

Blessed Trinity Parish

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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www.sfacalhoun.com

Pastor: Rev. Don J. Roberts

Rectory: 883-2309

Mass Schedule/Intentions

This Sunday, December 10

8:00 am Meppen— Darleen Twichell
9:30 am Hardin— Alfred & Marcia Gress
5:00 pm Hardin— For the People

Mon. 7:00 am Hardin— For the People

Tues. 6:00 pm Meppen— Joe Friedel

Wed. 8:30 am Hardin— Mark Bowers

Thu. 7:00 am Hardin— Janet Williams (Month's Mind)
9:30 am Nursing Home— For the People

Fri. 8:30 am Brussels— Bob Rose

Sat. 8:00 am Batchtown— Merlin Klaas

4:00 pm Kampsville— Pete Tognarelli

6:30 pm Brussels— Henry & Virginia Burch

Next Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Meppen— Norman & Alice Snyders

9:30 am Hardin— Jason Sagez

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 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

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)	Lorraine Hillen (6)
Cindy Klunk (12)	Raymond Sievers (6)
Jerome Hayn (12)	Elda Hayn (6)
Alice Winters (12)	Sandy Kulp (2)
Michelle Eberlin (Quincy) (8)	Jim Hughart (1)
Mary Hoemmen (7)	Anna Mae Griffin (1)
Joan Kiel (7)	

Parish Staff & Boards

Deacon - Mike Hagen, 618-971-2391, 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

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Principal—Becky Lorts, 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;

Office Mgr.—Gwen Burch, gburch@sfacalhoun.com

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Principal—Gwen Burch, gburch@snsolves.com

PSR Coordinators— Kate Sievers & Jordan Holland

Finance Council—3rd Tues @ 8 pm; Brad Vacca, 314-608-9302

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

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

Looking Ahead

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

Dec 11— SNS Live Nativity

Dec 19— SMS Christmas Program



Announcements

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

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".

St. Barbara's Church Christmas decorations will be put up Sunday, December 17, beginning at 10:00am. More help is needed and would be much appreciated.

SFA Pastoral Council will not meet in December.

SFA Finance Council will meet at 7pm on December 19.

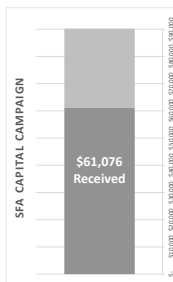
If you would like to donate a poinsettia for St. Mary's, please bring to the church during the week before Christmas.

St. Mary's Church is 160 years old! In recognition of this historical achievement, Memorare prayer cards were designed and printed as a keepsake. These cards were distributed after mass on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the church's patron. Extra cards are available at the entrance to church. Please feel free to take and share with family who are away from here.

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 next

weekend, December 16-17 for the parish Capital Campaign. We will continue to do so weekly, unless there is another diocesan special collection. We have collected \$61,076 (68%) of our \$90,000 goal. We urge your generosity as we strive to meet our goal.



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.

December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." – MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



The votive intentions for the week of December 10
 St. Joseph - Darleen Twichell
 St. Mary (a) - Karen Baltisberger & Pauline Eschbach
 St. Norbert - Joe, Bev & Mark Bowers

The December Military Mass will be Thursday, December 14 at 6pm at St. Peter and Paul Church in Alton. Please join to pray for our active Military, Veterans, both living and deceased, their families and our nation.

Stewardship of Treasure November 26, 2023

Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 76 of 355)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 4,779.00	\$ 3,577.00	\$ 1,202.00
YTD	\$ 77,019.85	\$ 78,694.00	\$ (1,674.15)
School	\$ 135.00		

St. Francis of Assisi Collections * (Envelopes: 105 of 257)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 5,053.20	\$ 4,096.00	\$ 957.20
YTD	\$ 82,459.00	\$ 90,112.00	\$ (7,653.00)
STF	\$ 760.00		

* Includes November Online Giving

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS Mass Schedule

December 24, 4:00pm at St. Mary, Brussels
 December 24, 6:00pm at St. Anselm, Kampsville
 December 24, Midnight at St. Joseph, Meppen
 December 25, 8:00am at St. Barbara, Batchtown
 December 25, 9:30am at St. Norbert, Hardin
 December 25, 11:00am at St. Michael, Michael

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. *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
- **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 (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.

Your Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Intention _____

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	<i>4:00 pm Dec 16 Kampsville</i>	<i>6:30pm Dec 16 Brussels</i>	<i>8:00am Dec 17 Meppen</i>	<i>9:30am Dec 17 Hardin</i>	<i>5:00pm Dec 17 Hardin</i>
Servers:	Volunteers	Cheyenne & Dayton Brundies, Jayleigh Droege	Kate & Eve Schleeper, Conley Klocke	Volunteers	Volunteers
Lector:	Jamie Bailey	Yvonne Macauley	Kathy Sievers	Alan Shofner	Volunteer
Ushers:	Bill Klunk, Devin Hayn	Bill Held, Kevin Kinder	Carl & Aaron Kiel	Roger Hagen, Eric Hagen	Volunteers
Offertory:		Darren Kulp Family	Volunteers	Shirley G. & JoAnn H.	Volunteer
Extra-Ordinary Ministers:	John Baltisberger	Kim Vogel	JoAnn Kiel	JoAnn Holland	

December 10, 2023

Second 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
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