

**St. Felicitas Church**  
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**Pastor – Fr. Ed Schaefer**  
**Fr. Dan Friedman officiating**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
 12 - 21 - 2025  
 Number of Envelopes 37

Envelope Total	\$1,430.00
Loose Collection	\$230.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,660.00</b>
Basement Rental – Fire Dept.	\$500.00
Retirement For the Religious	\$60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Donation for Gravy Dispensers	\$184.45
<b>Fall Chicken Dinner Deposit</b>	
Total Profit	\$14,224.88

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING**  
 12 - 24 - 2025  
 Number of Envelopes 28

Envelope Total	\$2,435.00
Loose Collection	\$511.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,946.00</b>
Collection for the Needy	\$204.00


**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**  
*Have you remembered St. Felicitas Parish in your Estate Planning?*

**Mass Intentions**  
**Dec. 28** - Joe Foppe; Vince & Dolores Langenhorst  
**Jan. 4** - Living and deceased members of the Bernard & Georgetta Brueggemann family

If you are unable to come forward for Holy Communion, please stand or raise your hand after the congregation has received the sacrament, and a minister will come to your seat.

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
 Justin Benhoff, Gene Bickl, Cindy Gnaedinger,  
 Joe Lubbers and Vince Langenhorst.  
**Finance Council**  
 Mary Huelsmann, John Ketterer, Dan Potthast, Allen Thole  
 Steve Gnaedinger & Vince Barciszewski.  
**Parish Trustees:** Barry Hampel and Alan Heldorfer.  
**Administrative Assistant:** Lisa Voss

### Prayer Request

Please pray for those who need the Lord's healing in body, mind or spirit, especially Krystal & Noah Huelsmann, Dan Ketterer, Joe Hilmes, Martha Solis & Marilyn Hilmes and all who asked for our prayers.

*Each request will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that, the request may be renewed.*

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 On the Sunday after Christmas, we honor the Holy Family and hold them up as a model for our own families. From the start, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with hardships, uncertainty, and even danger. But together they placed their trust in God and grew ever stronger in their bond with each other. We too are called to trust in the Lord as we face the trials and difficulties of our own lives. As we continue our Christmas celebration, may our families be consecrated in the love of the Holy Family.


*Taken from Pastoral Patterns*



### Happy Birthday

Jan. 3 - Makenna Benhoff

*If we fail to publish your birthday or anniversary, please get with the parish office so we can update your member profile.*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**




LECTOR SERVER    EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS SACRISTAN    CANTOR    USHER

**Dec. 28 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**USHERS:** Alvin Huels & Craig Diekemper  
**LECTORS:** Sue Potthast  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Alan Heldorfer, Ann Hampel & Cindy Gnaedinger  
**GIFT BEARERS:** Langenhorst Family  
**SERVERS:** Hanley & Harrison, McKenna, Maggie, Lakin  
**MUSICIAN:** Robert Luebbers Family

**Jan. 4 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**USHERS:** Justin Benhoff & Joe Luebbers  
**LECTORS:** Tiffany Kauffmann  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Ed Monken, Linda Monken & Mariah Benhoff  
**GIFT BEARERS:** Volunteers  
**SERVERS:** Carlee, Zoey, Charlie, Averie, Evie  
**MUSICIAN:** Chad



### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night,” the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman, or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

## RESPECT LIFE

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Through Dec. 31** - The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is Showing Their Way of Lights display from November 21st through December 31st, from 5 pm until 9 pm every night. The indoor activities will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

**Jan. 23** - The Clinton County Citizens for Life (CCCFL) will be having their Pro-Life March around the Clinton County Courthouse in solidarity with our brothers and sisters at the March for Life in our nation's capital. Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.


MATER DEI MOTHERS & FRIENDS are selling raffle tickets for an all inclusive Kentucky Derby experience for 2 people. Tickets are \$40 ea or 3 for \$100. To purchase tickets go to <http://MDderby.givesmart.com>. To purchase with cash/check, contact Melissa Becker 401-3420.

### Solemnity of Mary

St. Teresa, Marydale is offering Mass on January 1 for the Solemnity of Mary, everyone is welcome to attend.

### Communion Pyx Reminder

If you have borrowed a pyx and are no longer using it, please return it to the sacristy. Thank you.





# KIDS' BULLETIN

## THE HOLY FAMILY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family; Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When God sent His Son Jesus into the world He wanted Him to come in a humble and quite way. He wanted Jesus to have a mother and an earthly father and be raised in a happy home.

God brings us into the world in families too. He wants us to have good and loving mothers and fathers to look after us and teach us. Our Lady and Saint Joseph are great examples for parents. They loved Jesus and kept Him safe and let Him grow and learn.

Jesus is an example to children, too! Love your father and mother, obey them and pray for them. Today is a good time to think of how your family can become more like the Holy Family, living in peace, joy and love. Can you think of a way to be more obedient, loving or generous with your family?

## THANK YOU

*We are grateful to the volunteers who donated their time and talents Wednesday morning to lay drainage pipe in the parish cemetery, helping prepare for upcoming road improvements. Your service and dedication are truly appreciated.*

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas Flower Memorial Fund. Your generous and kind spirits have made possible the beautiful decorations, that have added so much to our celebration this holy season. We pray for the loved ones remembered and honored here and for all the departed who are at rest in God's loving arms.

**Henry, Theresa & Frank Grawe**

Donated by Mary Huelsmann

**Craig Huels**

Donated by Craig & Michele Diekemper Family

**Vincent & Pauline Wilke  
& Daniel Barciszewski**

Donated by Vince & Connie Barciszewski

**Greg Hilmes**

Donated by Arlene Hilmes Family

**Ted & Helen Luebers**

Donated by The Joe & Donna Luebbers Family

**Joe & June Peppenhurst**

Donated by the Joe & Donna Luebbers Family

**Gerald Hilmes**

Donated by the Marlyn Hilmes family

**Vince & Dolores Langenhorst**

Donated by Vince Langenhorst

**Maureen Hilmes**

Donated by the Robert Hilmes Family

**Craig Huels**

Donated by Alvin & Mary Huels Family

**Joseph & Mary Voss; Florentine Ripperda;  
Paul & Aggie Huels; Hubert & Rose Markus**

Donated by Jared & Lisa Voss Family

