

# Blessed Trinity Parish

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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Mass Schedule/Intentions

### This Sunday, September 17

8:00 am **Batchtown**— Rodney & Gus Wallendorf

9:30 am **Hardin**— Steve Tepen

5:00 pm **Hardin**— For the People

**Mon.** 7:00 am **Hardin**— Sue Lorsbach

**Tues.** 6:00 pm **Meppen**— No Mass

**Wed.** 8:30 am **Hardin**— No Mass

**Thu.** 7:00 am **Hardin**— No Mass

9:30 am **Nursing Home**— No Mass

**Fri.** 8:30 am **Brussels**— Doris Tepen

**Sat.** 8:00 am **Batchtown**— Floyd & Leola Kirn

4:00 pm **Kampsville**— Ralph & Opal Becker

6:30 pm **Brussels**— Leontine Wolf

### Next Sunday, September 24

8:00 am **Batchtown**— Wilma Krysl

9:30 am **Hardin**— Doris & Ralph Grizzle

5:00 pm **Hardin**— For the People

## The Sacraments and Our Parish Life

**Parish Membership**—Call or stop by either parish office. For St. Francis of Assisi, you may visit [www.sfacalhoun.com](http://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 on Friday, December 1, at 6:30pm.

**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 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Lisa Vogel at 618-883-2200.

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

## Confessions

Sunday	7:30-7:45 AM	Batchtown
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	3:15-3:30 PM	Kampsville
	5:45-6:00 PM	Brussels

## 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.

Lavonna Toppmeyer (12)	Pat Friedel, Sr. (5)
Cindy Klunk (12)	Joe Ringhausen (5)
Jerome Hayn (12)	Keaton Rose (5)
Brock Boland (12)	Sandy Kulp (4)
Victoria Klaas (9)	Pauline Eschbach (3)
Kelly Holste (9)	Ted Hayn (2)
Beverly Mosbarger (8)	Angela Roades (2)
Michelle Eberlin (Quincy) (8)	Jim Hughart (1)
Lorraine Hillen (6)	Anna Mae Griffin (1)
Raymond Sievers (6)	Christine Schumann (1)
Elda Hayn (6)	

## Parish Staff & Boards

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**Finance Council**—2nd Tuesday @ 8 pm

**Pastoral Council**—2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm

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

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

## Looking Ahead

**Sept 11—Oct 16**— Fall Bible Study: WHY WE WORSHIP

**Sept 20—Nov 22**— Bible Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary

**Oct 1**— Calhoun for Life's Walk for Life

**Oct 1**— SNS Duck Race

**Oct 7 & 8**— Bishop Paprocki Visits SFA & BT

**Oct 22**— SFA Fall Dinner & Festival at St. Norbert



## Announcements

**There will be a second collection this weekend,** September 16 & 17, for the Church in Africa.

**SFA Pastoral Council meeting** will be held as usual on Tuesday, September 19 at 7pm for preparation of the Bishop's visit. Please plan to attend.

**Weekend of October 7th and 8th:** Bishop Paprocki will be visiting our parishes and celebrating the masses with the congregation. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the bishop to speak to us. Father Roberts encourages parishioners to make every effort to attend mass and welcome our bishop.

**St. Francis of Assisi will have a second collection next weekend, Sept. 23-24,** for the parish Capital Campaign. We will continue to do so weekly, unless there is another diocesan special collection. We have collected \$56,327 (63%) of our \$90,000 goal. We urge your generosity as we strive to meet our goal.

**SFA's Annual Fall Dinner & Festival** will be held on Sunday, October 22, at St. Norbert School.

**SVDP Donation Update and Sausage Sales:** Thank you for your August generosity! Can we be so bold as to request small packages of toilet paper or tissues in September? The Calhoun County SVDP is selling 1lb. ground sausage packages for \$6 each through September 23, 2023 (or until sold out)! The sausage is seasoned with salt and pepper. Please call Kathy Rogers at 618-363-1538 to place an order. Alternatively, you can go directly to the pantry for your sausage on Wednesdays, 10-4.

**Calhoun American Legion Auxiliary Unit 636** will be making apple pies later in September at a price of \$12.00 each. To place an order please call Ruth Johnson at 618-576-8080 or 618-741-9879 or Mary Gilman at 618-576-9306 or 618-946-8444.



### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of September 17



St. Anselm - Lowell Bailey  
St. Mary (s) - Rose Horman Arthur  
St. Mary (a) - Jerry & John Horman  
St. Norbert—Sue Lorsbach

**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 Communion and/or Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions & seek understanding. Father Roberts will be starting RCIA classes in October on Thursdays at 7pm. Please contact either parish office to sign up. Anyone already Catholic is welcome to attend any class or all classes to refresh their knowledge.

### WHY WE WORSHIP

6 week Fall Bible Study

*Does God care how we worship?*

Join us as we explore the answer to that question through an examination of the Old and New Testament and how it all relates to the Catholic Mass.



at St. Mary's Hall  
Mondays, Sept 11 - Oct 16  
6:30pm to 7:30pm

### Mary as You've Never Seen Her

*The Bible and the Virgin Mary* unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture.

10 week Bible Study  
at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office  
Wednesdays, Sept 20 - Nov 22  
6:00-7:15pm



**Visit the Cathedral in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton, receive an indulgence!** – The diocesan-wide Year of the Eucharist going on now has a heavenly treasure of our Catholic faith attached to it. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki received permission from the Holy See, granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield or Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Alton (the "Old Cathedral") now through Dec. 8. One must also partake in the other usual conditions to receive this indulgence by going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope. These acts "may be carried out several days preceding or following the performance of the prescribed works. But it is more fitting that communion and the prayer for the pope's intentions take place on the day the work is performed" (*Handbook of Indulgences*, Norms for Indulgences, 23.3). An indulgence a gift and grace that remits the temporal punishment due to a sin.  
*(See Catholic Times article attached to the back of this bulletin.)*



**Banns of Marriage**

Damian Pohlman and Courtney Holland

### Stewardship of Treasure

September 3, 2023

#### Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 79 of 355)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 4,581.00	\$ 3,577.00	\$ 1,004.00
YTD	\$ 34,491.00	\$ 35,770.00	\$ (1,279.00)
School	\$ 410.00		

#### St. Francis of Assisi Collections (Envelopes: 59 of 257)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 4,096.00	\$ (907.00)
YTD	\$ 39,069.40	\$ 40,960.00	\$ (1,890.60)
STF	\$ 920.00		

**Blue Mass for first responders** – Bishop Paprocki will celebrate a Blue Mass for emergency responders to pray for their safety and continued diligence in their work and to thank them for their selfless commitment to taking care of people in our communities. Sunday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

**Annual Respect Life and Rosary Walk** – This year’s annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and prayer procession is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at Holy Family Parish in Granite City. Bishop Paprocki will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a prayer procession around the abortion facility in Granite City. Lunch and speaker will follow the procession.

**White Mass for healthcare workers** – Bishop Paprocki will celebrate a White Mass for those who work in healthcare to pray for their safety and continued diligence in their work and to thank them for their selfless commitment to taking care of people in our communities. Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church on the grounds of Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield (4875 LaVerna Rd.)

**Red Mass for those in the legal profession** – Bishop Paprocki will celebrate a Red Mass for those in the legal profession such as lawyers, law students, judges, legislators, city council members, and others to invoke God’s blessings upon the members of the bench, bar, legislature, law enforcement, and governmental agencies and all protectors and administrators of the Law. Sunday, Nov. 19 at 10:15 a.m. at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville.

**2 kids. 1 faith. An inspirational interview** – Sometimes you don’t need a priest, a theology professor, or even your spouse to get you inspired about our Catholic faith. You can look to children who are excited to live out our faith. But why do they live it joyfully? How do they get this way? What suggestions do they have for parents? Matthew and Thomas of Springfield join Dive Deep to inspire us. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) or search “Dive Deep” on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe.

## School News

### St. Mary School

[www.stmarysbrussels.org](http://www.stmarysbrussels.org)

- Mon., Sept 18 — Picture Day
- Fri., Sept 29 — No School (Teachers Institute)

### St. Norbert School

- THANK YOU to everyone that supported our food stand at the fair!
- September 20 — Grandparents Day and 11:30 Dismissal
- September 29 — No School (Teacher Retreat)
- October 1 — SNS Duck Race



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	<b>4:00pm Sept 23 Kampsville</b>	<b>6:30pm Sept 23 Brussels</b>	<b>8:00am Sept 24 Batchtown</b>	<b>9:30am Sept 24 Hardin</b>	<b>5:00pm Sept 24 Hardin</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	Volunteers	Lorelei Hartman, Abby Johnes, Conley Klocke	Camryn Klaas, Lane & Brody Eilerman	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Lectors:</b>	Jeanie Clendenny	Rachel Hartman	Kathy Sievers	Julie Godar	Volunteer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ralph Becker, Devin Hayn	Ed & Jeff Kiel	Adam Eilerman, Shawn Sievers	Curt & Seth Peters	Volunteer
<b>Offertory:</b>				Shirley Gansz, JoAnn Holland	Volunteer
<b>Extra- Ordinary Ministers:</b>	Christine Schumann	JoAnn Nolte	Kate Sievers	Patrick Simon	

September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Article taken from the April 2, 2023 Catholic Times:

## **Indulgences, an incredible treasure of our faith, available in our diocese now.**

### ***What must you do and how does it help your soul?***

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The goal of our Lenten practices over the past several weeks has been for us to grow in holiness by turning from our sinful ways and striving to be more like Christ, our Risen Lord. As we celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday, we are filled with hope for the resurrection of our own bodies and the promise of eternal life in God's kingdom.

One of the ways that we grow in holiness is through pious practices that grant indulgences. An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment for sins, whose guilt is forgiven, which a properly disposed member of the Christian faithful obtains under certain and clearly defined conditions through the intervention of the Church, which, as the minister of Redemption, dispenses and applies authoritatively the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according to whether it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

Last year on Dec. 8, as we began our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and opened our Centennial Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the transfer of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, I announced that I had received a decree from the Holy See granting a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions for the Christian faithful who visit our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here in Springfield or the Church of Ss. Peter and Paul in Alton between the 8th day of December 2022 and the 9th day of December 2023.

The "usual conditions" to gain a plenary indulgence are excluding all attachment to sin, even venial sin, performing the indulgenced work, and fulfilling the three conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the pope. The "indulgenced work" for this plenary indulgence is to attend a liturgical service celebrating the jubilee or at least spending a suitable period of time devoted to prayers for the people of our diocese to be faithful to the Christian vocation, and recite the Lord's Prayer, profess the Creed, and offer invocations to the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and Saints Peter and Paul.

The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work; it is, however, fitting that holy Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work is performed.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father involves reciting one *Our Father* and one *Hail Mary* or any other prayer according to one's individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention.

In addition to plenary indulgences, there are partial indulgences that may be gained every day in the course of our daily lives and ordinary activities.

There are four general concessions by which the Christian faithful are encouraged to infuse their daily lives with a Christian spirit and strive toward the perfection of charity. These four general concessions or grants are as follows:

1. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, while carrying out their duties and enduring the hardships of life, raise their minds in humble trust to God and make, at least mentally, some pious invocation. This can be done, for example, by offering to God the hardships encountered in one's daily work or tasks.

2. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, led by the spirit of faith, give compassionately of themselves or of their goods to serve their brothers and sisters in need. There are a variety of ways to do this, such as volunteering at St. John's Breadline, donating clothing to the St. Martin de Porres Center, or making a monetary contribution to Catholic Charities or some other charity that helps the poor.

3. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in a spirit of penance, voluntarily abstain from something that is licit for and pleasing to them. The Lenten requirements of fast and abstinence are actually quite minimal. Thus, we are encouraged to do voluntary penances. Indeed, every Friday throughout the year calls for some form of penance in remembrance of the day Christ died for our sins. By holding our appetites in check, we are moved to regain mastery of our bodies and conform ourselves to the poor and suffering Christ.

4. A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who, in the particular circumstances of daily life, voluntarily give explicit witness to their faith before others. This grant encourages the faithful to profess their faith openly before others, for the glory of God and the building up of the Church. In addition to these four general concessions of partial indulgences that can be gained on a daily basis, there are many other prayers and pious practices by which the faithful can gain partial indulgences and, in some cases, plenary indulgences as well. For example, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence each day of the year by the devout reading or listening to the Sacred Scriptures for at least a half an hour, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one-half hour, praying of the Way of the Cross, or recitation of the rosary in a church or an oratory or in a family, a religious community, or in general when several of the faithful are gathered to pray together. Many other prayers impart a partial indulgence.

A full listing of the indulgences granted for various pious practices, prayers, litanies, devotions, and invocations can be found in the Manual of Indulgences, published in 2006 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is available online by searching for Manual of Indulgences.

I encourage us to become more familiar with the Church's teaching on indulgences and take advantage of this wonderful means of growing in holiness and grace. As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection this Easter, may we grow in holiness and follow the way that Christ has prepared for us, the path to eternal life.

May God give us this grace. Amen.

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki