

# Blessed Trinity Parish

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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Don J. Roberts

Rectory: 883-2309

Mass Schedule/Intentions	The Sacraments and Our Parish Life
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<p><b>Sun. 3/5</b>  <b>8:00 am Meppen</b> - Darleen Twichell  <b>9:30 am Hardin</b> - Jason Sagez  <b>5:00 pm Hardin</b> - For the People</p> <p><b>Mon. 3/6</b>  <b>7:00 am Hardin</b> - Donald Toppmeyer</p> <p><b>Tues. 3/7</b>  <b>6:00 pm Meppen</b> - JoAnn LaMarsh (Month's Mind)</p> <p><b>Wed. 3/8</b>  <b>8:30 am Hardin</b> - For an End to Abortion</p> <p><b>Thu. 3/9</b>  <b>7:00 am Hardin</b> - Susie Denton  <b>9:30 am Nursing Home</b> - Norman Titus</p> <p><b>Fri. 3/10</b>  <b>8:30 am Brussels</b> - Larry Vogel</p> <p><b>Sat. 3/11</b>  <b>8:00 am Batchtown</b> - Glenda Siemer  <b>4:00 pm Kampsville</b> - Deceased Priests in our Diocese  <b>6:30 pm Brussels</b> - Vincent Pohlman</p> <p><b>Sun. 3/12</b>  <b>8:00 am Meppen</b> - Ed Hillen (Month's Mind)  <b>9:30 am Hardin</b> - Curt Robeen Sr.  <b>5:00 pm Hardin</b> - For the People</p>	<p><b>Parish Membership</b> We would like every adult to be properly registered in the parish. Please call the parish for the registration form. Please let us know if you change your address.</p> <p><b>Matrimony</b> Couples should contact Fr. Roberts no less than 6 months prior to the anticipated date. One person in the couple must be a registered parishioner and a practicing Catholic.</p> <p><b>Baptisms</b> <i>Baptism should be received within a month after your child's birth.</i> Baptisms can be celebrated after Mass on any Sunday of the year. A sacramental preparation program for parents is held prior to baptism. These classes are held quarterly. Please register to attend this class <b>prior</b> to the birth of your child. It is necessary for both parents to participate.</p> <p><b>Anointing of the Sick/Home Visits</b> If you or a loved one is in need of this sacrament or in need of a visit and Holy Communion, please contact the church office or Fr. Roberts.</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Eucharistic Adoration is held in St. Barbara's Church in Batchtown. 24 Hour Adoration begins at 7:00am Tuesday and concludes on Friday at 9:00pm.</p> <p><b>PSR Enrollment</b>—Families new to PSR should contact Angie Goode at 618-410-9152 or Kari Fraley at 653-4440.</p>
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Confessions	Please pray for
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<p>Mon- Fri.: One half hour prior to Mass; continuing for 15 minutes          Saturday: 3:15-3:30 pm - Kampsville and 5:30-6:00 pm - Brussels</p> <p>Monday - 6:30 am - 6:45 am; Thursday 6:30 am - 6:45 am;          Tuesday 5:30 pm - 5:45 pm; Friday 8:00 am - 8:15 am;          Wednesday 8:00 am - 8:15 am; Saturday 3:15 - 3:30 pm;</p>	<p>Annette Alberson, John Baalman, Norman Baalman, Philip Baalman, Liam Batten, Harold Becker, David Benz, Lester Benz, Charlie Bichsel, Rosemary Bick, Tanner Bick, Grace Elizabeth Brady, Geneva Breden, Norma Bright, Ray Brundies, Marissa Buchanan, Parker Calbreath, Kennedy Cooper, Dennis Droege, Patty Friedel, Danny Fuller, Roberta Fuller, Sarah Funk, Jim Godar, Norbert Godar, Penny Gress, Herman Hagen, Elda Hayn, Cindy Herrmann, Tom Hill, Paul Hoemmen, Christine Hornberger, Debbie Ilges, Gary Jackson, Susan Jansen, Allen Johnson, Jim Johnson, Katelyn Johns, Mary Kallal, Mike Kinder, Shelley Kinder, Rosemary Klemme, Ellen Klocke, Alfred Kronable, Short Lorschach, Jean Lorton, Brian Marshall, Elizabeth McCasland, Shirley McCauley, Paul &amp; Betty McGinnis, Kim Meyer, Hayley Miller, Michelle Montonage, Todd Mueller, Samantha Niezgodski, Lane Oden, Sara Orf, Harvey Phillips Sr., Cheston Pickett, Paul Pluester, Susan Pohlman, Rheta Poore, Rick Randazzo, Raymond Remrey, Otto Retzer, Eleanor Robeen, Noah Rogers, Carter Rose, Jordan Roth, Kurt Roth, Catherine Schleeper, Don Schneider Jr., Darlene Seiferman, Jerry Siemer, Bob Sievers, Alice Snyders, Jo Ann Snyders, Paige Snyders, Mike Stelbrink, Dave Stenbeck, Eleanor Tepen, Mary Tepen, Helen Vetter, Bernie Wallendorf, Gus Wallendorf, Gary Watson, Margaret Wester, Ed Whitehead, Cindy Wieneke, Bruce Williams, Steve Woelfel and for those for whom we have promised to pray.</p>
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Parish Staff & Boards	Stewardship of Treasure February 18 & 19, 2017
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Upcoming Events
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<p>Mar 4 - SFA Dinner Auction, KC Hall, 5:30pm</p> <p>Mar 10 - Hardin American Legion Fish Fry at KC Hall</p> <p>Mar 10-12 - Koinonia</p> <p>Mar 17 - Hardin KC Fish Fry at KC Hall</p> <p>Mar 19 - SFA Spring Dinner</p> <p>Mar 31 - Brussels Legion Fish Fry</p> <p>Apr 1 - Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Workshop, St. Joseph's Hall, 9-3</p> <p>Apr 7 - Brussels Legion Fish Fry</p> <p>Apr 9 - Presentation on the Shroud of Turin, St. Joseph's Hall, 2-4pm</p> <p>Apr 29 - Calhoun for Life Quarter Auction</p>
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Francis of Assisi** will be making pies this Sunday, March 5 at 2:00pm for the spring dinner.

**St. Norbert's Altar Society** will meet on Monday, March 6 at 1:00pm. Hostess is Janet Lorsbach.

**St. Barbara's Altar Society** will meet on Monday, March 6 at 7:30pm. Hostesses are Betty Sievers and Bernadine Snyders.

**St. Barbara's Picnic Committee** will meet on Thursday, March 9 in the church basement at 7:00pm. A reminder to the following who were recently elected: Denise Bick, Georgia Klocke, Andrea Snyders, Andrea Eilerman, Matt Roth, Tim Bick, Craig Friedel, and Kevin Eilerman. Carry over from 2016 should be Shawna Eilerman, Stacey Wallendorf, Megan Eilerman, Bonnie Snyders, Eric Klaas, Kyle Klocke, Trent Bick and Caleb Goode. If there is any question, please contact Eric Klaas or the church office.

**Special Collection** There will be a special collection for "Catholic Charities" next weekend, March 11-12. See letter from the Bishop in this bulletin regarding the upcoming special collection.

**St. Mary Picnic Committee** will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm at St. Mary Hall.

**Anyone who would like to donate** a large chest freezer in good condition for St. Mary Picnic, please contact Jeff Kiel at 883-2240 or Karen Kinder at 883-2614.

**St. Norbert's** is in need of someone to take care of Easter and Christmas decorations. Please call the office to volunteer or let Marian Hagen know.

**St. Norbert's:** If you want to buy a memorial Easter lily leave in the back of church the week prior to Easter with your name on it.

**St. Francis of Assisi now provides Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy... just visit our website, [www.sfacalhoun.com](http://www.sfacalhoun.com), and click on the Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! Just like the envelopes you currently receive, only 'virtual' envelopes!



### Stations of the Cross

During all the Fridays of Lent, Blessed Trinity and St. Francis of Assisi will have the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Church and St. Norbert's Church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

### Your Bishop would like to hear from you!

Bishop Paprocki, as you may know, has opened a Diocesan Synod. A diocesan synod is a group of selected priests and other members of the Christian faithful who offer assistance to the diocesan bishop for the good of the whole diocesan community. As part of this year-long process, **each parishioner is being asked to complete the questionnaire found in today's bulletin. Please take the time. Bishop Paprocki wants to hear from you!**

### **There are four ways to submit the questionnaire by May 2:**

- 1) It may be filled out online at: <http://www.dio.org/synod>
- 2) Hard copies found in this bulletin may be sent to: **Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, ATTN: Marlene Mulford, 1615 West Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62702.**
- 3) They may be dropped in the collection. (Gwen Burch or Sarah Kinder will forward any that are collected.)
- 4) If a parishioner is part of a small group, a parish council member, etc. in their parish, the group could answer the questions and have a "secretary of the group" summarize the group responses, then forward the typed responses to **Marlene Mulford** at [mmulford@dio.org](mailto:mmulford@dio.org).

### **St. Francis of Assisi Dinner Auction**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

KC Hall, Hardin IL

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dinner served at 6:30pm

*Silent Auction, Live Auction, Card Draws*

### **Lent is Here & So is Calhoun Koinonia (March 10-12)**

Have you signed up for our CCK#20? Instead of giving up the usual—soda or chocolate—for Lent, try some time with fellow community members instead. Listen, learn and experience as the weekend unfolds! There is a mix of talks, discussion and activities, along with some great food and fellowship. Each night you return to your own home and come back the next day refreshed. Sign up by completing a registration form and dropping it in the collection or call Maria Carmody (576-2662; [sfaparishcre@gmail.com](mailto:sfaparishcre@gmail.com)) or Roger Hagen (576-2350). There is no cost, and all materials and food are provided!

## Adult Faith Formation News

### **SDCCW Spring Retreat - "With God All Things are Possible"**

The SDCCW Spring Retreat will be Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14 at the Villa Maria in Springfield. Presenters will be Sister Betty Jean Haverback and Sister Diane Marie VandeVoorde, Franciscan Sisters from West Peoria, IL, Joliet Diocese. Sr. Betty Jean and Sr. Diane Marie team together to give retreats and days of reflection. Join us for good reflection, mass both days, good food and lots of fellowship? Flyer/ registration form/ contact information is in our parish office.

### **Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church**

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will host at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

**Catholic Women's Breakfast:** We are excited to announce that SS. Peter and Paul Altar Society in Alton along with St. Ambrose Church in Godfrey will be co-hosting the 2017 Catholic Women's breakfast. This is a unique Lenten opportunity for Catholic women from our area to gather and strengthen their faith and spirit together in a relaxed, fulfilling setting. This event will take place on Saturday, March 25. Mass at St. Ambrose Church in Godfrey will begin at 9:00am, Fr. Steve Pohlman presiding. A catered breakfast and spiritual presentation will immediately follow in the St Ambrose Community Center.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE 2017**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fridays, 6:30pm at Hardin & Brussels.

**PENANCE :** Mon.- Fri.: One half hour prior to Mass, continuing for 15 minutes. Saturday: 3:15-3:30pm at Kampsville and 5:45-6:00pm at Brussels.

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

All are invited to visit our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Barbara's Church in Batchtown every Tuesday beginning at 8am and continuing through Friday until 9pm.

## Adult Faith Formation News (continued)

**Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Workshop** St. Paul tells us we should "make love our aim" and eagerly pursue the spiritual gifts. God equips each of the baptized with the spiritual gifts that, together, allow us to build up the body of Christ and carry out the mission of the Church in the world. How has God gifted you? How is he gifting the world through you? Join us April 1 from 9am-3pm at St. Joseph's Hall in Meppen to find out. The workshop will be conducted by Jane Guenther, Director of the Renewal Center for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Register by calling Blessed Trinity Parish Office no later than March 25. For more information call Joyce Vogel at 618-980-4433.

**Presentation on the Shroud of Turin** There will be a special presentation on the Shroud of Turin at St. Joseph's Hall in Meppen on April 9 (Palm Sunday) from 2-4pm. The Shroud is widely believed to have been Jesus' burial cloth and reveals much about his suffering. Mark your calendar now for this special event.

### **Lenten Regulations**

- 1. Abstinence**—Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. Fast**—Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
- 3.** To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.



- March 10 - Hardin American Legion Fish Fry @ KC Hall
- March 17 - KC Hall Fish Fry
- March 31 - Brussels Legion Fish Fry
- April 7 - Brussels Legion Fish Fry

### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of March 5

**St. Barbara's** - Lloyd & Sandy Wilschetz

**St. Joseph's** - Darleen Twichell

**St. Norbert's** - Jason Sagez

"The SANCTUARY CANDLE was offered in loving remembrance of these deceased members of our families. *In our lives that God bestows upon us, He assures us of His promise that when our earthly lives are complete, He will gather us to Himself so that He will be able to embrace us in His eternal love. May Jesus, the light of the SANCTUARY CANDLE, lead them to the KINGDOM of heaven and may the eternal light and love shine upon their souls forever.* Our sincere prayer is that God has given them a place right beside Him. The contribution for a sanctuary candle intention is \$5.00 and should be scheduled through the offices.



Lent is meant to provide us  
the opportunity to grow closer to God  
by drawing away from ourselves.

Fr. Hardon, The Words and Wisdom of Father Hardon  
by Dorie Gruss, Reprint by permission of Dorie Gruss

**RCIA** Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who wants to know what it means to become Catholic? Know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions & seek understanding. Classes are on Thursdays at 7pm at St. Joseph's Hall in Meppen. Anyone already Catholic is welcome to attend any class or all classes to refresh their knowledge. The next class (March 9) topic will be Holy Matrimony.

Madison County Catholic Charities wants you to SAVE THE DATE! Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual HELP ON THE MOVE Fundraiser is scheduled for April 8, 2017. It will once again be at the Atrium Hotel in Alton, ILL. Do you remember the great time you had last year winning prizes and dancing to the NGK Band? We promise this year will be even more exciting. Dinner and raffle tickets will be on sale soon. Don't miss your chance at the opportunity to win \$10,000. All proceeds will benefit the Community Programs of Madison County Catholic Charities.

Lent stimulates us to let the word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth; who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.

Pope Benedict XV1, Into the Deep, Feb./Mar.. 2014, Reprint by permission of www.stoneswillshout.com/wp

### First Sunday of Lent – 05 March 2017

**Created as the image of God.** The second creation story is heard today. It is the story of God's goodness, God's breath and life. The story of beauty and delight. The story of divine choice, divine election. Of the serpent's cunning and deceit. Of turning away from God. And, then, Saint Paul reminds us that, even in this sin and death, grace is stronger. This gracious gift of Jesus Christ restores us to the first garden's original goodness. How can I not let deceitful voices drown out God's Good News? What will I do to stay turned to God and to Good News? Let me count – and then tell – stories of grace outshining sin!

# St. Mary School 11th Annual Brussels Sporting Clay Shoot



Individual Shooting—100 Round

Prizes for Top 3 in Each Flight

**When:** Saturday, March 25, 2017

**Time:** 9-2

**Where:** Otter Creek Hunting Club

**Cost:** \*\*\$60 per adult/

Early Bird *only* \$50 if paid in advance

\*\*\$40 per youth (age 14 and under)

Includes Lunch and Beverage

**Raffle\* Auction\* Door Prizes**

For More Information or to Sign Up:

**Call Erik or Bonnie Snyders - (618) 396-0096**



## Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Office of the Bishop

March 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois embarks on the holy journey of its fourth Diocesan Synod, we are excited to immerse ourselves in the process of becoming true disciples of Jesus Christ. This process of formation will impact the Church on many levels, including the parish and diocesan levels, as well as on a very personal level, as we examine our relationship with Jesus Christ and seek to become missionary disciples.

As discussed in my Pastoral Letter, *Ars crescendi in Dei gratia*, stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple, who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts. In doing so we are fulfilling the two great commandments of love of God and love of neighbor. Each year I ask you to support the mission of Catholic Charities in our diocese. One of the four pillars of stewardship is to serve those in need with charity and justice. Catholic Charities provides a tremendous opportunity for all parishioners to achieve this critical objective. Through its vast array of programs and service, Catholic Charities brings the mercy and love of Jesus Christ to literally thousands of people who are suffering in poverty, isolation and trauma in our 28 county diocese.

I believe that you will be pleased to know that Catholic Charities continues to expand its services every year seeking out those who remain hidden in the shadows of society and who are in desperate need of relief. These programs include services in population centers and, increasingly, into the more remote, rural areas of our diocese. The mission is a never ending quest to follow the mandate of our Holy Father by proactively seeking out those in need wherever they may be found. I ask during this year of the Diocesan Synod for you to take a closer look at and to get involved with Catholic Charities on your journey to intentional discipleship. I believe you will find a rewarding and deeply spiritual experience awaits you.

During the weekend of March 11-12, 2017, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held in most of our deaneries. I ask you to continue your generosity this year. Please help Catholic Charities to sustain its mission of addressing the needs of today's families in distress. Men, women and children need to be shown God's mercy and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

P.S. The Quincy and Effingham deaneries will take the collection later in the year.

Discipleship is about relationship with Jesus Christ – to be a disciple is to have entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Preparatory Commission has developed the following questions for the Preliminary Phase of the Synod. We suggest that for those questions with a Scripture/Catechism of the Catholic Church reference, begin by reflecting on the passage before answering the question. Please allow enough time to formulate a response to each question.

1. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.
  - What does it look like?
  - How did it come about?
  - How can you start/deepen your relationship?
  
2. When Jesus asks, how do you answer these questions?
  - “Who do you say that I am?” Mt. 16:13-20
  - “Do you love me?” Jn. 21:16-17
  - “Do you love me more than these? Jn. 21:15 What are the “these” in my life that compete with my love of Jesus Christ?
  - “What do you want me to do for you? (Bartimaeus)” Mk. 10:46-52
  
3. So - “Is he the one or are you looking for someone else?” (like the question that came from John the Baptist) Mt. 11: 1-6
  
4. “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” (St. Jerome and as referenced in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 133) What does this quote say to you?
  
5. How do/can the sacraments help you in your relationship with Jesus Christ?
  
6. Is your heart grateful? “10 were healed were they not? Where are the other nine?” Lk. 17:11-19
  - How can/do you show gratitude to Jesus for your relationship and all He has done?  
Psalm 116
  
7. What does stewardship mean to you?
  
8. What else do you want us to know about your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Individuals will submit answers online at [www.dio.org/synod](http://www.dio.org/synod)

From group discussions, a typed summary of responses should be forwarded to Marlene Mulford at [mmulford@dio.org](mailto:mmulford@dio.org) until May 2, 2017.

We will be evaluating all feedback continually during this period and then using that feedback to formulate the questions that become the instrumentum laboris, the working papers of the Synod.

**St. Mary School**

\* March 10 St. Mary School will be in session. The local public school will not. Therefore, all students will need transportation to and from school; plus they will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink. Any questions please call the school.

\* March 10 the candidate for Confirmation will have a Retreat Day. The day will start with the Friday School Mass with the retreat being held at the American Legion Hall in Brussels. Confirmation is set for March 22 at 6:30pm.

\* St. Mary School will be holding First Grade, Pre-K, and New Student registration for the 2017-2018 school year during the weeks of March 13 and March 20. Applications are available from and, once completed, may be returned to either Blessed Trinity Church or St. Mary School offices. Hours for the church office are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:30am-4:00pm and the school office Monday-Friday 8:30am-1:30pm. You will need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and social security number.

\* There are some openings for the SMS Pre-K program. We offer 5 days, 3 day, and 2 day options. However, please apply early as some placements have been filled from this year's waiting list and returning students. The Pre-K program does follow the same daily hours and yearly calendar as the St. Mary School program. For more information, a tour of the school, or if you have questions please contact the school office at 618-883-2124.

\* Brussels School District #42 in cooperation with the Four Rivers Special Education District is sponsoring free vision, hearing, and developmental screenings for all children 2 ½ to 5 years (not entering kindergartens) who reside in the district. The screening will take place in SMS auditorium in Brussels on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Please call 618-883-2124 to schedule an appointment.

\* St. Mary School will have Stations of the Cross on Mondays during Lent starting at 1:15pm in St. Mary Church. Everyone is welcome to come in.

\* 18 students made their First Reconciliation this past Saturday. Their First Eucharist is scheduled for May 6 in St. Mary Church.

\* SMS is sponsoring a Feed My People food drive during the Lenten season. If you would like to donate some canned goods please call the school, bring them out to school, or leave them at the church office.

\* The Brussels Fitness Center/Calhoun Crunch is offering a Boot Camp starting on March 14 at 7pm. The class will last 8 weeks at a cost of \$60. They will need at least 12 people signed up, and if we get too many then they will open up another class that day. Please call the Brussels school office to sign up with Mark Hillen or you can call the Calhoun Crunch ask for Nate or email them at [thecrunchmax@gmail.com](mailto:thecrunchmax@gmail.com).

**St. Norbert School**

- \* No school on Monday, March 6.
- \* Grades 6-8 field trip to Springfield on March 23.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

	<b>4:00 pm March 11 Kampsville</b>	<b>6:30 pm March 11 Brussels</b>	<b>8:00 am March 12 Meppen</b>	<b>9:30 am March 12 Hardin</b>	<b>5:00 pm March 12 Hardin</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	Volunteer	Shane Macauley, Kaden Nolte, Francis Vogel	Paige Snyders, Payson Camerer, Matthew Wieneke	Sydney Baalman, Kyle Robeen, Luke Wickenhauser	Volunteer
<b>Lectors:</b>	J. Clendenny	Yvonne Macauley	Kathy Sievers	Phil Gress	Volunteer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bill Klunk, Ralph Becker	Ron & Scott Maag	Shawn Sievers, Clint Pluester	Tom Lorsbach, Curt Peters	Volunteer
<b>Offertory:</b>		M/M Harvey Pohlman	Jeff & Mary Wieneke Family	Garrett Hagen Family	
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers:</b>	J. Baltisberger, J. Clendenny, M. Gilman	Theresa Schulte, Barb Toppmeyer, Lisa Vogel	Pat & Vera Droegge, Chelsea Pluester	L. Kallal, T. Shofner, J. Wieneke, D. Lieber, B. Ellis	Volunteer



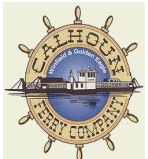




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