

# Blessed Trinity Parish

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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Mass Schedule/Intentions

### This Sunday, December 3

**8:00 am Meppen**— Deceased Priests of the Diocese

**9:30 am Hardin**— Doug, Curtis & Eleanor Robeen

**5:00 pm Hardin**— For the People

**Mon. 7:00 am Hardin**— Edna Roth (Month's Mind)

**Tues. 6:00 pm Meppen**— Dan Rose

**Wed. 8:30 am Hardin**— Memorial Association

**Thu. 7:00 am Hardin**— For the People

**9:30 am Nursing Home**— For the People

**6:00 pm Kampsville**— For the People

**7:30 pm Meppen**— Ronnie Baalman

**Fri. 8:30 am Brussels**— Hubert & Margaret Devine

**12:30 pm Hardin**— Chloe Baalman

**Sat. 8:00 am Batchtown**— Jerome & Barb Toppmeyer

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

**6:30 pm Brussels**— Joe & Gertie Pohlman Family

### Next Sunday, December 10

**8:00 am Meppen**— Darleen Twichell

**9:30 am Hardin**— Alfred & Marcia Gress

**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, March 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

\*Additional Advent Time  
starting 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday	7:30-7:45 AM	Meppen
	*1:00 until 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, 618-971-2391, [mikehagen73@yahoo.com](mailto:mikehagen73@yahoo.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul**—3rd Thurs 6:30; Brad Vacca 314-608-9302

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

**Office Mgr.**—Sarah Kinder, [skinder@blessedtrinity.dio.org](mailto:skinder@blessedtrinity.dio.org)

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**Principal**—Becky Lorts, [thesmsprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:thesmsprincipal@gmail.com)

**PSR Coordinator**—Tammy Franke, 618-535-6099

**Finance Council**—2nd Tuesday @ 8 pm; JoAnn Kiel

**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;

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**Pastoral Council**—3rd Tues @ 7 pm; Dick Lieber, 217-320-8792

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

## 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.

Jim Hughart (12)

Anna Mae Griffin (12)

Christine Schumann (12)

Lavonna Toppmeyer (11)

Cindy Klunk (11)

Jerome Hayn (11)

Alice Winters (11)

Michelle Eberlin (Quincy) (7)

Mary Hoemmen (6)

Joan Kiel (6)

Lorraine Hillen (5)

Raymond Sievers (5)

Elda Hayn (5)

Sandy Kulp (3)

## Looking Ahead

**Nov 25—Dec 16**— St. Anselm Church Mitten Tree

**Dec 2**— St. Anselm Christmas Ham Game Night

**Dec 4**— Advent Reflection at St. Mary's Hall

**Dec 11**— SNS Live Nativity

**Dec 19**— SMS Christmas Program



## Announcements

**There will be a special Diocese second collection** next weekend, December 9-10, for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**St. Norbert Altar Society** will have their Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 6, 5:30pm at the Riverdock. Sign up in the back of church. Members pay \$10 and bring a \$5 unwrapped gift for a boy or girl.

**Decorating for Christmas at St. Mary's Church** will be on Sunday, December 17 starting at 8:00am. All help is appreciated as "many hands make light work".

**If you would like to donate a poinsettia for St. Mary's**, please bring to the church during the week before Christmas.

**Please treat yourself to a free copy of Beautiful Eucharist** at the back of St. Mary's and St. Barbara's Churches. The book is an honest and inspiring collection of experiences from contemporary Catholics about how they came to encounter the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Each story is presented in a brief, easy-to-read format. Flip open to any of them and let it speak to your soul.

**St. Francis of Assisi will have a second collection this weekend, December 2-3** for the parish Capital Campaign. We will continue to do so weekly, unless there is another diocesan special collection. We have collected \$60,798 (68%) of our \$90,000 goal. We urge your generosity as we strive to meet our goal.

**Thank you** to Tri Co FS Growmark for the \$731.50 grant for Blessed Trinity picnic propane expenses.

**Thank you** to Jesse Bailey for the use of the lift and Wayne Vogel for power washing St. Mary's Hall and church overhangs. The buildings look so much brighter.

### *The Fullness of Joy: A Biblical Reflection for Advent*

December 4  
at St. Mary's Hall in Brussels  
6:30 - 7:30 pm



St. Anselm Altar Society will be collecting new hats, scarves and gloves to donate to those in need. Please bring any item and hang it on the tree in the back of St. Anselm Church from Nov 25—Dec 16.

### **Blessed Trinity Picnic Committee voting results:**

Due to ties in voting each picnic committee will have extra members.

**St. Mary's new members:** Abby Baalman, Chelsie Kiel, Kelsey Meyer, Lilly Schleeper, Sally Schleeper, Melissa Tepen, Chris Deeken, Tim Friedel, Jacob Maag, Chad Nolte, Will Schleeper, and Douger Wilschetz.

**St. Joseph's new members:** Cindy Baalman, Melissa Clark, Taylor Sievers, Tara Smith, Matt Baalman, Jim Clark, Dan Long, and Alan Tepen.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to tell you about the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers. May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of December 3

St. Barbara - Frank & Elizabeth Weishaupt

St. Mary (s) - Jim Macauley

St. Norbert - Doug, Curtis & Eleanor Robeen

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Holyday of Obligation Mass Schedule

Thurs., December 7, 6:00pm at St. Anselm, Kampsville

Thurs., December 7, 7:30pm at St. Joseph, Meppen

Fri., December 8, 8:30am at St. Mary, Brussels

Fri., December 8, 12:30pm at St. Norbert, Hardin

### Stewardship of Treasure November 19, 2023

#### Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 48 of 355)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 3,577.00	\$ (917.00)
YTD	\$ 72,240.85	\$ 75,117.00	\$ (2,876.15)
School	\$ -		

#### St. Francis of Assisi Collections (Envelopes: 66 of 257)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,141.00	\$ 4,096.00	\$ (955.00)
YTD	\$ 77,405.80	\$ 86,016.00	\$ (8,610.20)
STF	\$ 55.00		

## School News

**St. Mary School**  
www.stmarysbrussels.org

**St. Norbert School**

- **December 19: Christmas Program** 7pm at Brussels American Legion. All are welcome!
- SMS Book Fair continues till Dec 8. Call the school if you would like to stop by & shop.
- **Order your Christmas gift cards with SMS!** Shop gift cards to over 500 stores and restaurants including local favorites like MMES Red & White and Odelehr's Roadside Market!! Our upcoming group order dates for physical cards are **December 6 and December 13** with guaranteed delivery before Christmas. Ecards are always available for immediate printing and use. Call or text Rachael Fuhler Friedel (618)946-0128 with questions or to place an order. Follow us on Facebook at "**SMS Raise Right-Scrip Program**" to see bonus rebates and upcoming group ordering dates. View all brands at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com). \*We would love to offer more local business gift cards through Scrip. If you are a business owner and would like to have your gift cards available for purchase, please reach out to Rachael.
- **SMS Cash Calendar:** Drawing at SMS Christmas pageant. If interested, please reach out to a SMS family or the school.
- **SNS is looking for someone to deep clean the school on the weekends.** If interested, please contact Gwen Burch at [gburch@snsolves.com](mailto:gburch@snsolves.com)
- **Dec. 11—Live Nativity**
- **Get your Gift Cards through SNS!** You can easily order gift cards through Raise Right, formally known as Scrip. Order your gift cards and a percentage of the gift card purchase goes directly to our school. Go to [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) (or download the app). Click on SIGN UP and then JOIN A PROGRAM. Use the **SNS enrollment code: 6965F5359314**. After you finish signing up, you're able to purchase gift cards OR eGift cards. The great thing about the eGift cards is they immediately go to your "wallet" in the app for you to use. You can always purchase actual gift cards to have mailed to use for gifts. It's an easy way for you to help SNS raise money just by doing the shopping you already do! If you have any questions, please contact Madison Bailey.
- Dec. 21— End of 2nd Quarter; 1:15 Dismissal
- Dec. 22—Jan. 7—Christmas Break
- Jan. 8—School Resumes; Picture Retake Day

### Memorial Association

We are now accepting names for the 2024 Memorial Association. A monthly Mass will be offered for its members. On the first Wednesday of the even months of the year the Mass intention will be at 8:30am, St. Norbert. And on the third Friday of the odd months of the year the intention will be at the 8:30am Mass, St. Mary. 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.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Intention \_\_\_\_\_

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	<b>4:00 pm Dec 9</b> <b>Kampsville</b>	<b>6:30pm Dec 9</b> <b>Brussels</b>	<b>8:00am Dec 10</b> <b>Meppen</b>	<b>9:30am Dec 10</b> <b>Hardin</b>	<b>5:00pm Dec 10</b> <b>Hardin</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	Volunteers	Eve & Kate Schleeper, John Paul Vogel	Abby Johnes, Allie Franke, Jasmine Ennis	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Lector:</b>	Jeanie Clendenny	Scott Maag	Hayden Sievers	Carrie Baalman	Volunteer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bill Klunk, Ralph Becker	Avery & Joe Caselton	David & Richard Droege	Joe Friedel, Caleb Goode	Volunteers
<b>Offertory:</b>		Steve Friedel Family	Tim/Liz Sievers Family	Garrett Hagen Family	Volunteer
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers:</b>	Mary Gilman	Wayne Vogel	Cindy Heffington	Dick Lieber	

**December 3, 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent**




**2023 Memorial Association**

Gale, Marilyn & Dick Aulabaugh  
 Albert, Vernie & Ronald Baalman  
 Harry, Margaret, & Alfred Baalman  
 Joe & Helen Baalman Family  
 Mark B. Baalman  
 Paul Baalman  
 Lowell & Mary Bailey  
 John & Elsie Baltisberger & Roy Jacobs  
 Alvina & Barbara Beaty  
 Ralph & Opal Becker Family  
 Arch & Anita Beers  
 Henry & Rose M. Behrens  
 Raphael Behrens Family  
 Kenny Bick  
 Lawrence and Sally Bick Family  
 Joe, Bev & Mark Bowers  
 Leslie & Mary Breden  
 Frank & Rosalie Brice  
 Henry & Virginia Burch  
 Ray & Gertie Cappel  
 Charles, Sr & Berniece Carnes Family  
 Hubert & Margie Devine & Janice Sherman  
 Wm. & Mary Droege Family  
 Edna & Harold Eberlin  
 Ray, Dorothy, & David Eberlin  
 Ed & Emma Flanigan & Norbert Tepen  
 Lawrence & Emma Flanigan  
 Henry & Anna Fortschneider  
 Joe, Norma & Barney Fortschneider  
 Craig Franke  
 Edmund & Florence Friedel  
 Joseph P. Friedel  
 Wayne & Roseann Friedel  
 Aloys & Robert Fuhler

Henry & Dorothy Fuhler Family  
 Cletus & Esther German Family  
 Bill & Irene Godar Family  
 Norbert & Mary J. Godar Family  
 Norbert & Todd Gotway  
 Arthur (Bud) Gress  
 LeRoy, Bret and Tim Hagen  
 Auburn L. Hager  
 Oscar F. Haug  
 Melvin & Geneva Heffington  
 Elmer & Miriam Held  
 Clem & Irene Hillen & Jacob Hagen  
 Pete, Dolores & Randy Hillen  
 Paul, Helen, & Bobby Hoemmen  
 Joe & Sue Hurley Family  
 Tobias, Jr., Beatrice & Kenny Kamp  
 Dale & Erma Dell Kiel  
 Elmer & Lois Kiel  
 Sandy Kiel  
 James & Judy Kinder  
 Floyd, Leola & Bob Kirn  
 Alvie & Sabina Klaas Family  
 Leonard & Bernice Klocke Family  
 Raymond & Ellen Klocke  
 Peter & Lillian Klunk Family  
 Darren Kress  
 Henry & Mary Kronable  
 Wilma Krysl & Barb VanDoren  
 Bill & Sue Lorschach  
 Tom Lorschach  
 William F. Lorschach Family  
 Jim Macauley  
 Michael G. Margherio  
 Fred McGee Family

Ray and Marge Menke  
 Everette, Martin, Marie & Leland Meyer  
 Harrell Miller Family  
 Elmer & Emma Moennig & Emily Kiel  
 Francis, Valeria & Gary Moses  
 Paul & Marie Mossman  
 Orville Mueller  
 August, Evie, Allen & Larry Nolte  
 Charles Nolte  
 John & Theresa Nolte Family  
 Ben, Ida, Tony, Irene & Mary Pluester  
 Amy & Roger Pohlman  
 Bob & Lorraine Pohlman Family  
 Vince Pohlman  
 Albert & Dora Ringhausen Family  
 James A. Ringhausen  
 Eleanor & Curtis Robeen Sr.  
 Doug, Mike & Michael Robeen  
 Louis & Eleanor Robeen  
 Mary Carol Robeen  
 Vince & Virginia Robeen  
 Dale Roberts  
 Deborah Roberts  
 Maurice Roberts  
 Richard & Margaret Roberts  
 Charles & David Rose & Eileen Reeves  
 Robert H. "Bob" Rose  
 Paul Sr., Lenora & Paul Jr. Rose  
 Jason, Louis & Laura Sagez  
 Alfred & Izella Schleeper  
 Charles Schleeper  
 Hubert & Dorothy Schleeper  
 Leo, Estelle, Leo B., Toby & Carol Schleeper  
 Edward & Laura Schmidt

George & Mary Alice Schmidt  
 Henry, Bertha & John Schulte  
 Don & Lucille Seiferman  
 Megan Ann Sibley  
 Edmond & Martha Sievers  
 Ferdinand, Caroline & Bob Sievers  
 Joe, Clara & Randy Sievers  
 Stanley & Clara Sievers  
 Charles Snyder  
 Connie & Bernie Snyders  
 Jacob & Luvena Snyders Family  
 Raphael & Phyllis Snyders  
 Vince, Agnes & Otto Snyders  
 Ed & Bernadette Wittmond Stelbrink  
 Irene Wittmond Steiner  
 Albert & Leona Stumpf  
 Jerome & Gene Stumpf  
 Matt & Irene Telkamp Family  
 Art & David Tepen  
 Cletus & Jane Tepen  
 Elmer and Rosalie Tepen  
 Harry & Doris Tepen  
 Steve & Herman Tepen  
 Bill Titus  
 Norman & Joyce Titus  
 Elizabeth "Liz" Toppmeyer & Lydia Carnes  
 Darleen Twichell  
 Rodney & Gus Wallendorf  
 Chasity Wickenhauser  
 Carl & Zelora Wittmond  
 Charles & Caroline Wittmond  
 Edward & Elsa Wittmond  
 Leontine Wittmond Wolf  
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