

# Blessed Trinity Parish

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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## Mass Schedule/Intentions

### This Sunday, December 17

**8:00 am Meppen**— Norman & Alice Snyders

**9:30 am Hardin**— Jason Sagez

**5:00 pm Hardin**— For the People

**Mon. 7:00 am Hardin**— Norbert A Godar, Jr. and  
Wm. & Ella Klaas

**Tues. 6:00 pm Meppen**— Mary & Irene Pluester

**Wed. 8:30 am Hardin**— Milagros Fermo

**Thu. 7:00 am Hardin**— Agnes & Keith Simon

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

**Fri. 8:30 am Brussels**— Karen Baltisberger (Month's Mind)

**Sat. 8:00 am Batchtown**— Wilma Krysl

**4:00 pm Kampsville**— Joe, Bev, & Mark Bowers

**6:30 pm Brussels**— Aloys & Bob Fuhler

### Next Sunday, December 24

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

**9:30 am Hardin**— Steve Tepen

**4:00 pm Brussels**— John, Elsie, & Karen Baltisberger  
and Roy Jacobs

**6:00 pm Kampsville**— Curt & Eleanor Robeen

**12 Midnight Meppen**— Dec'd Members of Lucas &  
Margaret Tepen Family

## 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;

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**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

## 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.

## 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.

Michelle Eberlin (Quincy) (9)	Sandy Kulp (3)
Mary Hoemmen (8)	Jim Hughart (2)
Joan Kiel (8)	Anna Mae Griffin (2)
Lorraine Hillen (7)	Lavonna Toppmeyer (1)
Raymond Sievers (7)	Alice Winters (1)
Elda Hayn (7)	Cindy Klunk (1)

## Looking Ahead

**Dec 17**—Santa at Batchtown Town Hall

**Dec 19**— SMS Christmas Program



## Announcements

**There will be a special Diocesan collection** at the Christmas masses, December 24-25, for the Catholic Children's Home. **St. Norbert Church NEEDS volunteer(s) to decorate for Christmas.**

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

**Decorating for Christmas at St. Barbara Church** will be on Sunday, December 17 at 10am. More help is needed and would be much appreciated.

**Decorating for Christmas** at St. Anselm Church will be on Monday, December 18 at 6pm.

**SFA Pastoral Council will NOT** meet in December.

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

**Decorating for Christmas at St. Joseph Church** will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 6pm. Anyone available to help would be appreciated.

**If you would like to donate a poinsettia for St. Mary's, St. Francis of Assisi will have a second collection this 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.

### 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

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31, 6:30pm at St. Anselm, Kampsville  
Monday, January 1, 7:00am at St. Joseph, Meppen  
Monday, January 1, 8:30am at St. Mary, Brussels  
Monday, January 1, 10:00am at St. Norbert, Hardin

### December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 thessalonians 5:16 – 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Blessed Trinity Parish

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,  
The mission of the Catholic Children's Home (CCH) is to be a beacon of hope for thousands of children in need of safe harbor and a place to call home. For the past 144 years, the (CCH) has continued this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic material needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services. This includes an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children with severe autistic challenges. The children served by CCH have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. In the words of Pope Francis, "We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected." The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. Those who have a family often lack the special care they need. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this holy season of Advent and Christmas. With your help, the Catholic Children's Home can continue to serve the special needs of these children in the name of Jesus Christ, as it has since 1879. In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special Christmas collection. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 11 (Romans 15:13) May God fill your hearts with love, grace and a spirit of giving during these blessed days of Advent and Christmas. With every best wish and gratitude, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

### Welcome to our Faith

Dean Alan Pohlman  
son of Drake & Elani Pohlman



### SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of December 17  
St. Barbara—Bill & Marie Tepen  
St. Mary (a) - Elmer & Miriam Held  
St. Norbert - Jason Sagez



### Stewardship of Treasure December 3, 2023

#### Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 75 of 355)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 5,646.00	\$ 3,577.00	\$ 2,069.00
YTD	\$ 82,665.85	\$ 82,271.00	\$ 394.85
School	\$ 510.00		

#### St. Francis of Assisi Collections (Envelopes: 65 of 257)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,466.00	\$ 4,096.00	\$ (630.00)
YTD	\$ 85,925.00	\$ 94,208.00	\$ (8,283.00)
STF	\$ 1,425.00		

## School News

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

**St. Norbert School**

- **December 19: Christmas Program** 7pm at Brussels American Legion. All are welcome!
- **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!! 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.
- **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

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

### 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

	<i>4:00 pm Dec 23 Kampsville</i>	<i>6:30pm Dec 23 Brussels</i>	<i>8:00am Dec 24 Meppen</i>	<i>9:30am Dec 24 Hardin</i>	<i>5:00pm Dec 24 Hardin NO MASS</i>
<b>Servers:</b>	Volunteers	Jasmine Ennis Drew Friedel Ellie Friedel	Cade, Kiera, & Mya Sievers	Volunteers	No Mass
<b>Lector:</b>	Jeanie Clendenny	Yvonne Nolte	Jim Twichell	Julie Godar	No Mass
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ralph Becker Devin Hayn	Don Moennig Cliff Nolte	Duane & Alex Sievers	Curt Peters Seth Peteres	No Mass
<b>Offertory:</b>		Loren Kulp Family	Volunteers	Mike Hagen, Jr. Family	No Mass
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers:</b>	Christine Schumann	Theresa Shulte	Kate Sievers	Patrick Simon	No Mass

**December 17, 2023**

**Third 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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