

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

www.sfacalhoun.com

Mass Schedule/Intentions

This Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Meppen— Young Families of our Parish

9:30 am Hardin— Raphael Behrens Family

5:00 pm Hardin — For the People

Mon. 7:00 am Hardin— For the People

Tues. 6:00 pm Meppen— Angela Kiel Willoughby

Wed. 8:30 am Hardin— Violet Breden

Thu. 7:00 am Hardin— For the People

9:30 am Nursing Home— For the People

Fri. 8:30 am Brussels— Virginia Murphy

Sat. 8:00 am Batchtown— Alvie & Sabina Klaas Family

4:00 pm Kampsville— Bill Hurley

6:30 pm Brussels— Aloys & Bob Fuhler

Next Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Meppen— Eddie Hillen

9:30 am Hardin— Deceased Priests of the Diocese

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

Sunday	7:30-7:45 AM	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	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.

Michelle Eberlin (Quincy)(12)	Jim Hughart (5)
Mary Hoemmen (11)	Anna Mae Griffin (5)
Joan Kiel (11)	Lavonna Toppmeyer (4)
Lorraine Hillen (10)	Alice Winters (4)
Raymond Sievers (10)	Cindy Klunk (4)
Elda Hayn (10)	Stella Schultz (3)
Sandy Kulp (6)	

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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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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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

Jan 27— SMS CSW Mass & Open House

Jan 29—Feb 2— Catholic Schools Week

Feb 3— BT & SFA Confirmation Retreat at Meppen Hall

Feb 4— SNS CSW Mass and Pancake/Sausage Breakfast

Feb 17-18— SMS Chicken Dinner & Auction

March 2— First Communion & Confirmation

March 23— SFA Dinner Auction

Announcements

There will be a second special diocese collection next weekend, January 13-14, for the Catholic Times.

St. Anselm Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 6pm and will be cleaning the hall.

BT Pastoral Council will meet January 9 at 7pm at St. Joseph's Hall.

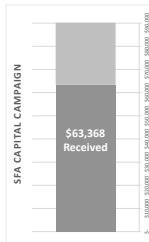
BT Finance Council will also meet on January 9 at 8pm at Meppen.

St. Barbara's Altar Society will *not* meet in January.

The SFA Dinner Auction will be on Saturday, March 23 at the KC Hall.

Thank You to the St. Anselm Altar Society and Cemetery Board for purchasing new tables for the St. Anselm Hall.

St. Francis of Assisi will have a second collection this weekend, January 6-7 for the parish Capital Campaign. We will continue to do so weekly, unless there is another diocesan special collection. We have collected \$63,368 (70%) of our \$90,000 goal. We urge your generosity as we strive to meet our goal.



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The votive intentions for the week of January 7
 St. Joseph - Edmund & Florence Friedel
 St. Mary (s)(a) - R.A. Behrens & Anna Funk

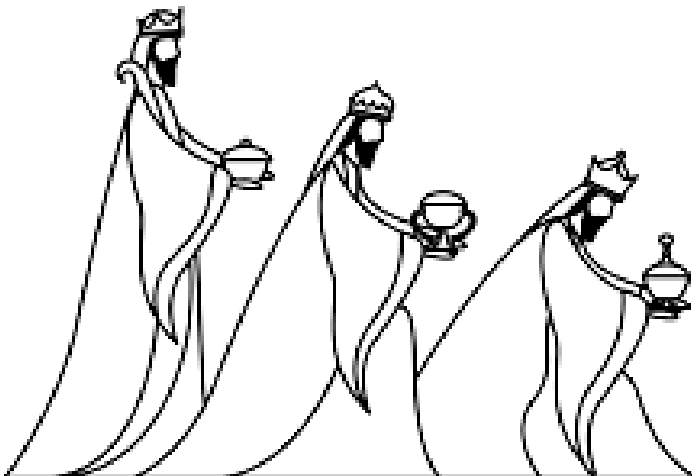


January 7, 2024

Epiphany of the Lord

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” – Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



Blessed Trinity Parish

Catholic Parishes of Calhoun County

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

My dear Friends in Christ, December, 2023
Catholic Times has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. That was apparent this past year with a special edition highlighting the rich history of our diocese when we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield and a special edition that captured the historical Eucharistic Congress in Springfield.

We were also given this powerful story this past year from one of our parishes. In one of their bible studies, the topic of Confession came up. Two women mentioned that they had went to Confession after many decades because of the encouragement found in 2021 special edition of *Catholic Times* that focused solely on the sacrament. They both said they had saved their copy because it was so good, helpful, and encouraging!

For another consecutive year, *Catholic Times* received a national award from the Catholic Media Association's national awards program. Also new this past year, *Catholic Times* launched a new website, dio.org/catholictimes that features podcasts, videos, articles, my column, and a better search tool. *Catholic Times* remains dedicated to helping Catholics better understand the Catholic faith through their Hey, Father! series, addressing complex issues in bioethics, and explaining the significance of sacraments. Feature reporting stands as a cornerstone of the magazine, spotlighting narratives of individuals, parishes, and schools actively contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God within our diocese. The magazine's steadfast commitment to local coverage ensures that each edition brings forth stories relevant to readers' lives, showcasing contributions from familiar faces, including both laity and clergy.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is one of the best ways I can speak about the issues we face as Catholics and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful. It is all these reasons why I believe *Catholic Times* should be available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. During the weekend of January 6/7, 2024, please encourage your parishioners to respond gratefully in support of this communication tool so we can ensure *Catholic Times* remains an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education, and inspiration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois / Publisher, *Catholic Times*

Stewardship of Treasure			
December 24, 2023			
Blessed Trinity Collections * (Envelopes: 134 of 355)			
	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 7,374.00	\$ 3,577.00	\$ 3,797.00
YTD	\$ 98,156.85	\$ 93,002.00	\$ 5,154.85
School	\$ 265.00		
St. Francis of Assisi Collections * (Envelopes: 130 of 257)			
	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 7,419.00	\$ 4,096.00	\$ 3,323.00
YTD	\$ 100,691.00	\$ 106,496.00	\$ (5,805.00)
STF	\$ 50.00		
* Includes Christmas			

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.”

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary School
www.stmarysbrussels.org

- 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

St. Norbert School

- Jan. 8— School Resumes; Picture Retake Day
- Jan. 15— No School (MLK Jr Day)
- Jan. 29—Feb. 2— Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 4— Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:30am
- Feb. 4— SNS Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and Book Fair

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

	4:00 pm Jan 13 Kampsville	6:30pm Jan 13 Brussels	8:00am Jan 14 Meppen	9:30am Jan 14 Hardin	5:00pm Jan 14 Hardin
Servers:	Volunteers	Bradley Bonner, Jayleigh Droege, Jasmine Ennis	Lacy & Riley Pohlman, Ryan Baalman	Volunteers	Volunteers
Lector:	Jeanie Clendenny	Scott Maag	Hayden Sievers	Julie Godar	Volunteer
Ushers:	Bill Klunk, Ralph Becker	Bill Held, Kevin Kinder	Wayne Baalman, Greg Pohlman	Joe Friedel, Caleb Goode	Volunteers
Offertory:		Andy Hartman Family	Volunteers	Eric Hagen Family	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers:	John Baltisberger	Theresa Schulte	JoAnn Kiel	Lisa Kallal	

2024 Memorial Association

Harry, Margaret, & Alfred Baalman
 Joe & Helen Baalman Family
 Mark B. Baalman
 Paul Baalman
 Lowell & Mary Bailey
 John, Elsie & Karen Baltisberger & Roy Jacobs
 Ralph & Opal Becker
 Henry & Rose M. Behrens
 Raphael Behrens Family
 Kenny Bick
 Leslie & Mary Breden
 Ray & Gertie Cappel
 Wm. & Mary Droege Family
 Ed & Emma Flanigan & Norbert Tepen
 Lawrence & Emma Flanigan
 Joe, Norma & Barney Fortschneider
 Craig Franke
 Joseph P. Friedel
 Paul, Eileen, Delbert & Vera Friedel
 Aloys & Robert Fuhler
 Henry & Dorothy Fuhler Family
 Cletus & Esther German Family
 Bill & Irene Godar Family
 Norbert & Mary J. Godar Family
 Paul & Theresa Godar Family
 Arthur (Bud) Gress
 Oscar F. Haug
 Melvin & Geneva Heffington
 Elmer & Miriam Held
 Pete, Dolores & Randy Hillen
 Joe & Sue Hurley Family
 Tobias, Jr., Beatrice & Kenny Kamp
 Sandy Kiel

James & Judy Kinder
 Leonard & Bernice Klocke Family
 Peter & Lillian Klunk Family
 Darren Kress
 Wilma Krysl & Barb VanDoren
 Paul, Lucille & Paula Lorschbach
 William F. Lorschbach Family
 Jim Macauley
 Everette, Martin, Marie & Leland Meyer
 Francis, Valeria & Gary Moses
 Orville Mueller
 Joe & Maymie Petrowski
 Bob & Lorraine Pohlman Family
 Albert & Dora Ringhausen Family
 James A. Ringhausen
 Louis & Eleanor Robeen
 Mary Carol Robeen
 Vince & Virginia Robeen
 Charles, David & Dan Rose & Eileen Reeves
 Bill & Edna Roth
 Raymond, Ruth & Tom Roth
 Jason, Louis & Laura Sage
 Alfred & Izella Schleeper
 Charles Schleeper
 Leo, Estelle, Leo B., Toby & Carol Schleeper
 Henry, Mildred, Bertha & John Schulte
 Megan Ann Sibley
 Stanley & Clara Sievers Family
 Raphael & Phyllis Snyders
 Vince, Agnes & Otto Snyders
 Jerome & Gene Stumpf
 Art & David Tepen
 Cletus & Jane Tepen

Elmer and Rosalie Tepen
 Steve & Herman Tepen
 Bill Titus
 Norman & Joyce Titus
 Rodney & Gus Wallendorf
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