

01/11/2026

# St. Felicitas Church

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Pastor - Fr. Ed Schaefer  
Fr. Dan Friedman officiating

**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

## WEEKLY OFFERING

1 - 4 - 2026  
Number of Envelopes 30

Envelope Total	\$1,075.00
Loose Collection	\$130.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,205.00</b>
Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00
Christmas Collection	\$50.00
Building & Grounds	\$720.00



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*Have you remembered St. Felicitas Parish in your Estate Planning?*

## Baptism of the Lord

On this final day of the Christmas season we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before him, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us.

*Taken from Pastoral Patterns*



**Jan. 11** - Pauline Wilke; Jim & Virginia Jansen on their 58th Anniversary  
**Jan. 18** - Deb Rakers



**Jan. 11 – 9:30 a.m.**

**USHERS:** Barry Hampel & John Hampel  
**LECTORS:** Ann Hampel  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Lisa Voss, Emily Hilmes & Jackie Albers  
**GIFT BEARERS:** Barciszewski family  
**SERVERS:** Hanley & Harrison, McKenna, Maggie, Lakin  
**MUSICIAN:** Maribeth

**Jan. 18 – 9:30 a.m.**

**USHERS:** Dan Ketterer & Ed Monken  
**LECTORS:** Jackie Albers  
**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Sharon Bickl, Gene Bickl, & Norb Rakers  
**GIFT BEARERS:** Rakers Family  
**SERVERS:** Zoey, Carlee, Charlie, Lakin, MaKenna  
**MUSICIAN:** Lisa McQuade

## 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.*

## SLOWING DOWN TO THE SPEED OF JOY

"Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy" is a popular Catholic book by Matthew Kelly. This book helps parishioners combat busyness and reconnect with faith, featuring insights on prioritizing what truly matters. It encourages finding joy by slowing down, focusing on relationships with God, and rediscovering the Sabbath. Copies are available for each family on the table in the back of church. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY TODAY!

*Thank you*

Fr. Tom would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many cards, kind words, and thoughtful gestures he received during the Christmas season. He misses you all and is spending his days reading & enjoying some well-earned rest. He wishes everyone a very blessed New Year.

**2025 Contribution Statement Available**  
Statements are available on the table at the back of church. Any unclaimed statements will be destroyed the week of Feb. 15. You will only have a statement available if you use the contribution envelopes that are mailed to you. Thank you for your continued generosity and support



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jan. 11** – St. Rose Youth League drive thru Breakfast serving until 11:30 a.m. at the St. Rose Development Club Park. Adults \$14 (3 sausage links, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, 3 pancakes, bowl of fruit) Kids plate \$7 (1 sausage link, scrambled eggs, 2 pancakes, bowl of fruit). Proceeds to benefit St. Rose Youth League activities.

**Jan. 11** - The Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 will be serving a Pork Sausage Breakfast until 11 a.m. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to local PSR programs. \$15.00 per person; \$8.00 for youth ages 5 – 12; 4 and under are free

**Jan. 22** - LADIES, ARE YOU RESOLVING TO GROW IN FAITH IN 2026? Start the new year with an inspiring 60-minute presentation by Sr. M. Karolyn Kunes, FSGM, at the Bartelso School Cafeteria. The evening starts at 7 p.m. and will include a talk by Sr. M. Karolyn on Spiritual Motherhood, guided prayer, and a Q & A session. This event is sponsored by the St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality, Bartelso. Please RSVP to [judyglen@outlook.com](mailto:judyglen@outlook.com) or text/call 618-920-0239. Reservations are not required but appreciated.

**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.

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.

# KIDS' BULLETIN

## A BIT ABOUT BAPTISM

A sacrament is an outward sign of grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured over our head as a sign that sin is being washed away from our soul.

You might wonder why babies are baptized when they have not committed any personal sins. Baptism not only forgives personal sin but also removes original sin, which we inherit from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us grace—the help we need from God to live a good Christian life. While babies cannot sin when they are very young, Baptism gives them grace that will strengthen them throughout their lives. You might also wonder why Jesus was baptized, since He had no original sin or personal sin. Jesus did not need to be baptized for forgiveness, but He chose to be baptized to give us an example and to show the importance of Baptism in our own lives.

## Holiday Decoration takedown

We will be taking down the holiday decorations today after Mass.



All help is appreciated.

If you have something you would like added to the bulletin, please email the parish office at: [stfelicitasbeaverprairie@gmail.com](mailto:stfelicitasbeaverprairie@gmail.com) or text Lisa @ 618-477-7733 before Thursday evening.



## FROM THE Diocese of Belleville

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Parish Staff Accountant to support the diocesan parishes serving as the primary resource, managing parish assessments, conducting audits and compliance reviews, and providing training. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in accounting / advanced or demonstrated equivalent expertise gained through professional experience, with five years' experience in accounting with QuickBooks experience. Skills required include knowledge of GAAP, internal controls, audit experience, and strong communication. Visit <https://www.diobelle.org/-temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities> for the full advertisement. Deadline: January 23, 2026

## RESPECT LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Friday, January 16 – Saturday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

### Happy Birthday

Jan. 13 - Matt Rolfingsmeier

### Happy Anniversary

Jan. 13 - Jim & Virginia Jansen 58 years

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

# THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17

