

St. Felicitas Church

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Fr. Dan Friedman officiating

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 Justin Benhoff, Gene Bickl, Cindy Gnaedinger,
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 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

02 - 8 - 2026

Number of Envelopes 36

Envelope Total	\$1,235.00
Loose Collection	\$249.00
Grand Total	\$1,484.00
Hall Rental	\$100.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$10.00



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this final Sunday before Lent, our readings remind us of the commandments. God's infinite wisdom has given us laws that enable us to live a good, righteous life. Since we enter Lent later this week, today is a good opportunity to ask ourselves how we are keeping the commandments, especially the supreme commandment to love God and neighbor. Let us reflect on this as we prepare to receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

Taken from Pastoral Patterns



Feb. 15 - Deb Rakers
Feb. 22 - Daniel Barciszewski



Feb. 15 - 9:30 a.m.
USHERS: Barry Hampel & Norb Rakers
LECTORS: Millie Peppenhorst
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Alan Heldofer, Mariah Benhoff, Pam Benhoff
GIFT BEARERS: Rakers Family
SERVERS: Hanley & Harrison, McKenna, Maggie, Lakin
MUSICIAN: Lisa

ASH WEDNESDAY

Volunteers for all ministries
Feb. 22 - 9:30 a.m.
USHERS: Gene Bickl & Dan Potthast
LECTORS: Jackie Hampel
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Lisa Voss, Emily Hilmes, Zane Gray
GIFT BEARERS: Barciszewski Family
SERVERS: Carlee, Zoey, Aiden, Charlie, Evie
MUSICIAN: Lisa

Prayer Request

Please pray for those who need the Lord's healing in body, mind or spirit, especially Carol Carillon, Matt Schumacher, Margie McQuade, 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.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 15 - Justin Benhoff
Feb. 17 - Wesley Albers
Feb. 17 - Mary Huelsmann
Feb. 19 - Kathy Mills
Feb. 21 - Nicole Gray

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 15 - Glen & Norma VonBokel 34
 If we fail to publish your birthday or anniversary, please get with the parish office so we can update your member profile.

AREA LENT FISH FRYS

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry - Beckemeyer Legion. Serving 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Choice of cod, bluegill, whole catfish, or shrimp
 Sides: fries, mac & cheese, or slaw
 Sponsored by the Sons of the Legion
Every Friday During Lent - Aviston American Legion. Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi
Ash Wednesday & Fridays During Lent - St. Rose Development Club. Drive-thru only
 Serving 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Menu includes fish chunks, cod sandwich, shrimp, homemade tuna sandwich. Sides: French fries, onion rings, mac & cheese, slaw, applesauce, creamy tomato cheese tortellini soup
 Please come out and support these local organizations during the Lenten season.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 19-21 - Rummage Sale hosted by the Aviston Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Aviston American Legion on: **Thur. & Fri. - 9 am - 7 pm** with Bake Sale; **Friday 1/2 price; Sat. - 9 am till Noon (\$4.00 brown bag sale)**
Feb. 21 - St. Mary Parish invites you to our Last One Standing Reverse Raffle at the Carlyle KC Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are twenty dollars and admit one person with a chance at great cash prizes, including two thousand dollars for first prize, or twenty five hundred if you are present. Enjoy music, games, silent and live auctions, and a cash bar. All are welcome for a fun night in support of St. Mary
March 1 - Drive-thru chicken diner serving 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Pierron. Dinner includes 1/2 fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean, dressing & cake. \$15 per dinner.
March 1 - Breese Lion's Club Chicken Dinner. Serving 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Breese American Legion. Carry-out only. \$15 at the door, \$14 if tickets purchased in advance from any Lion's Club member. 1/2 chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw, homemade pies and cakes.
March 25 - Central FFA drive-thru pork chop dinner. Pick-up at Central Community High school from 4:40 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes: smoked butterfly pork chop, potato salad, corn & cookie. Presale tickets \$15 per dinner; \$20 day of with limited availability. If you are interested in a pre-sale ticket, please reach out to Alex or Lisa Voss.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is a special season in the Church when we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent is a time of repentance. We pray more, make sacrifices, and try to improve our lives so that we can become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned, yet He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus offered His life to God the Father on the cross.

On Ash Wednesday, if you go to Mass, you may receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that one day we will die and be buried. But they also remind us of hope: if God lives in us, we will rise again after death, just as Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.



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Ash
Wednesday

We invite you to join us for Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. with Fr. Dan, as we begin the Lenten season together.

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



Quest - a 2 day faith experience for Freshmen and Sophomores. Learn about your relationships with yourself, others and God in fun ways - November 22-23 at St. Dominic Parish in Breese. Sign up at www.bellevilletec.org. Any questions, please contact bellevillequest@gmail.com.

A History of Heaven and Hell-National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - Visitors Center. Church History Series: A History of Heaven and Hell. Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD. Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, 2026, from 10 a.m. to noon. For centuries, thinkers both religious and secular have pondered the mystery of the afterlife. What happens when we die? Is there a place of eternal bliss - or eternal punishment? Will everyone experience happiness in the afterlife - or just some? Will we continue to exist at all? In this three-session series, we will explore the mystery of heaven and hell as it evolved in ancient Greek thought, in ancient Judaism, at the time of Jesus and in the theology of early Christianity. Cost: \$15 per session/\$45 for the series. Register online at snows.org/church-history-series or call 618-394-6281.

FOR LENT, FOR LIFE

What You Give Up For Lent Changes Lives

Ending Hunger With CRS Rice Bowl This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl as you leave church today. Then, visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

Jesus was *transfigured* before them

MATTHEW 17:2

