



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.

United Together Through God's Love

Dear St. Felicitas Families,
Thanksgiving has always been my favorite time of the year. I love the changing colors on the trees and the focus on celebrating gratitude. This year in particular has made me pause a bit longer to reflect on God's goodness and blessings. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for our wonderful school community - teachers, staff, parents, and students - who have and continue to unite together to support one another through these challenging times. I am so grateful for our amazing teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students continue to grow spiritually and academically, whether through distance learning or in-person learning. I am grateful for our parents and families who continue to support and partner with us and who have been especially patient and flexible as we adapt to new changes and make the necessary transitions. I am very grateful and proud of all our students who have persevered through the first trimester, some learning with the distance learning model the entire time. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community.

We will be celebrating this beautiful Thanksgiving holiday as a school community tomorrow afternoon with a prayer service at 1:15pm, followed by the celebration of our amazing students with the Life Skills Awards Assembly.

Since students began the school year under the distance learning model, we really want to recognize students who have shown exemplary attitudes toward learning: students who are prepared to learn, complete quality work, participate in learning, and show appropriate zoom etiquette.

As we begin our Thanksgiving break this Friday, I want to stress the importance of keeping our students and school community safe. Although there is no prohibition on family travel over the holidays, we ask that if you choose to travel or gather with people outside your social bubble, to please quarantine before sending your child back to school. Our goal is to maintain a COVID-19 safe school environment, and we all need to do our part to ensure that our school is safe for all our students.

Many of you have heard about our county moving to the purple tier. At this time, because Alameda County has stated that we can continue to remain open, our intention is to continue with in-person instruction for Kindergarten through third grade after Thanksgiving break. However, we are also aware that the County and State may roll out new restrictions about school reopenings over the next week. We will be closely monitoring updates and communicating with you over Thanksgiving break about the return to in-person instruction plans. In the meantime,

we will be sending students home with their supplies in the event that we are required to switch to distance learning. Since we are bringing back music after Thanksgiving break, our school day will now begin at 8:15am and end at 3:00pm for all students on campus as well as students continuing with distance learning. We will continue to have classes end at 12pm on Wednesdays.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at St. Felicitas, I wish you all a very blessed and safe Thanksgiving!

United Together Through God's Love,
Sr. Faustina

Proper Fitting Masks

With children returning to school, please make sure your child's mask fits properly! Properly fitted masks should completely cover the nose and mouth. The mask should have a snug fit at the bridge of the nose and against the sides of the face with no gaps. We have noticed some masks are too loose. When the children are playing or talking, the mask will slide down their nose. We also ask that you pack an extra mask in their backpack. *Thank you for helping keep our students safe!*

This Week's Raffle Drawing Winner was:

Bin Wu

**Daughter, Carina is in Kindergarten
Congratulations!**

Important Dates & Events

- **Friday, November 20th Coffee Talk with the Principal, 8:30am, Life Skills Assembly, 1:15 pm, Report Cards distributed**
- **Monday, November 23rd-November 29th, Thanksgiving Break**
- **Monday, November 30th, Deadline to submit all Raffle Tickets with payment to earn free dress on Dec. 9th**

Shoe Drive Update

The end of our **Shoe Drive** is in sight! As of last night, we have 85 bags! Use the holiday week to reach out to friends and family so we can get those last few bags!

Thank you to our parent volunteers Dalina Guan and Marie Icarro who came today to help move the bags for pickup!



Meals on Wheels! Student Service Opportunity!

Students can make a themed card, artwork or a placemat for the holidays! Christmas themed artwork is due to the office by Friday, December 11th.

Finish Your Holiday Shopping & Support the School!

It's a "Win Win!" Wrap up your holiday shopping from the comfort of home! We are offering three different fundraisers including our popular See's Candy and Mixed Bags Check out the flyer for all the details!

Christmas Card Design Contest

We are still accepting Christmas card submissions! Students can design a card that best interprets the:

"True Meaning of Christmas"

Our staff will select 3 submissions from our school to be forwarded to the Diocese to make final selections! See the entry form for more information.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Fred Robino
- Linda Robino
- Jobelle Baldonado
- Debbie Marcotte
- the soul of Sergio Rodeo
- the soul of Bruce Stern
- the soul of Michael Stevens, class of 1966
- For our community and the world as we work to recover and heal
- St. Felicitas Family & Friends
- the soul of Mario Perez
- Special Intentions



The Gospel for All Ages

Family Catechesis

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Weeklies**
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Solemnity of Christ the King • November 22, 2020 • Works of Mercy

Sunday Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Weekly Discussion Questions

For the Parish Bulletin

Life Question: What experiences have opened your eyes to poverty?

Gospel Question: Who is the least in your area? What do they need?

LIFE AND GOSPEL QUESTIONS BY AGE LEVEL

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: How have you fed Jesus in the last year? How will you do it in the Church year ahead? Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Visions (Grades 7-9)

Life Question: What are the ways you serve people who are poor?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus identify with the least among us?

Venture (Grades 4-6)

Life Question: How can you do the Works of Mercy in your neighborhood?

Gospel Question: Why don't people recognize they have helped Jesus when they help the hungry, the homeless, the sick, or immigrants?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: Who do you visit that is sick? With whom do you share clothes? How do you help hungry people?

Gospel Question: What is mercy?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: Who does loving actions in your family?

Gospel Question: What loving actions does Jesus ask us to do?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How do we help others?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus help people?

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus reminds us that when we care for the poor, hungry, sick, tired, and lonely, we are loving him. We also remember today that Jesus is the King. If we wish to be in service to our King, we must be in service to those in need.

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

In Church

As you enter and leave the pew, remember to genuflect to honor Jesus, our King.

Question of the Week



How can you recognize the needs of others and help fill those needs?

Family Prayer

Jesus, help us to notice when someone is poor, sick, lonely, hungry, or in need in any way. Amen.

Rincón de la Familia

Acerca del Evangelio

Jesús nos recuerda que cuando nos ocupamos de los pobres, los que tienen hambre, los enfermos, los agobiados y los que están solos, lo amamos a Él. También recordamos hoy que Jesús es el Rey. Si deseamos estar al servicio de nuestro Rey, debemos estar al servicio de los necesitados.

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

En la Iglesia

Cuando llegas o dejas el banco, recuerda doblar la rodilla para honrar a Jesús, nuestro Rey.

Pregunta de la semana



¿Cómo puedes reconocer las necesidades de los demás y ayudar a satisfacerlas?

Oración en familia

Jesús, ayúdanos a darnos cuenta si alguien es pobre, está enfermo, está solo, tiene hambre o está necesitado de alguna manera. Amén.



DONATE
YOUR
GENTLY
WORN,
USED AND
NEW SHOES
TO

ST. FELICITAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Help us raise funds for our organization by donating your gently worn, used and new shoes! And don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Drop off September 28th - November 30th

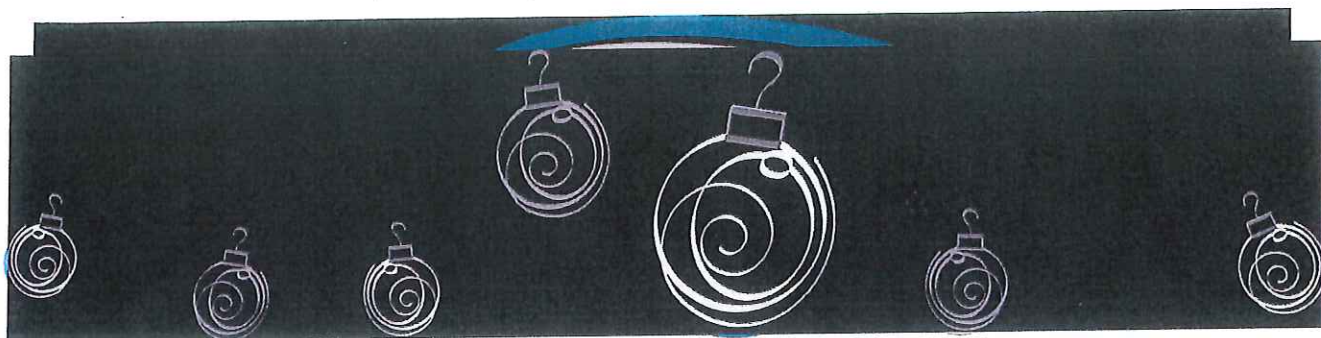
St. Felicitas Catholic School, Adult Education Room
1650 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578

GOAL: 2500 PAIRS TO RAISE \$1000

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.

For questions email: parent-association@sf-cs.org





Finish all your Holiday Shopping with St. Felicitas

Here are 3 ways you can shop and help support our school!

1. **Mixed Bags Fundraiser:** Shop cool gifts and have them delivered directly to your home. Your students can also earn prizes based on their sales!!! See Flyer in newsletter for more details: **Start here:** <https://www.boonsupply.com/collections/611192-st-felicitas-catholic-school>
2. **See's Candy Fundraiser:** Shop See's Candies to support St. Felicitas and satisfy your family's sweet tooth. Orders over \$65.00 receive Free Shipping directly to buyer. *Look for your family's specialized link in the email sent from event@yumraising.com*
3. **Ave Maria Fundraiser:** Shop for Catholic books and resources online at avemariapress.com with our unique code **STFELICITAS** and we'll earn 30% of the proceeds on each purchase (and you'll get FREE SHIPPING!). **Shop Here:** <https://www.avemariapress.com/>



Emergency Food

Each student needs to have a supply of food in case of an emergency. We are asking each family to send 6 individually packed snacks and 1 – 16 oz. water bottle, for each student they have in the school. All items should be in a gallon sized Ziploc bag and labeled with your student's name and grade. Each student needs their own bag of emergency food.

The following items are recommended:

Granola bars, pretzels, crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, rice krispie treats, trail mix and energy bars. Please pack a variety of items.

Emergency bags are due the first day of school.

