



# St. Felix, Wabasha

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# St. Agnes, Kellogg

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17, 2023

## CLERGY

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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, December 19	8:00 am	St. Felix	Annabelle Suilmann Living Mass
Wednesday, December 20	8:00 am	St. Agnes	† Tony Tentis
Thursday, December 21	8:30 am	St. Felix	† Mary Ann and Greg Wallerich
Friday, December 22	8:00 am	St. Felix	† John and Rosanna Goihl
Saturday, December 23	4:30 pm	St. Felix	† Carol Wooden
Sunday, December 24	4:00 pm	St. Agnes	† Joseph and Mary Wallerich
	4:00 pm	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.

**Father Prince Raja  
Pastor**

Rejoice because the Lord is near, is the theme that permeates the entire liturgy of this Sunday. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (meaning rejoice) Sunday inviting all Christians to rejoice at all times. It is a command taken directly from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, as in today's second reading, to rejoice always because the Lord is near. It is a positive command, one that we are to keep at all times and in all circumstances.

In the Second Reading Paul invites us always to rejoice, to pray without ceasing, to give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us. We should always rejoice because God has done great things for us in our life. We should always pray to secure our daily communion with the Lord God. We should always give thanks because all things come from God for the purpose of our sanctification as His children. We should do this in the name of Jesus because it is through Christ, the only Mediator between God and man, that we receive our salvation. During the season of Advent, we are reminded of the purpose of the preparation and the reason for the joy, namely, the truly joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus. Then, we are told not to quench the Spirit, meaning not to block his inspirations in our hearts.

The Gospel of this Sunday in fact wants to show the close relationship between Jesus and John but it does not give John the title the Baptizer. It is within the context of light and darkness that the reference to John is made. However, his purpose was clearly limited to one function, namely, to testify to the Light. He told his audience that he is not the light, but the one who bears witness to the light. Further, John the Baptist testified that he was the voice crying in the wilderness, telling all those who came to him, to prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord.

As Paul places before us the three pieces of good advice that summarizes our Christian life: rejoice, pray and render thanks. We rejoice in the glorious presence of God among us particularly in the Eucharist. We pray as Jesus did to keep ourselves in union with God in the Trinity. We express our gratitude to him who has placed on us a multitude of gratuitous gifts.

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

As we presented the Annual St. Felix Christmas Play, I wanted to share with you some of the Christmas traditions our students are looking forward to:

**Preschool**

Madilyn H.- opening presents and decorating.  
Davis G.- decorating the tree.

**Pre-K**

Beau C.- to play with my presents.  
Hazel N.- opening presents.

**Kindergarten**

Evelyn R.- the Christmas Play.  
Landon R.- opening presents.

**1st Grade**

Will F.- wrapping presents.  
George B.- decorating the Christmas tree.

**2nd Grade**

Aiden S.- opening presents.  
Cody S.- opening presents.

**3rd Grade**

Ariana S.- spending time with family.  
Ava E.- celebrating Christmas.

**4th Grade**

Grant P.- family dice game.  
Alex W.- eating turkey.

**5th Grade**

Jaxon R.- going to my aunt's house.  
Alex B.- Busch Christmas talent show.

**6th Grade**

Caleb K.- Christmas cookies.  
Cora H.- Secret Santa.



## Liturgical Roles - St. Felix

### Saturday, December 23, 2023- 4:30 pm

#### Ushers

Mike Schumacher  
Gene Marx

#### Servers

Cora Helms  
Lillian Gosse

#### EMHCs

Deb Danckwart

#### Reader

Dar Theismann

#### Sacristan

Pat Kolb

#### Offertory:

Pat Kolb

### Sunday, December 24, 2023- 4:00 pm

#### Ushers

John Anderson  
Erma Anderson

#### Servers

Lizzy Passe  
Sam Passe

#### EMHCs

Carol Schmit

#### Reader

Dennis Hetrick

#### Sacristan

Ruth Klein

#### Offertory:

Troy and Paula Passe Family

### Monday, December 25, 2023- 9:30 am

#### Ushers

Buck Gosse  
Steve Gosse

#### Servers

Eli Hester  
Addy Hester

#### EMHCs

Heidi Flint

#### Reader

Dave Fisk

#### Sacristan

Pat Kolb

#### Offertory:

Pat Kolb

## Liturgical Roles- St. Agnes

### Sunday, December 24, 2023 - 4:00 pm

#### Ushers

Dave Lee  
Frank Lee

#### Servers

Maria Sholing

#### EMHCs

Tom Crowley

#### Reader

Jeff Fosmo

#### Sacristan

Mary Schwalbe

**Thank you** for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

Our prayers go out to the family of **Sally Schurhammer** who passed away December 3, 2023. Her funeral Mass was Saturday, December 9th at St. Felix Church.



### BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



*A quiet time in a quiet place to remember those we have lost, to reflect on feelings of loss or to simply take a thoughtful pause this holiday season.*

**Thursday, December 21st**

6:30 PM

Wabasha United Church of Christ  
317 Second Street West

**THANK YOU!**

**Thank you** to Linda Binner for making the delicious treats for Faith Formation.

**Thank you** everyone who has given me rides to Church and other church functions. I wish you a Happy New Year!

Cameille Goihl



If you would like your church contribution to be applied to this year, **2023**, 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 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.





### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



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.

## Meetings & Events Calendar ~ December 17th thru December 30th

Sunday 17	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23
<b>Scrip Sold After Mass at St. Felix and St. Agnes</b>  <b>Communal Penance Service</b> 3:30 PM St. Felix  <b>Holy Hour and Vespers</b> 6:00 PM St. Agnes	<b>St. Joe's Meeting</b> 7:00 PM VFW		<b>Confessions</b> 6:00 PM St. Agnes  <b>RCIA</b> 6:00-7:15 PM  <b>Confirmation Students Decorating St. Felix Church</b> 7:00-8:00 PM	<b>Children's Mass</b> 8:30 AM St. Felix  <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 9 AM - 5:30 PM St. Felix  <b>Confessions</b> 6:00 PM St. Felix		<b>Scrip Sold After Mass</b>  
Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
<b>Mass</b> St. Felix 4:00 PM  <b>Mass</b> 4:00 PM St. Agnes	<b>Mass</b> 9:30 AM St. Felix  <b>Parish Office Closed</b> 	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>  <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 1:00-7:00 PM St. Agnes Hall	<b>No RCIA</b>	<b>Mass</b> 8:30 AM St. Felix  <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 9 AM - 7 PM St. Felix		

**Camp Summit** is a 4 day, 3-night summer camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. Camp Summit is a Catholic camp offering youth an opportunity to deepen their faith, try new things, and meet new friends! Camp Summit is a ministry of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota.

Camp Summit is hosted at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center along the Root River and bluffs of Lanesboro, MN.

The mission of Camp Summit is rooted in Jesus Christ as the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith. With discipleship at the core of what we do, Camp Summit strives to empower the youth of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to grow deeper in their faith while building stronger relationships within their parishes, diocese community, and beyond.

The camp is either offered **July 22 - July 25** or **July 29 - August 1**

St. Felix School and Parish is looking to see if there is any interest. Please contact Mr. Sonnek at [esonnek@stfelixschool.org](mailto:esonnek@stfelixschool.org) or 651-565-4446, if you are interested or know of a family that is interested.

Scrip gift cards will be available for purchase at the Parish Office during designated hours. We have volunteers signed up to sell Monday-Thursday from

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Fridays 9:00 AM to Noon. 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 order or a special order that needs to be filled, please place your order by December 18th 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.



The Confirmation class will be **decorating St. Felix Church** on **Wednesday, December 20th** from 7:00-8:00 PM. Pizza will be served in the Holy Family Room at 7:45 PM. Anyone that would like to help is welcome to join them. Many hands make light work.



December 10th	St. Agnes	St. Felix
Contributed last week	\$1,351.00	\$3,982.56
Weekly offering budgeted	\$1,800.85	\$7,743.46
Overage (Shortfall)	\$(449.85)	\$(3,760.90)
Contributed YTD	\$30,715.00	\$140,492.26
Budgeted fiscal YTD	\$41,554.92	\$182,135.38
YTD overage (Shortfall)	\$(10,839.92)	\$(41,643.12)
Budgeted for the year	\$93,644.00	\$402,660.00



**2023**  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Amount Received</u> <u>As of 12/8/2023</u>
<b>St. Agnes</b>	\$7,756	\$6,940.70
<b>St. Felix</b>	\$31,034	\$18,575.81



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.**

## American Red Cross Blood Drive



St. Agnes Parish Hall, Kellogg

**Tuesday, December 26, 2023**

1:00-7:00 PM

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**Thank you** to Larry and Barb Hanson, Skip Meurer, and Dar Theismann for serving for Sally Schurhammer's funeral lunch.

*Thank You*

*Lana Ostrom-Unit Chair*



## Volunteers are needed at the Wabasha Area Food Share!

Once a week, once a month, one-time. Even a little time is helpful and REWARDING!

**Monday 1:00-4:00 PM/ Thursday 9:00 AM-Noon**

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