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WEEKLY OFFERING
12 - 28 - 2025
Number of Envelopes 31

Envelope Total	\$1,200.00
Loose Collection	\$426.00
Grand Total	\$1,626.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00
Human Development	\$100.00
Christmas Collection	\$75.00
Mass Intentions	\$70.00
Christmas Flower Donations	\$260.0

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



Jan. 4 - Living and deceased members of the Bernard & Georgetta Brueggemann family
Jan. 11 - Pauline Wilke; Jim & Virginia Jansen on their 58th Anniversary

Happy Birthday
Jan. 6 - Chris Boenhoff
Jan. 8 - Timothy Korte
Jan. 9 - Briar Bickl

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

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.

Epiphany of the Lord
Today we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world.
Taken from Pastoral Patterns

Ministries for the Year 2025
Baptisms – 5; Confirmations – 4
Weddings – 0; Funerals – 4


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LECTOR SERVER SACRISTAN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS CANTOR USHER
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
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

Question OF THE WEEK

Question: Our manger scenes show three kings front and center. When I searched the Bible for their big entrance on Christmas night, I came up empty. Where do the Magi appear, and why do they seem to run late?

Answer: The Magi appear in Matthew chapter two, not on Christmas night. By the time they arrive, Jesus is living in a house, not resting in the manger, which explains why the wise men stand off to the side in many nativity scenes. Epiphany celebrates seekers who take their time and reminds us life needs quiet moments and joyful ones to stay balanced. It tells us faith grows through showing up and paying attention singing "Alleluia" on repeat with no breaks. God knew we'd need both quiet and celebration to stay balanced. It tells us faith grows through showing up and paying attention.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. in the Bartelso Elementary School and will include a talk by Sr. M. Karolyn on Spiritual Motherhood, guided prayer, and a Q & A session. Sr. M. Karolyn is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, based in Alton. This event is sponsored by the St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality, Bartelso. Join us and take the next step in your faith journey! Please RSVP to 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.

Jan. 25 - The KC Hall/Columbian Club is having a drive thru chicken dinner. Serving 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Chicken Dinner \$15 per meal, drive thru only. Dinner includes 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and apple sauce.

KIDS' BULLETIN

THE EPIPHANY

At the beginning of the new year, we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

Imaging that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father and a new baby.

One day something amazing happens: some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship him.

Can you thank Mary today for bringing Jesus to us?



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 Peppenhorst

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

The Word became flesh and lived among us

JOHN 1:14

