

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Collection There will be a second collection taken up on Ash Wednesday, February 14 for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. See attached letter from the Bishop.

Thank you to Rosie Sagez for cleaning the St. Norbert's server albs, they look great!

St. Francis of Assisi The next Dinner Auction Meeting will be Monday, February 12 at 7pm in the parish office.

2017 Contribution Reports are ready and available. If you would like to have yours, stop in or call your parish office.

St. Francis of Assisi FUNDRAISER DRIVE Update As of 2/4/18, we have collected \$23,325 of our \$30,000 goal. To clarify, this fundraiser drive replaces the 2017 picnic and 2018 spring dinner. As you can see, we have not met our goal yet. Our upcoming Annual Dinner Auction, which is one of our only two live events, needs to be even more successful this year. Please plan to attend, tickets are now available at the Parish office, stop in or call 576-2628.

Ash Wednesday (February 14) Schedule

8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Brussels

12:30pm Mass at St. Norbert's, Hardin

6:00pm Communion Service & Ashes at St. Norbert's, Hardin

7:00pm Communion Service & Ashes at St. Mary's, Brussels

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

PENANCE: Mon-Fri: beginning 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.

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.

Calhoun County Health Dept will be offering lipid/glucose screenings on the following dates in February: Feb. 16, Feb. 22, Feb. 23, Feb. 26. You must fast for 12 hours and the cost is \$20.00. Call the Health Dept. at 618-576-2428 for an appointment.

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

—a 4 part DVD series

*"Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more."
(Rom 5:20)*

In his unique and engaging style, Bishop Robert Barron challenges us to discover the sin that stands in the way of the life that we were meant to live and the virtues that assure us of that freedom. A great opportunity for Lenten reflection!

March 1, 8, 15, and 22nd from 7-8pm at St. Mary's Hall.

No registration necessary. No fee.

POLISHED ARROW:

The Process of Conforming Your Life to Christ

Join with fellow parishioners this Lent for a one-hour, dynamic video presentation by Jeff Cavins in which he demonstrates the steps involved in making a polished arrow (from a large tree branch!) and illustrates how this process is similar to our own spiritual growth. Be amazed at the transformation of a branch into an arrow and the transformation that God desires to bring to you as you listen and watch *Polished Arrow*.

The video is being offered each of several nights for your convenience: Sun Feb 25th through Wed Feb 28th from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Mary's Hall, with an additional afternoon showing Tue Feb 27th from 1:30-3pm at St. Mary's Hall.

No registration is necessary and there is no fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Vogel at 618-980-4433 or vogelj85@yahoo.com

Hope to see you there!

"He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of His hand He hid me; He made me a polished arrow, in His quiver He hid me away." (Is. 49:2)

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of February 11

St. Mary's (s)(a) - Barb Kiel

St. Norbert's - Corbett Miller

"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.





February 16 - KC Hall Fish Fry
 February 23 - Hardin American Legion Fish Fry @ KC Hall
 March 2 - St. Norbert School Fish Fry @ SNS Gym
 March 16 - Brussels Legion Fish Fry
 March 23 - Brussels Legion Fish Fry

**St. Mary School
 Annual Dinner Auction**

Saturday, February 17, 2018

American Legion Hall, Brussels IL

Chicken Dinner & Silent Auction begin at 4:00pm

Live Auction starts at 8:00pm

Also many Raffles and Card Draws

For children: ring toss and face painting begin at 6:00pm

For more information or to make a donation,
 contact Rachel at 618-623-8803 or Traci at 618-535-8248.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic School!!

We hope you can make it!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 February 2018 For the glory of God. Saint Paul lays out a profoundly simple rule of thumb. Eat for the glory of God. Drink for the glory of God. Do everything for the glory of God. Some suggestions: Grocery shopping – with an extra mercy bag for the food pantry. Shovel the walk – and perhaps my elderly neighbor's, too. Kiss my spouse and caress my children – and comfort someone in need. Everything for the glory of God.

Ash Wednesday – 14 February 2018 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It begins on Valentine's Day this year. Fitting. Forty Days to fall in love again, to stay in love with the One whose Baptism we share. Let us return with great hope to these special days for fasting, praying, and giving.

Nothing ever happens in the world that does not
 happen first inside human hearts.

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 Faith/www.onefamilyinmission.org

The Women of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are offering four \$500.00 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic Senior Girls. Deadline to enter is March 30, 2018. Winners will be announced in May and honored at the Woman of Distinction Banquet in June. Contact your parish office for an application.

Join our faith community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US, in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the back of church.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Annual Dinner Auction

The dinner auction is on March 3, 2018 at the KC Hall, and your support is needed. This annual fundraiser is an enjoyable way to generate profit for our parish! What better way to raise money for the entire parish than a fun evening with family and friends. There are many ways to help with this event; from making donations, collecting items, setting up, helping out that night, attending and bidding on many of the great auction items. A great way to support this event is a cash donation that the committee can put towards purchasing items for the auction. If you wish to make a cash donation place it in an envelope clearly marked "Dinner Auction", drop it off at the parish office or put it in the collection basket at church. If you wish to donate items for the silent or live auctions, please drop them off at the parish office or St. Norbert's School. Many donations are combined for the event to create the perfect auction items. No donation is too small and would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

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.

During lent, let us give the right time to prayer,
 both personal and community prayer,
 which breathes air into our spiritual life.
 Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican.va, Angelus of (last) 3-01-2013

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Office of the Bishop

February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will be taking up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE). During the time of communist reign in many countries, practicing the faith became illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. After decades of institutional oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities. With your support of this collection, the Church is providing resources to these communities to breathe new life into the faith once again.

The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. In 1996 the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to continue their ministry. Your generosity helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

Your donations make a difference for those still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year or if you can increase your contribution. For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

School News

St. Mary's School

- * Thank you to one of our Grandmothers who gave us countless cases of paper and other useful school supplies.
- * We have been blessed with cases of used paper! Thank you to everyone who has donated the paper.
- * Jeanette Droege, Leader for the #8607-1 Junior Modern Woodman of America, surprised SMS with boxes of library books from the Club. Thank you! There are a variety of new titles the student will enjoy!
- * Updates on some of our annual competition:
 - The Geography Bee winners are Body Caselton (1st place), Shane Macauley (2nd place), and Emma Vogel (3rd place). Brody then took the state qualifying test online to see if he will go on to the next level in the competition. Good Job, Brody, Shane, and Emma!
 - St. Mary School Mathletes recently competed in an upper level MathCounts competition at SIUE. Shane Macauley, Brody Caselton, Jerica LaMarsh, and Payson Camerer represented SMS with Jacob LaMarsh and Isabelle Friedel as alternates. Shane Macauley placed 2nd overall and will now compete at the State Level competition in Lisle, Illinois on March 3. The SMS team received 2nd place in the Small School Division. Shane is the son of Lynnette Macauley and Brad Macauley. The team is coached by Jo Ann Nolte. GOOD LUCK SHANE!
- * SMS students (Pre-K to 8) are being asked to donate 1 canned good item each Friday during Lent for our "Feed My People" program. Lent starts on Wednesday, February 14th. Our hope is to build a pyramid with the donated items, as a way to illustrate the generous spirit of the Blessed Trinity Parish/St. Mary School Community. A box will be left in St. Mary Church in case anyone else would also like to donate. Food items can also be left off at school during the week.
- * Everyone is welcome to join the students for the Stations of the Cross every Monday afternoon during Lent at 1:15pm in St. Mary's Church.

St. Norbert's School

- * SNS students enjoyed celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW), thanks to all who made it great! The Winter Games and the Ice Skating field trip were both so much fun!
- * Congrats to our Bee Winners during CSW!... Luke Wickenhauser (Spelling Bee), Joe Stein (Geography Bee) and August Squier (Religion Bee).
- * Thanks to all the Alumni who attended the Alumni Breakfast during CSW, it was great to see you all!
- * February 16 - 11:30 dismissal for teacher institute
- * February 19 - No School for President's Day
- * February 20 - Science Fair for Grades 6-8
- * **Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our technology fund. Our Promethean Boards are in but we still have not quite yet met our goal. We will then continue this fund for future technology needs as well. Donations can be made by mail, dropped off at school or placed in the collection basket marked as so. These donations are tax deductible! Contact Mrs. Friedel for more information.**



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DINNER AUCTION

Saturday, March 3rd, 2018
KC Hall - Hardin IL

Doors open at 5:30 Meal at 6:30

\$15 in advance • \$20 at the door
 includes buffet-style dinner

Silent and live auction, door prizes, balloon pops, card deck raffles, & much, much more...

Tickets or Questions?
 Call the SFA Parish Office 618-576-2628

Thank You For Your Support

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	4:00 pm Feb. 17 Kampsville	6:30 pm Feb. 17 Brussels	8:00 am Feb. 18 Meppen	9:30 am Feb. 18 Hardin	5:00 pm Feb. 18 Hardin
Servers:	Volunteer	Jake & Jerica LaMarsh, Hope Odelehr	Ty Bick, Payson Camerer, Logan Tepen	Luke Wickenhauser, Charlie Kallal, Katie Matthews	Volunteers
Lectors:	Jamie Bailey	Mary Lee Rose	Denise Bick	Jim Hughart	Volunteer
Ushers:	C. Burge, D. Fraley	Bill Held, Don Moennig	David & Richard Droege	Brett Pohlman, Damian Pohlman	Volunteers
Offertory:		M/M Don Moennig	Richard & Karen Droege Family	Mary & Ben Buchanan	Volunteers
Extra-Ordinary Ministers:	J. Baltisberger, J. Clendenny, T. Droste	Rita Hagen, Joan Held, Pat Jacobs	Janet Droege, JoAnn Kiel, Marcy Klockenkemper	M/M Godar, J. Godar, M.A. Ringhausen, J. Holland	Volunteers

February 11, 2018

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