

Blessed Trinity Parish

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

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Mass Schedule/Intentions

This 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

Mon. 8:00 am Batchtown— Special Intention (C.P.)
9:30 am Hardin— Kim Bryant Hagen & Mitchell Holland
11:00 am Michael— Harry & Ronnie Vetter

Tues. 6:00 pm Meppen— Pauline Eschbach (Month's Mind)

Wed. 8:30 am Hardin— Violet Breden

Thu. 7:00 am Hardin— Gary Roundcount

9:30 am Nursing Home— For the People

Fri. 8:30 am Brussels— Ben, Ida & Tony Pluester

Sat. 8:00 am Batchtown— Ellen Klocke

4:00 pm Kampsville— Marvin & Violet Breden

6:30 pm Brussels— Henry & Mildred Schulte Family

Next Sunday, December 31

8:00 am Meppen— Tobias, Beatrice & Kenny Kamp

9:30 am Hardin—Mark Brangenberg

5:00 pm Hardin — For the People

6:30 pm Kampsville (Vigil of Holy Day)— For the People

Confessions

*Additional Advent Time

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

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

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

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

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

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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 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)(10)	Jim Hughart (3)
Mary Hoemmen (9)	Anna Mae Griffin (3)
Joan Kiel (9)	Lavonna Toppmeyer (2)
Lorraine Hillen (8)	Alice Winters (2)
Raymond Sievers (8)	Cindy Klunk (2)
Elda Hayn (8)	Stella Schultz (1)
Sandy Kulp (4)	

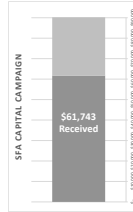
Looking Ahead

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Announcements

There will be a second special Diocesan collection at the Christmas masses, December 24-25, for the Catholic Children's Home.

St. Francis of Assisi will have a second collection this weekend, December 23-24 for the parish Capital Campaign. We will continue to do so weekly, unless there is another diocesan special collection. We have collected \$61,743 (69%) 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

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of December 24

- St. Barbara - Conrad & Bernadine Snyders
- St. Joseph - Edmund & Florence Friedel
- St. Mary (s) - Stuart Pohlman
- St. Mary (a) - Glenn & Margaret Pohlman
- St. Norbert - Curt, Eleanor & Doug Robeen



Bishop Paprocki issues statement on the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith's declaration on blessings

On Dec. 18, 2023, the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a declaration titled, "*Fiducia Supplicans*," On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois issued this statement in response:

"This document offers ministers of the Church instruction on how to offer blessings to those people who are in irregular relationships while avoiding any real or perceived intent to bless the irregular unions themselves. Regrettably, many media headlines regarding this document have been factually inaccurate and misleading. The document does not approve the blessing of same-sex unions and reinforces unchangeable Church teaching regarding marriage and sexuality. I encourage all those with questions to read the actual text of the document. I also join my brother bishops in our joint statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in noting that this declaration supports our efforts to accompany people through the imparting of pastoral blessings because each of us needs God's healing, love, and mercy in our lives."

December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28
 After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.



Stewardship of Treasure December 10, 2023

Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 93 of 355)

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 5,204.00	\$ 3,577.00	\$ 1,627.00
YTD	\$ 87,869.85	\$ 85,848.00	\$ 2,021.85
School	\$ 160.00		

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

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,706.00	\$ 4,096.00	\$ (390.00)
YTD	\$ 89,631.00	\$ 98,304.00	\$ (8,673.00)
STF	\$ 505.00		

School News

St. Mary School www.stmarysbrussels.org	St. Norbert School
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- Jan. 4—School Resumes
- Jan. 27—Catholic Schools Week Mass 6:30pm & Open House following at St. Mary School. All are Welcome!
- Jan. 29 - Feb 2—CSW Celebration
- Feb. 17 & 18—St. Mary School Annual Chicken Dinner & Auction
- A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported St. Mary's School Calendar Cash fundraiser. The winners were Douger Wilschetz: \$1000; Yvonne Macauley: \$500; and Cindy Heffington: \$250. The profit was \$10,528 and the Parent Club would like to wish all a blessed holiday season.
- 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. *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.

- 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. 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 30 Kampsville</i>	<i>6:30pm Dec 30 Brussels</i>	<i>8:00am Dec 31 Meppen</i>	<i>9:30am Dec 31 Hardin</i>	<i>5:00pm Dec 31 Hardin</i>
Servers:	Volunteers	Alayna Lockwood, Lacy & Riley Pohlman	Cheyenne & Dayton Brundies, Bryant Friedel	Volunteers	Volunteers
Lector:	Jeanie Clendenny	Mike Wrigley	Denise Bick	Carrie Baalman	Volunteer
Ushers:	Bill Klunk, Volunteer	Ed & Jeff Kiel	Rod Bick, Shawn Sievers	Joe Friedel, Caleb Goode	Volunteers
Offertory:		Willie Rose Family	Shawn Sievers Family	Garrett Hagen Family	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers:	Tom Droste	JoAnn Nolte	Chelsie Pluester	Bob Ellis	






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
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