the ideal king from David's line. Today's Second Reading Paul reminds the Romans that the Old Testament calls for the people to be steadfast in their difficulties. It also provides encouragement. Here the Apostle tells the Romans that whatever was written in former days was written for their instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures they might have hope.

In today's Gospel, Matthew presents us John the Baptist as he introduces Jesus to the world. The church chooses him as the personification of the Advent theme as he preaches repentance, transformation of the heart and reform of our lives. He calls people to prepare the way for the Lord and make his paths straight. His words have an advice and warning for each one of us. In our Gospel today, repentance is tied to the baptism of John as the people actively sought conversion and were acknowledging their sins. John the Baptist claimed that his baptism would be that of water while the baptism of Jesus would be of the Holy Spirit.

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas John the Baptist advises us to prepare the way of the Lord, by true repentance of our past failures and to have a firm resolution to straighten the ways of the Lord that is not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future. During Advent, we are called to be repentant of our sins. We are called to pray unceasingly, to make penance, and to perform acts of charity towards our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

On November 21st, St. Felix and St. Agnes Parish Councils, St. Felix Finance Council and Trustees along with the St. Felix School Advisory Board came together to discuss the future of the parishes and school. As principal of the school, I shared the vision of St. Felix Catholic School. The school shared a vision that would help carry out our mission; which is "We are a Catholic, Christ-centered school dedicated to lifelong learning where students are encouraged to develop spiritually, morally, academically and socially."

In looking at carrying out this mission, we discussed the possibility of expanding our school. Within the next year or two, we are looking to start expanding by adding 7th and 8th grades. We would start by adding one grade each year. Our school community is in support of this; during the most challenging times in a child's life giving them a foundation to help make solid moral choices in a Christ-Centered environment. In addition our thoughts are to possibly expand to add child care, adding a gathering space at the church, and merging our school and parish offices to maximize resources.

We will be putting together a steering committee to help discuss the other areas of expansion for the parish and school. They will be working with the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, the Catholic School Center of Excellence, and a consultant who helped with Catholic Schools expand in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. As we continue to move forward with this expansion we will continue to keep you all informed of the process.

This is an exciting time for our parishes and school. We look forward to working together to see our parishes and school grow by keeping Christ at the center of what we are doing and to help support each other on this faith journey. Please pray for us as we continue to move forward.

Liturgical Roles - St. Felix

Saturday, December 10, 2022 - 4:30 pm

Ushers

Mike Wobbe
Gene Marx

Servers

Lilah Lackey
James Sonnek

EMHCs

Dar Theismann

Reader

Katherine Hust

Sacristan

Pat Kolb

Offertory Eric and Maggie Sonnek Family

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 9:30 am

Ushers

Paul Flicek
Tiffany Risch

Servers

Lillian Gosse
Cody Sanderson

EMHCs

Sandra Allaire
Bill Allaire

Reader

Dennis Hetrick

Sacristan

Ruth Klein

Offertory: James and Katherine Hust Family

Liturgical Roles - St. Agnes

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 8:00 am

Ushers

Tony Lamey
John Miller

Servers

Maria Sholing

EMHCs

Rick Vaplon

Reader

John Miller

Sacristan Mary Schwalbe

St. Felix Faith Formation
Deacon Ed Wendt

December Activities for Faith Formation/Youth Ministry

Wednesday, December 7, 5:30pm – Elementary Family Faith Formation Parents meeting (Faith Formation Room).

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm: Faith Formation Advent Penance Service with Confessions (parents are encouraged to attend).

Saturday, December 17, 6:00pm: Grades 7-8- Movie Night with Sloppy Joes and Treats (Faith Formation Room).

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30pm: Grades 9-10 - Church decorating for Christmas. (parents/ Confirmation sponsors encouraged to help).

Please Contact Deacon Ed with any questions you may have.

The new 2023 Calendars are available in the back of church. A huge thank you to Abbott Funeral Home for again sponsoring these beautiful calendars!

2023

St. Mary's Court 208 (NCSF) will be having their **Christmas Potluck** on Monday, Dec 5, at 5:30 pm at the VFW. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, a guest, an item for the Food Shelf, and a small gift for the dice game. Please plan to attend.



Youth Ministry Leadership Team

Dear Family,

Now that the Faith Formation year is underway, it is time to focus on Youth Ministry for the parish. Youth Ministry provides a safe atmosphere for junior high and high school students to experience their Catholic faith. Our youth ministry will also express the mission of the Church through social outings, retreats, service opportunities, and gatherings.

This outreach cannot be done alone. It takes a team. I am seeking volunteers to serve on a youth leadership team. This team will help support the youth minister by leading small groups, helping with activities, being a mentor, and serving as a chaperone. If you are interested in serving on the youth leadership team, please contact Deacon Ed faith@felixagnes.org. Youth Ministry Informational Meeting for grades 7-10 will be held in January. Date to be announced.

Peace,
Deacon Ed

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ December 4 thru December 10

Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10
Mass 8:00 am St. Agnes Mass 9:30 am St. Felix	Light of Christ Prayer Group 6:30 pm Holy Family Rm	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 pm St. Felix school	Faith Formation 7:00 pm Grades 7-10 5:30 Parents Meeting for Elementary Faith Formation	The Immaculate Conception of Mary School Mass 8:15 am St. Felix 6:00 pm St. Agnes	Mass 8:00 am St. Felix Christmas Play Auditorium 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm	Mass 4:30 pm St. Felix
Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
Mass 8:00 am St. Agnes Mass 9:30 am St. Felix	Light of Christ Prayer Group 6:30 pm Holy Family Rm		Faith Formation Reconciliation Service and Confessions 7:00 pm Grades 7-10	Eucharistic Adoration 9 am - 7 pm St. Felix	School Mass 11:00 am St. Felix	Mass 4:30 pm St. Felix

St. Felix Catholic School Christmas musical, *The Secret of Snowflake County: Hope in a Humble Stable*. Two performances are scheduled for **Friday, December 9th at 1 pm and 7 pm** in the St. Felix Gymnasium.



We have hired a full time administrative assistant! Heather Bergan will be joining our staff on Monday, December 12th. Starting Monday, December 12th, our office hours will be Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, and Fridays 8:00 am - noon. Heather will be working Monday thru Thursday, and Michelle Gosse will be in on Fridays.

Reminder scrip is now at the parish office. Due to high demand during this time of year, we have volunteers in the office from 9 am - 1 pm to fill your orders. Also scrip will be sold after the St. Felix weekend masses in the back of church.

In collaboration with the parish, we have organized a monthly **Youth Mass** for our community. The Youth Masses will be once a month at 5:30 pm on the following Sundays: December 18th, February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, and May 21st.

We will be putting together a youth choir along with having the youth taking on the roles of lector, servers, and ushers. If you know of any youth that would love to be part of the Youth Mass, we will be having a Youth choir that will practice from 2:30 to 3:00 pm on Mondays and Thursdays starting this week. If your child wants to be a part of the Mass, either serving, reading, or singing, please reach out to esonnek@stfelixschool.org.

After the Mass, we will have a meal in the St. Felix gym.

Please share with our young parishioners.

Special Collection: There will be a special collection December 10th and 11th for the **Retired Religious Collection.**

November 13th	St. Agnes	St. Felix
Contributed last week	\$1,442.00	\$5,148.00
Contributed YTD	\$25,261.51	\$108,451.00
Budgeted fiscal YTD	\$36,420.50	\$168,955.15
Budgeted for the year	\$92,878.00	\$412,859.00

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the ladies of St. Joan Unit who helped serve the lunch for the Steve Oenning funeral, Monday, November 28. Those who worked were: Pat Kolb, Pat Carrels, Mary Lu Harney, Rita Pfeilsticker and Lois Loechler. Thanks also to our custodian Willard Schuth for all he does for us.

Jan Glomski, Unit Chairman

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 yearend 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 2022 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, 2022, 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, 2022.

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, 2022, for the distribution to count against your RMD for that calendar year.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 24

Recommended deadline to initiate electronic stock transfers

DECEMBER 31

Deadline for IRA rollover contributions to leave the custodial account

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