St. Felix, Wabasha
Parish Office: 117 3rd Street W, Wabasha, MN 55981
Office: (651) 565-3931
Website: www.wabashakelloggparishes.org
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Fri: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

SUNDAY – MARCH 3, 2024

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 5
8:00 am St. Felix
† Mary Magdalene Heppelmann

Wednesday, March 6
8:00 am St. Agnes
† Erma and Cecil LaBresh

Thursday, March 7
8:30 am St. Felix
† Eleanor Groby

Friday, March 8
8:00 am St. Felix
† Mark Sherlock

Saturday, March 9
4:30 pm St. Felix
† Leo Heppelmann
  Pro Populo

Sunday, March 10
8:00 am St. Agnes
† Henry and Lavina Wolfe
  9:30 am St. Felix

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.

Clergy
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Cemetery Board
St. Felix Cemetery
John Wolfe (651) 564-1386

St. Agnes Cemetery
Bill Hager (952) 412-2103

Bulletin Deadline: Submissions for the bulletin are due by 10:00 am on Wednesday. All items may be edited.
The liturgy of the Third Sunday of Lent begins with acknowledging God’s holiness and his claim on us that we belong to him. It recognizes the fact that we are his own people, and must live in a way that reflects his holiness. God offers us the gift of faith as our path towards holiness.

In the first reading we have Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai, which became the foundation of Israel’s new relationship with God. These commands were the basis of the religious life of the chosen people of the Old Testament. Already God had protected the people in the desert by nourishing them with food and protecting them from enemies. Now he gives them these commandments to protect and build up their spiritual bond with God. Therefore he makes a demand on them that God must come first in their lives before anything else. It is not the unknown God but the one who has revealed his name to them and whom they have promised to hold in total reverence.

In the Second Reading Paul tells the Corinthian converts that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing. But for those who are saved, it is the power of God. The message of the cross is the message of love of Jesus that was summarized in two Commandments, namely the love God and loving one’s neighbors. Paul tells them that he and his companions proclaimed Christ crucified. He is the power of God and he is the wisdom of God.

From the Desk of our Kindergarten Readiness Teacher of 21 years Susie Baab:

People often ask me, “Why and what is the reasoning behind pushing children so young to be in a school setting?” I reflect often and have asked for God’s guidance when answering these tough questions. How I approach learning and these early years directly impacts the students in our community. What can I offer to our youngest learners? Here is a brief description of my reflections. St. Felix Catholic School offers a high quality Kindergarten Readiness program that is designed to set our children up for future spiritual, emotional, social and academic success in our fast changing world.

Our Kindergarten Readiness Program is an opportunity for growth as we prepare for Kindergarten. Children are given the opportunity to learn to share, follow directions and begin a solid foundation for learning that will transpire throughout their elementary years.

Kindergarten has become more academic so parents are looking to set their children on the path of success in school. Parents have also voiced concerns that this new trend to focus more on academic skills takes away the importance of learning through play. We offer both in our classroom. We focus on playtime and making sure your child is academically ready for Kindergarten.

I pride myself on making sure I offer a high quality program that promotes social and emotional development. I am a nurturing mom, grandma and daughter, and feel I bring this quality back to the classroom as I build these warm and loving relationships with my students. Our connections are all different but they are there just the same.

St. Felix Kindergarten Readiness is a structured environment that gives children the opportunity to make friends, learn and make choices that interest them. We encourage students to learn how to take care of themselves as well as help others. We are learning how to focus our attention on the teacher, listen while others are talking and waiting our turn to talk. We are making learning fun by integrating religion, games, calendar, music, STEM, physical movement, art, story time, dramatic play and field trips into our daily routines.

The Kindergarten Readiness program challenges students to be the best they can be, both academically and spiritually.
### Liturgical Roles - St. Felix

**Saturday, March 9, 2024 - 4:30 pm**

**Ushers**  
Mike Wobbe  
Larry Stenzel

**Servers**  
James Sonnek  
Matias Burnett

**EMHCs**  
Carol Schmit

**Reader**  
Rosemary Schmidt

**Sacristan**  
Carol Schmit

**Offertory:**  
Eric and Maggie Sonnek

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**Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 9:30 am**

**Ushers**  
John Anderson  
Erma Anderson

**Servers**  
Gracelynn Leichtnam  
Grant Passe

**EMHCs**  
Heidi Flint

**Reader**  
Greg Riester

**Sacristan**  
Diane Vetter

**Offertory:**  
Leland and Julie Leichtnam Family

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### Liturgical Roles - St. Agnes

**Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 8:00 am**

**Ushers**  
Tony Lamey  
John Miller

**Servers**  
Maria Sholing

**EMHCs**  
Deb Peters

**Reader**  
Jeff Tentis

**Sacristan**  
Mary Schwalbe

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**Lenten Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine**

**Save the Date – March 14, 2024**

Knights of Columbus are arranging for a one day pilgrimage to the LaCrosse Shrine on Thursday, departing St Felix Church at 8:30 am and returning around 5:30 pm to the church. A tour of the shrine is being scheduled along with Confession, Holy Mass, personal prayer time, and a speaker with a special program on the *Shroud of Turin*. A life-size replica of the Shroud is on exhibit.

We will arrange carpools; there is no admission charge. Soup and sandwiches are available to purchase at lunch.

Email or call Heather Bergan at office@felixagnes.org, or email Dan Schaefer at dschaefer@hbci.com to be included in the registration and day of prayer. For more information please visit: guadalupeshrine.org, wabashakelloggparishes.org

We will be having a soup supper at St. Felix in the Holy Family Room after Stations of the Cross on Friday, **March 8th**. All are welcome! A free will offering will be taken at the supper for the Charity Fund. This fund is for gift cards for a person or families that come to the parish office with a need for food or gas.

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**The Chosen Bible Study**

Please join on any Wednesday evening to watch an episode of The Chosen. We are currently on Season 1. We watch a 40–50-minute episode followed by scripture and discussion questions about the gospel story that was presented. You can drop in any time or attend all sessions. They are held in the Holy Family Room at 6:00 pm. For more information contact: Nancy Hust at (651) 764-1218

This week’s bible story on Chosen:

**March 6th-Episode 7: Invitations**

Matthew struggles to reconcile the miracles he has witnessed with reality. Nicodemus meets with Jesus by night.

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**Couples Groups at St. Felix/Agnes Parishes**

**It’s too late to sign up!**

We currently have 3 groups of varying ages and life similarities meeting monthly. The groups meet for a shared meal at one of the couples’ home, with a pot luck dinner with the host providing the main entre. Most groups have met on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday for an evening meal, roughly from 5:30-8:00 pm. The response from the groups have been positive, as they’ve gotten to know other couples from our parish better and had a fun time as a couple. Please consider joining- you can come to a meeting and see if this something you as a couple might enjoy. Give Deacon John (651 564-0551) or Nancy (651 764-1218) a call if you would like to come and we’ll put you in a group for the February or March meeting.
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| Hospitality Sunday  
Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass  
Holy Family Room  
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Stations, Exposition, Vespers and Benediction  
6:00 PM St. Agnes | Confessions  
5:00-6:00 PM St. Agnes | Knights of Columbus  
6:30 PM St. Felix School | Confessions  
5:30-6:30 PM St. Felix | Children’s Mass  
8:30 AM  
Eucharistic Adoration  
9 AM - 7 PM St. Felix | Stations of the Cross  
11:00 AM & 5:30 PM St. Felix | Soup Supper following Stations Holy Family Room |

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| Stations, Exposition, Vespers and Benediction  
6:00 PM St. Agnes | Liturgy Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM | The Chosen Bible Study  
6:00 PM Holy Family Room | Children’s Mass  
8:30 AM  
Lenten Pilgrimage  
8:30 AM-5:30 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse, WI  
Eucharistic Adoration  
9 AM - 7 PM St. Felix | Stations of the Cross  
11:00 AM & 5:30 PM St. Felix | St. Agnes Ladies Group Church Hall Cleaning  
7:30 AM St. Agnes Hall | Youth Mass  
4:30 PM St. Felix |

**March is Food Share Month**

The Wabasha Food Share has seen an unprecedented increase in the need for food assistance and we are struggling to meet that need with our current funding. One of our most significant appeals is the State of Minnesota’s FoodShare March Campaign. Minnesota Food Share proportionally matches all donations received by each local food shelf. This year we are taking our appeal to a whole new level with a “Five For Food” matched contribution campaign challenging our whole community to make contributions of $5 or more. Donations will be matched by local sponsors. Donations can be sent to the Wabasha Food Share, 142 2nd St. W, Wabasha, MN 55981. We are open Mondays 2:00-6:00 pm and Thursdays 10:00 am to noon.

**Thank you** to Sue Schmidt for the delicious treats for Faith Formation.

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**Thank You**  
St. Mary Court 208 (1891 Financial Life) would like to thank everyone that worked, volunteered or supported our Bingo and Lunch event in any way on Grumpy Old Men day. It was a tremendous success. It could not have been done without all of you. Thanks again.  
*Darlene Wolfe and Nancy Vaplon Co-Chairs*

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**Help Needed:** St. Agnes Ladies Group will begin cleaning of the Church Hall on Saturday, **March 16th** at 7:30 am. All help is welcome.
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Thank you to Father Prince, Deacon John and Eric Sonnek for participating in the Grumpy Plunge on behalf of St. Felix Parish and School. Also, thank you to all that donated.

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**Faith Formation**

**Confirmation Practice**

Confirmation practice will be held on **Friday, May 10th at 6:00 pm** at Crucifixion Church in La Crescent. Confirmation will immediately follow with Mass starting at **7:00 pm**. Please be sure all candidates arrive in time for practice prior to their Confirmation.

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

The St. Felix 100 Mile Garage Sale is May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Donations are appreciated. More information is coming. Proceeds benefit St. Felix Catholic School. If you have any questions or would like to help with the garage sale, call Dave and Mary Pfeilsticker at (651) 565-4486. Thank you very much!

*Sponsored by the St. Joseph’s Council and Kunagunda Council #6 of Catholic United Financial.*

Local Rep Pete Harold
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