

Blessed Trinity Parish

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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Office Hrs: Mon 8:30-2, Wed 8:30-3, Thurs 8:30-3

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Mass Schedule/Intentions

This Sunday, December 1

8:00 am Meppen - Decd. Priests of Diocese

9:30 am Hardin - Roger Pohlman

5:00 pm Hardin - For the People

Mon. 7:00 am Hardin - Mary Schneider (month's mind)

Tues. 6:00 pm Meppen - Bridget Lunak

Wed. 8:30 am Hardin - Memorial Association

Thu. 7:00 am Hardin - Mary Bland (month's mind)

9:30 am Nursing Home - No Mass

Fri. 8:30 am Brussels - Men & Women in Service/Youth in Community

Sat. 8:00 am Batchtown - Gus Wallendorf (month's mind)

4:00 pm Kampsville - Curt Robeen, Sr. & Roger Pohlman

6:30 pm Brussels - Aloys Fuller

Next Sunday, December 8

8:00 am Meppen - Virginia Burch

9:30 am Hardin - Kim Hagen Bryant

5:00 pm Hardin - For the People

Confessions

Sunday	7:30-7:45 AM	Meppen
	1:00-all heard	Meppen
Monday	6:30-6:45 AM	Hardin
Tuesday	5:30-5:45 PM	Meppen
Wednesday	8:00-8:15 AM	Hardin
Thursday	6:30-6:45 AM	Hardin
Friday	8:00-8:15 AM	Brussels
Saturday	2:30-3:30 PM	Kampsville
	5:45-6:00 PM	Brussels

Parish Staff & Boards

Deacon - Mike Hagen, 576-8009, mikehagen73@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul - Jim Twichell/Brad Vacca- **1st/3rd Thurs. 6:30**

Blessed Trinity—618-883-2400; SM School—618-883-2124:

Office Mgr.—Sarah Kinder, skinder@blessedtrinity.dio.org

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PSR Coordinator—Tammy Franke, 618-535-6099

Finance Council—2nd Tuesday @ 8 pm; Dale Hagen

Pastoral Council—2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm; Robin Hillen

St. Mary Advisory Board—4th Tuesday @ 7 pm

St. Francis—618-576-2628; SN School—618-576-2514:

Office Mgr.—Maria Carmody, mcarmody@sfacalhoun.com

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PSR Coordinator—

Finance Council—3rd Tuesday @ 8 pm; Brad Vacca

Pastoral Council—3rd Tuesday @ 7 pm; Dick Lieber

St. Norbert Advisory Board—1st Tuesday @ 7 pm

Children's Choir (St. Norbert)—9:30, 4th Sunday each month

The Sacraments and Our Parish Life

Parish Membership--Call or stop by either parish. For St. Francis of Assisi, you may visit www.sfacalhoun.com and click on *Join Our Parish*.

Matrimony--Please contact the office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date. One person in the couple must be a registered parishioner and a practicing Catholic.

Baptisms--Baptisms may be celebrated after Mass any Sunday of the year and should occur within a month of birth. Prior to your child's birth, both parents must register for our Baptism Program, and attend before the baptism. These are held at the Hardin office quarterly, with the next one December 6 at 7 PM.

Anointing of the Sick/Home Visits--If you or a loved one is in need of this sacrament or would like a visit and Holy Communion, please contact the church office or Fr. Roberts.

Eucharistic Adoration--Eucharistic Adoration is held in St. Barbara's Church in Batchtown. 24 Hour Adoration begins at 8:00 AM Tuesday and concludes on Fri. at 8:00 PM.

PSR—We meet on Wednesday evenings, 6-7:15 PM. If you are new, we welcome you to call or stop by either office.

Please Pray for the Sick

Names will remain on the *Pray for the Sick* list for 12 weeks then are automatically deleted. To be included on this list, contact either parish office by phone or email.

Larry Bimslager (10)

Mark Bowers (11)

Franklin Ellis (2)

Marian Hagen (9)

Carter Halemeyer (7)

Linda Herkert (8)

Debbie Ilges (6)

Floyd Kirn (12)

Darren Kress (4)

Jan Laidlaw (3)

DeeDee Longley (8)

Evelyn Nolte (3)

Edna Roth (4)

Kurt Roth (12)

John Schulte (12)

Charles Snyder (4)

Norman Snyders (11)

Art Tepen (4)

Barb Toppmeyer (3)

Looking Ahead

December 1—SMS & SNS Christmas Home Tour; 11-4

December 1—St. Barbara Altar Society Christmas Party

December 2—St. Joseph Altar Society Christmas Party

December 10—SN Christmas Program @ St. Anselm H.

December 19—SM Concert @ 7 pm

January 3 & 4—St. Anselm; Directory photos taken

January 15 & 16—St. Norbert; Directory photos taken

January 9-11—St. Joseph; Directory photos taken

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SFA 2020 Boxed Envelopes—are all in the Hardin office. Please stop in or call to get yours!

BT 2020 Boxed Envelopes—for the complete year 2020 available at the masses. Please pick up your box. St. Barbara and St. Joseph are at St. Joseph.

Parish Directories—You may call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281, M-F 9 AM – 5 PM and they will be happy to schedule your appointment. SFA parishioners may also use the link at sfacalhoun.com to sign up.

Chicago March for Life Trip—registration is due by December 2. Call the Hardin office for more information or to register.

Totus Tuus—It's time for both parishes to begin planning for this summer event. If you are interested in your children attending and/or you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Kari Fraley (karifraley@gmail.com; 618-535-4435) by December 13. She's looking for at least 10 families to show interest in order to move forward with this endeavor.

St. Joseph Altar Society will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec 8, at 6:00 pm at the Fill Inn. Members who plan to attend, please notify Mary (396-2511) by Dec 2. You may bring an unwrapped child's gift for a needy family.

St. Barbara Altar Society— will have their annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Fill-Inn Station. The buffet dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. There will be a \$5 gift exchange for members AND a sharing basket for those who wish to donate non-perishable food or personal items to the local food pantry. Please make your reservation before Nov. 24 by calling Theresa. Spouses/guests are welcome.

St. Norbert Altar Society—the Christmas party will be on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5pm at Riverdock Restaurant. Sign up in back of church if you wish to attend. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you plan to attend, sign up by Dec. 2 so we can plan accordingly. The charge for the all-you-can-eat buffet will be \$5/per person. We also ask that you bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl (valued at \$5) to be donated to a local family in need this holiday season.

St. Barbara Church— is looking for someone to handle snow removal at the church. Please contact Bob Snyders 396-2243 if you can help with this request.

St. Mary Church—is looking for someone or a group/team to take care of decorating the church for Christmas. Please call Sarah at the office 883-2400.

SMS & SNS Christmas Home Tour—today, December 1, 11am—4pm.

Thank you—to all who worked tirelessly to provide the community Thanksgiving meal Saturday!

BT Children's Envelopes—28 envelopes; Children gave by praying for the sick, praying for school, serving Mass, going to a retreat, raking leaves, picking up trash, making tea for

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of December 1

St. Anselm (s)—Norbert Gotway
St. Mary (a)—Pearl Schleeper
St. Norbert (s)—Curtis Robeen & Roger Pohlman



my mom, helping put groceries away, matching socks, doing chores, and giving \$23 of their treasure.

Welcome to our Faith

Lorelei Ottilie Hartman
daughter of
Andrew & Rachel



Marriage Encounter Weekend

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Enrich and renew your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the St. Louis area. The next weekends are Dec 6-8, 2019 or Feb. 7-9, 2020 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule.php> or call or text 314.649.7317.

Our Gift to God: Stewardship as a Way of Life

November 17, 2019

Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 99 of 355)***

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,677.00	\$ 3,216.00	\$ 461.00
YTD	\$ 63,016.17	\$ 64,320.00	\$ (1,303.83)
School	\$ 80.00		

St. Francis of Assisi Collections (Envelopes: 80 of 336)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular*	\$ 3,288.00	\$ 3,223.00	\$ 65.00
YTD	\$ 68,251.85	\$ 64,460.00	\$ 3,791.85
Kid's	\$ -		
School	\$ 540.00	\$ 2,413.00	\$ (1,873.00)
YTD**	\$ 6,438.00	\$ 33,782.00	\$ (27,344.00)

*Parish Budget does not include any SNS support or debt repayment

**Since 8/18/19; School Budget Shortfall is divided by 36 weeks

***BT's Nov. 17 was reported last week as well. All #s are current up to 11/17/19.

SFA Debt owed to Diocese

(P&L Insurance, Wk. Comp., Health Ins, Pension, ACSA)

As of October 30, 2019—\$274,176

Memorial Association

We are now accepting renewals, as well as new names, for the Memorial Association for Blessed Trinity and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes. The Memorial Association has a monthly Mass offered for its members. On the first Wednesday of the even months of the year (starting February) at the 8:30am Mass at St. Norbert's. And on the third Friday of the odd months of the year (starting January) at the 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's. The Memorial Association runs from calendar year to calendar year. We are currently enrolling for the 2020 calendar year. The cost of the Memorial Association is \$65 per year. Please fill out the form listed below to enroll your family member. You may list your intentions as one individual name or you may list a family name. We cannot accept a list of several different family members or multiple family names without having a membership for each. Please return the form to the parish office as soon as possible with your payment. You can mail it to either parish office or drop in the collection.

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Intention _____

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential, non-judgmental referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Annual Dinner Auction

The dinner auction is in the planning stages (spring date to be announced), 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", and 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 as well. 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.*

First Sunday of Advent – 01 December 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44.

Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown. We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the "end time", the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we just do **not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today!

- Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance?
- Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity?

I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by _____?



If you are a shopper, you might know that Monday is "Cyber Monday", but did you know that the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is now "Giving Tuesday"? Consider visiting the SFA website, sfacalhoun.com. Using the Giving tab and drop-down menu (on the ParishSoft platform), we encourage you to give not just to the parish or school but to a 2nd collection of choice.

December 2019

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our parishes will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits some 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As Christians, we are called to "serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps 100:2). Our elderly religious offer a shining example of what it means to answer this call. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement, many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for the needs of our Church and world. Inspired by love, their service -past and present- is marked by joy and a deep desire to do the will of God.

As you may know, many religious communities find it increasingly difficult to provide for aging members. Most older religious worked for little or no pay. Today, their communities do not have enough retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs continue to rise and fewer members are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations plan for future retirement needs, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

St. Francis of Assisi Sister Parish Update

At our November Pastoral Council meeting, the Council approved a request by the Bishop of Izabal in Guatemala to switch our sister parish affiliation to San Jose Obrero Parish from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Our new sister parish is a rural parish, less than 10 years old, with limited resources. The parish we have been supporting now has enough finances to maintain and even grow! They are most grateful for our support over the years.

Are you curious about our new sister parish? Would you be interested in visiting the parish in Guatemala? A group from Highland, IL is putting together a trip from July 27 to Aug 1, 2020, and would love to have at least two people from our parish go along. During this trip we hope you will walk in solidarity, learn about the beauty and struggles of our sister parish, and be present with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. The planning group will have meetings starting in January, 2020 to prepare you for this trip. 35 seats have been reserved on American Airlines with a cost of \$808.35. An additional suggested donation of \$200 to our sister parish will cover transportation in-country, meals, and lodging. Email sisterparish13@gmail.com if you are interested in the trip.

School News

St. Mary's School

www.stmarysbrussels.org

St. Norbert's School

www.snsnwolves.com

- December 1 – SMS/SNS Christmas Home Tour. Tickets are \$15.00 with 11 homes to tour in Calhoun. Tickets are on sale at Glenda's in Hardin and Brussels Red and White.
- December 2-6—Book Fair in the library. On Wednesday, December 4th the book fair will be open from 3:00-6:30pm. Everybody is welcome to come and buy some books for Christmas.
- December 19—Christmas Concert at 7pm in the Brussels Legion Hall.
- PreK has been busy since the beginning of the school year. We been working hard and learning lots of new things. We learned about apples, pumpkins, and the seasons of the tree. We did lots of fun fall crafts. We are currently getting ready for the holiday season. Stay tuned for our amazing Christmas concert!
- Mega tickets are at the Bank of Kampsville or call the school. \$10 ea. or 3 for \$25. Buy \$100 and get 3 free tickets. Monthly drawing on the last Friday.
- SMS sent in \$125.00 worth of Box Tops for Education. Thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops and everyone who does the Tops App on their smart phones.
- Thank you to the person who paid for the trip to the Mission Mass! Our hearts are thankful for such a wonderful person!
- Monday, 12/2 – Advent Party from 6-7pm
- Tuesday, 12/3 – Advisory Board Meeting at 7pm
- Friday, 12/6 – Dress Down Day and Mrs. Friedel's Class' Holiday Gift Shop.
- Saturday, 12/7 – SNS Chalk Couture Fundraiser – check with Melanie Tepen on availability
- Tuesday, 12/10 – SNS Christmas Play at 7pm at the Kampsville Hall
- Friday, 12/13 – 11:30 Dismissal, Lunch will be served and Latchkey will be available
- December 14—Live Nativity, 1-5pm, at Christmas in Calhoun community event on courthouse grounds.
- Queen of Hearts is held each Thursday night at the KC Hall! 7pm – Come try your luck and enjoy a nice family-friendly meal!! Jackpot is \$2200+!



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	4:00 pm Dec. 7 Kampsville	6:30 pm Dec. 7 Brussels	8:00 am Dec. 8 Meppen	9:30 am Dec. 8 Hardin	5:00 pm Dec. 8 Hardin
Servers:	Volunteers	Ryan Hagen Emma Hoemmen Abby Johnes	Delani Klaas Elly & Lacy Pohlman	Kyle Robeen Joe Stein Chase Ralston	Volunteers
Lectors:	J. Clendenny	Mike Wrigley	Maureen Tepen	Julie Godar	Volunteers
Ushers:	Bill Klunk Ralph Becker	Bill Held Greg Klaas	Pat & Scott Tepen	Tom Lorschach Curt Peters	Volunteers
Offertory:		M/M Bernard Snyders	Andy & Jackie Baalman Family	Mike Hagen, Jr. Family	Volunteers
Extra-Ordinary Ministers:	J. Baltisberger J. Clendenny M. Gilman	Joan Held Mary Lee Rose JoAnn Nolte	Pat & Vera Droege Cindy Heffington	L. Kallal, T. Shofner, J. Wieneke, D. Lieber, B. Ellis	

2019 Memorial Association

Jeanette Angel
 Gale & Marilyn Aulabaugh
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 Joe & Helen Baalman Family
 Norman Baalman
 Paul Baalman
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 Ralph & Opal Becker Family
 Raphael Behrens Family
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 Ray, Dorothy & David Eberlin
 Clarence & Elizabeth Ewen
 Sharon Ewen
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 Joe, Norma, & Barney Fortschneider
 Craig Franke
 Edmund and Florence Friedel
 Bob Fuhler
 Henry & Dorothy Fuhler Family

Cletus & Esther German Family
 Bill & Irene Godar Family
 Norbert Godar
 Norbert & Mary J. Godar Family
 Norbert & Todd Gotway
 Henry, Mary & Laura Hagen
 Leroy, Bret & Tim Hagen
 William G. "Bill" & Monica Hagen
 William R. & Kathryn Hagen
 Auburn L. Hager
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 Elmer & Miriam Held
 Clem & Irene Hillen and Jacob Hagen
 Ed Hillen
 John & Margaret Hillen & Sons
 Matt & Irene Telkamp & Bobby
 Hoemmen
 Paul & Helen Hoemmen
 Joe & Sue Hurley Family
 Dennis Imming
 Floyd & Rita Imming
 Irene Wittmond Jones
 Carl & Pauline Johnes
 James & Judy Kinder
 Leola Kirn
 Leonard & Bernice Klocke Family
 Henry & Josephine Klunk Family
 Peter & Lillian Klunk Family
 Chris & Betty Ledder

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 John & Lucille Lorschbach Family
 William F. Lorschbach Family
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 Ray Menke
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 Charles J. Nolte
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 Vincent Pohlman
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 James A. Ringhausen
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 Vince & Ginny Robeen
 Deborah Roberts
 Maurice Roberts
 Richard & Margaret Roberts
 Roth Family
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 Robert H. "Bob" Rose
 Jason Sagez
 Louis & Laura Sagez

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 Vincent, Agnes, & Otto R. Snyders
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