



St. Felicitas Catholic School

Mission Statement: Saint Felicitas Catholic School as a Catholic school in the Diocese of Oakland educates children in the Catholic faith and nurtures their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

Spreading Hope in God's Community

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus in two weeks, we participated in one of the most important sacraments in our Catholic Faith – reconciliation. If you have ever been curious what this beautiful sacrament is all about, here is a fantastic quick video for you that we showed our students in preparation - <https://youtu.be/Wz5-vu6A58E> There will be a parish reconciliation service if you would like to participate on the 18th. See the church bulletin for details. It's an important part of our Advent preparation.

I am looking forward to our Advent program next week! It should be a fantastic show. We are working to have someone come and film it for everyone. The school will front the labor costs and we ask for a donation for the completed downloaded file when it becomes available. We are hoping this will add to your ability to sit back and relax and enjoy the show!

We started our official St. Felicitas Catholic School Instagram page. Please find us at sf_falcons and follow us to get pictures and updates about what's happening at our wonderful school. Spread the word!

Here are some other links to some of our upcoming 60th anniversary events.

St. Felicitas Volleyball Game – January 27th - <https://goo.gl/forms/aGslikagFBQQaPog2>

60th Anniversary Gala – March 2nd – - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-felicitas-60th-anniversary-gala-tickets-51888157877?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

We will also be sending out Crab Feed info soon! Be on the look out!

Abundant Advent Blessings!

Mrs. Jorgensen



Mini Merry Tree

We are holding a raffle for the miniature tree in the school office. Proceeds will go to our Caritas Creek fund. Every year, our 7th graders have the opportunity to attend this amazing camp. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 tickets for \$5.00



This Week's Raffle Drawing Winner is:

Gailee Kwon

**Gailee is the Mother of Ava in
4th Grade**

Congratulations!

DECEMBER



Important Dates & Events

- **Friday, December 14th, Coffee Talk with the Principal, 8:30 am**
- **Thursday, December 20th, Advent Program in the Church, 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, December 21st, Min. Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, No Afternoon Falcon's Nest**
- **Monday, December 24 - Monday, January 7th, Christmas Break**

Annual Advent Program

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, December 20th for our Advent Program which takes place at 7pm in the church. The students along with their teachers and Mr. Rathje work very hard to present this gift of song to our community. Students are to wear their "Sunday best," no uniforms please!

**Coffee Talk with the Principal**

The last Coffee Talk of this year takes place tomorrow, Friday, December 14th at 8:30 am. Join Mrs. Jorgensen to discuss what's happening at school!

**The Crab Feed is Coming!**

Mark the date for the St. Felicitas Crab Feed! Save the date and join us on Saturday, February 9th 2019 for cocktails, dinner and the auction. More details are coming soon!

**Class Yearbook!**

Order your child's yearbook now and you won't have to do it later! We have been able to maintain the same pricing as last year! Please go to this link for order information.

<https://sfcsyearbook.picaboo.com/>

Christmas Outreach for St. Vincent de Paul

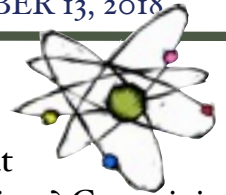
The annual Student Council Christmas Ornament Outreach Project has begun! We are asking for every student to decorate an ornament and donate a \$10 Target gift card which will be used to purchase necessities for families in our area. Last year we raised \$560! Please have your child color the ornament and include the gift card, and we will hang it on our Christmas tree in the school office!

**Bancroft Uniforms**

Bancroft Uniforms is having their year end 20% off sale through Monday, December 31st. Take advantage of this discount if your student is in need of any new uniform items! New this year, Bancroft is selling **both** our regular and PE uniforms.

Science Fair Judges Needed!!

Interested in fast balloon cars, the effects of caffeine on plants, or what ingredients produce the stickiest slime? Come join us as a judge for our annual Science Fair on Friday, January 25th! We need parents, family, or friends to judge our 7th and 8th grade projects. A judge needs to be familiar with the steps of the scientific method and able to understand scientific language.



We need judges from 9-11:30 am. (If we have enough judges, we may be done earlier) on Friday, January 25th. Breakfast snacks will be provided! Contact sdionisio@cndo.org if you are interested.

Parish Christmas Pageant

On December 24th at the 5 pm mass, children in Kindergarten- 6th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant! Please see the flyer for all the information.

Advent Program Class Meeting Locations

Kindergarten will meet in the 6th grade classroom

1st grade will meet in the 8th grade classroom

2nd grade will meet in the library

Grades 3,4 & 5 will meet in their own classrooms

Grades 6,7, & 8 will meet in the church
"Sunday Best Attire" No jeans or uniforms

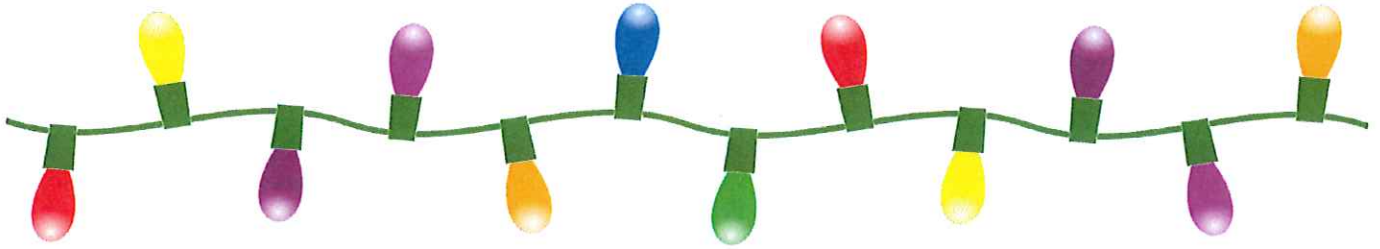
Student Learning Expectations:

- * *A spiritually centered person*
- * *A life long learner*
- * *An effective communicator*
- * *A globally aware citizen*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Erasmia Psarras
- Larry Cornell
- Cindy Abraham
- Elias Dahdah
- Dennis Bertucelli
- Anthony G.
- Jan Reitz
- Mr. VanDer Haeghen
- Ashley Duncan
- Alfonso Blazquez
- John Paul Avalos
- Lorri Decia
- Our School Community





A Mini Merry Christmas Tree

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

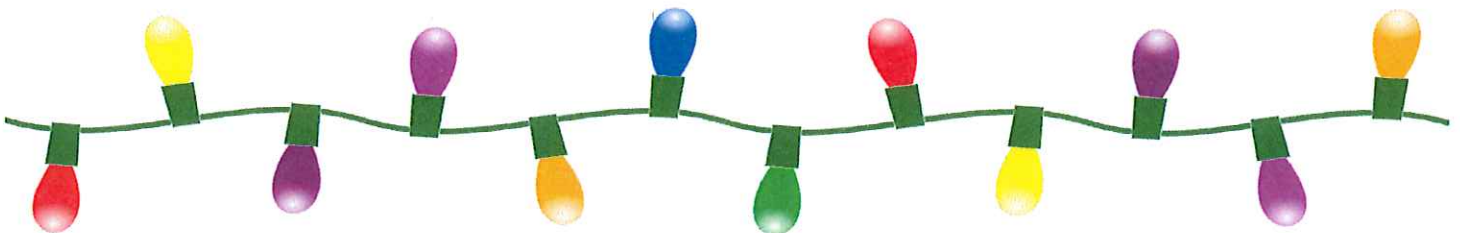


Win a Miniature Christmas Tree!

Drawing will be 12/21 - Proceeds help send students to

Caritas - \$1 per ticket or 7 tickets for \$5

Help support the future 7th graders!



The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

Parish
**Gospel
Weeklies**
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

3rd Sunday of Advent • December 16, 2018 • John the Baptist Helps Us Prepare

Sunday Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: Who are the kind and gentle teachers in your life?

Gospel Question: What do you do with your extra coats? What do you do with your abundance?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

What should we do? This is the question people asked of John. Make a list of 10 things you think Christians should be doing.

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-8)

Life Question: Where do you go for good advice?

Gospel Question: What should we do as Christians with our extra coats, food, and wealth?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: Who in need has your family befriended?

Gospel Question: How does John the Baptist tell us to act with mercy?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What do you do with the toys and clothes you've outgrown?

Gospel Question: How does John the Baptist teach us to be generous with our belongings?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: How does your family share with others?

Gospel Question: During Advent how are you getting ready for Jesus' birth?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What are ways a family gets ready for a new baby?

Gospel Question: How is your family getting ready to celebrate Jesus' birth?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

John the Baptist told people how to live holy lives. The people had a real desire to change for the better; they wanted to hear truth. They wondered if John was the Messiah, but he told them about someone who would be coming soon (Jesus) who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Look around your church for images of the Holy Spirit (e.g., fire, wind, dove).

Question of the Week

How can the Holy Spirit help you on your faith journey?



Family Prayer

Holy Spirit, you move us and help us change. Teach us to follow Jesus in all things.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Juan Bautista contó a la gente cómo vivir una vida santa. La gente tenía un gran deseo de cambiar para bien, y quería oír la verdad. Se preguntaba si Juan era el Mesías, pero él contó a la gente acerca de alguien que vendría pronto (Jesús) que bautizaría con el Espíritu Santo.

Visita www.usccb.org/bible/readings para leer las lecturas de este domingo.

En la Iglesia

Mira en tu iglesia y busca imágenes del Espíritu Santo (por ej. fuego, viento, paloma).

Pregunta de la semana

¿De qué manera el Espíritu Santo te puede ayudar en tu camino de fe?



Oración en familia

Espíritu Santo, tú nos mueves y nos ayudas a cambiar. Enséñanos a seguir a Jesús en todas las cosas

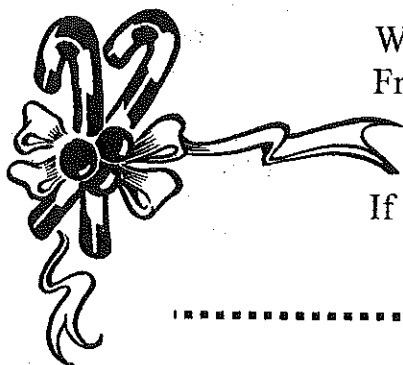
St. Felicitas Parish
Christmas Pageant
December 24, 2018
5:00 p.m. Mass



If your child/children is interested in participating in the Children's Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, please complete the bottom portion of this flyer and return it to St. Felicitas School, Faith Formation Office or the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Children in Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate; there are limited parts of the Nativity, which will be assigned randomly to the children.

Practices will be held in the Church on:

Wednesday, December 19, 20187:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday, December 21, 2018.....7:00-8:00 p.m.



If you have any questions, please call Sandi Walton
in the Faith Formation Office at 347-1282.

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*****Please note this is a commitment for both practices*****
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Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____