Catholic Churches of Calhoun County

July 5, 2026--Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sunday, July 5
- 8:00 am Batchtown - Jon J. Kinder
- 9:30 am Hardin - Wilfred Godar
- 5:00 pm Hardin - For the People

Monday, July 6
- 7:00 am Hardin - Living & decd members of the August Simon Family

Tuesday, July 7
- 6:00 pm Meppen - David W. Johnson

Wednesday, July 8
- 8:30 am Hardin - Cindy Taylor (1 year anniversary)

Thursday, July 9
- 7:00 am Hardin -Amy Kress
- 9:30 am Nursing Home - For the People

Friday, July 10
- 8:30 am Brussels - Harry & Doris Tepen

Saturday, July 11
- 7:30 am Batchtown - Adoration & Benediction
- 8:00 am Batchtown - Leo Snyders, Jr.
- 4:00 pm Kampsville - Norbert Gotway, Jr.
- 6:30 pm Brussels - Henry & Mildred Schulte Family

Sunday, July 12
- 8:00 am Batchtown - John, Thelma, Dennis & Mary Lee Funk
- 9:30 am Hardin - Deceased Priests of the Diocese
- 5:00 pm Hardin - For the People

Confessions

		Batchtown
Sunday	7:30-7:45 am	Hardin
Monday	6:30-6:45 am	Meppen
Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm	Hardin
Wednesday	8:00-8:15 am	Hardin
Thursday	6:30-6:45 am	Brussels
Friday	8:00-8:15 am	Kampsville
Saturday	3:15-3:30 pm	Brussels

Looking Ahead

July 8 - Dumpling dough for St. Mary Picnic, 6pm
July 8 - BT PSR meeting at 6:30pm
July 8 - St. Joseph Picnic Committee @ 7pm
July 10-12 - Steubenville Youth Conference
July 18 - St. Anselm Meat Raffle drawing
July 25-26 - St. Barbara Picnic
August 1-2 - St. Joseph Picnic
August 8-9 - St. Mary Picnic

Blessed Trinity Parish

Phone 618-883-2400; St. Mary School 618-883-2124
P.O. Box 38, Brussels, IL 62013
Office Hours:Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8:30-3:00

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PSR Coordinator: **Tammy Franke**, 618-535-6099
Meets Wed. 6-7:15pm in Batchtown Sep.-Apr.
Eucharistic Adoration: **Lisa Vogel**, 618-535-8834
St. Barbara Church, Batchtown on Wed. & Thurs.
Finance Council: **JoAnn Kiel**; meets 2nd Tuesday @ 8pm
Pastoral Council: **Joyce Vogel**; meets 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm
St. Mary Advisory Board meets 4th Tuesday @ 7pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Phone 618-576-2628; St. Norbert School 618-576-2514
P.O. Box C, Hardin, IL 62047
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; 8:30-3:00
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Meets Wed. 5-6pm in school from Sep.-Apr.
Grief Support: **Angie Goode**, 618-576-2514
Meets on Mondays @ 6pm June-August in the school
Finance Council: **Brad Vacca**, 314-608-9302
Pastoral Council: **Dick Lieber**, 217-320-8792
Councils meet on the 3rd Tuesday, 7-9pm
St. Norbert Advisory Board meets 1st Tuesday @ 7pm

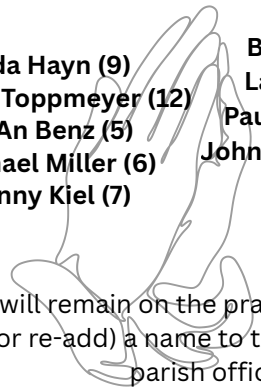
St. Vincent de Paul

618-576-2500 (Hardin pantry) 618-310-1141 (help line)
Donations accepted first four Tues., 9-11 each month
Pantry hours: first four Wednesdays, 10-4
President: Bernard Wallendorf: 618-535-1949

Pastor: **Rev. Don J. Roberts**
Rectory: 618-883-2309

Deacon: **Mike Hagen**
618-971-2391; mikehagen73@yahoo.com

Please pray for...



Elda Hayn (9)
Lavona Toppmeyer (12)
JoAn Benz (5)
Michael Miller (6)
Lenny Kiel (7)

Bishop Balke (11)
Larry Wieneke (8)
Paulette Hartman (7)
John & Luretta Meyer (7)
Dan Tepen (7)

Names will remain on the prayer list for 12 weeks. To add (or re-add) a name to this list contact either parish office.

Weekly Giving June 21, 2026

Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 64 of 355)			
	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	$ 2,778.00	$ 3,692.00	$ (914.00)
YTD	$ 190,938.55	$ 189,272.00	$ 1,666.55
School	$ -		
St. Francis of Assisi Collections (Envelopes: 49 of 316)			
	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	$ 2,885.00	$ 4,423.07	$ (1,538.07)
YTD	$ 199,202.34	$ 225,576.57	$ (26,374.23)
STF	$ 400.00		

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on July 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is $290 including meals. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

Liturgical Schedules--Weekend of July 11/12

4:00pm Kampsville
- servers--volunteers
- lector--Jean Clendenny
- ushers--Terry Hausmann, Ralph Becker
- ex. minister--John Baltisberger

6:30pm Brussels
- servers--Aubree & Kaylee Behrens, Bradley Bonner
- lector--Carole Hiatt
- ushers--Ron & Scott Maag
- offertory--Andy Hartman Family
- ex. minister--Rita Hagen

8:00am Batchtown
- servers--Riley Pohlman, Warner Pluester
- lector--Denise Bick
- ushers--Greg & Henry Barczewski
- ex. minister--Debbie Eilerman

9:30am Hardin
- servers--Chloe & Janie Hagen, Lahna Brady
- lector--Cindy Klocke
- ushers--Joe Friedel
- ex. minister--Bob Ellis

5:00pm Hardin
- servers--volunteers
- lector--Kathy Brackett
- offertory--volunteer

Sanctuary Lights--July 5

St. Mary (a) (s)--Spiritual well-being of our country and village

St. Mary School News

- SMS is in dire need of a part-time custodian. Please contact Becky Lorts at 618-883-2124 if you are interested.

Baptism

Baptisms may be celebrated after Mass any Sunday of the year and should occur within a month of birth. Prior to the birth, both parents must call 618-883-2400 to register and attend our Baptism program before the baptism. These are held every other month, with the next one on **Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 pm, St. Mary Hall.**

Annointing 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 offices.

Matrimony

Please contact the office at least 9 months prior to the anticipated date. One person in the couple must be a registered parishioner and a practicing Catholic.

Parish News

Father Roberts is holding a special PSR planning meeting July 8th at 6:30 PM at St. Barbara's for all Blessed Trinity parents who intend to enroll their children in PSR this Fall. He asks that you make every effort to attend and looks forward to seeing you there.

BT PSR is in need of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade catechists for the coming year. For more information about this ministry or to volunteer, please contact Tammy Franke at 618-535-6099.

SFA PSR is looking for catechists for 1st grade & 7th/8th grades. Please call the office if you feel a tug to work with our youth!

SFA Pastoral Council will not meet in July.

St. Norbert Altar Society will meet July 6 at 1pm; Janet Lorsbach is the hostess.

St. Barbara Altar Society will not meet in July.

St. Barbara Picnic News...

* Gift baskets are needed for the Basket Raffle. Please donate (3) $4.00 Bingo prizes, (3) $4.00 I-Dood-It prizes, and (5) items (baked goods that can tolerate heat, canned goods, vegetables) for the Country Store. Please drop off donations on the marked tables in the church basement.
* Please bring (1) dessert for the Saturday evening meal and (5) pies for the Sunday dinner.
* Monday, July 20 evening - begin set up of stands; Friday, July 24 4:00 p.m. - clean vegetables for turtle soup, set-up dining room; Saturday, July 25 8:00 a.m. - peel potatoes for Sunday dinner & put tarps on stands. Extra hands are always needed to stir turtle soup during the day, as well as for early morning prep at 5:00 a.m.; Sunday, July 26 5:30 p.m - clean up basement & inside picnic stands/grounds, and take tarps off of stands; Monday, July 27- clean up anything that remains & take down stands

St. Joseph Picnic--The committee meets July 8 @ 7pm. If anyone would like to donate a basket for the ticket drop baskets for St Joseph Picnic, it would be greatly appreciated.

St. Anselm Meat Raffle tickets may be purchased in the Hardin office or found in the back of church. The drawing will be July 18.

One day enrichment experience for married couples – ***Worldwide Marriage Encounter*** invites married couples to experience "God Chose You for Me," a one-day, seven-hour enrichment experience designed to strengthen your relationship and deepen your spiritual connection. Hosted by a priest or deacon, a married couple, and a surviving spouse, this inspiring program helps couples grow in unity through prayer, reflection, and meaningful conversation. The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026, at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in O'Fallon, IL, or Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in St. Charles, MO. The cost is $100 per couple, which includes lunch. To register or learn more, contact Eric and Terry Engholm at (931) 994-7882, email Eric.Terry.Engholm@wwme.org, or visit wwme.org.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." – Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Family Life is Messy Being a good parent starts with being a great spouse, but being a good parent or even a great spouse is hard, messy work. And we're not meant to do it alone! So find podcasts like "Fighting the Slow Drift in Marriage", courses like "Pizza and Parenting", blog articles like "How to Have a Conversation About Finances without Arguing", and guides like "Parenting as a Team" that can turn your messy family's journey into an adventure at **messyfamilyproject.org**. If you want to pray with your family, you need to play with them first. Questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 217-321-1124 or **gortiz@dio.org**.

New diocesan funeral policies effective July 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last year I had extensive discussions with our Presbyteral Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council about how to address some irregular practices that have crept into local funeral services. Following these discussions, over the past several months I have had a series of regional meetings throughout our diocese with local funeral directors and priests in our deaneries to go over the changes in our diocesan policies and procedures that will go into effect July 1, 2026, to ensure that Catholic funerals in our diocese will conform to the norms of the Catholic Church.

According to the Order of Christian Funerals, there are three parts for the Christian Funeral Rites: 1) the Vigil for the Deceased, which takes place the night before the Funeral Liturgy; 2) the Funeral Liturgy, which may be a Funeral Mass or a Funeral Liturgy outside Mass; and 3) the Rite of Committal. All three Stations of the Funeral Rites are intricately connected to each other and together form the whole Order of Christian Funerals.

One of the liturgical anomalies that has emerged over the past few years is the practice of having a visitation in the church immediately preceding the Funeral Mass. As of July 1, 2026, visitation will not be permitted in church on the day of the funeral liturgy. The vigil, by definition, is the night before, so the vigil prayers will be prayed then by the priest or deacon even if there is no public visitation. In such cases, it would be fitting at least for the immediate family members to join the priest or deacon in the vigil prayers. This does not mean that the family and friends of the deceased cannot gather at the funeral home prior to the Funeral Mass. In fact, the Order of Christian Funerals has a brief prayer service called Transfer of the Body to the Church or to the Place of Committal. Since a priest or deacon is not usually available at the funeral home to lead this prayer service immediately prior to the funeral liturgy in the church, these prayers at the funeral home may be offered by the funeral director, a member of the parish staff, or a relative or friend of the deceased. If the architecture of the parish church can accommodate this, the gathering for the transfer of the deceased into the church may take place in the narthex of the church. The casket with the body of the deceased or the urn with the cremated remains is then brought in procession into the church. If the gathering takes place in the funeral home, the procession will usually take place by motorcade with the remains of the deceased transported in a hearse. If the funeral home is nearby or the gathering is in the narthex of the church, the procession could be on foot. Either way, the symbolism of this procession of bringing the body of the deceased into the church is a reminder of when the deceased person first entered the church. Upon arrival at the church entrance, the casket or urn is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of the waters of baptism. The casket is then covered with a white pall or cloth as a reminder of the baptismal garment that symbolizes putting on the life of Christ.

Another problematic area that has crept into recent practice is with eulogies. The word “eulogy” in Greek literally means “good word,” thus a eulogy in the context of a funeral is speech or writing praising a person who has recently died. The Order of Christian Funerals permits in certain

circumstances “speaking in remembrance of the one who died,” but does not permit a eulogy during the funeral rites. What’s the difference?

To speak in remembrance of the deceased is to speak about the faith-life of the one who died and to give praise to God. A eulogy makes the person being praised the main focus of attention. The homily and the words of remembrance have God as the primary focus. In this regard, reference may be made to how the deceased person put his or her Christian faith into practice, which provides a good example for others to follow and gives hope for an eternal reward in Heaven.

Unfortunately, too often people speaking at the end of a Funeral Mass say things that are very inappropriate. Even if the remarks are suitable words of remembrance, family members are often overcome with grief and have a hard time getting through their remarks. To avoid either of these difficult situations, words of remembrance must be submitted for approval to the pastor of the parish at which the funeral rites are to take place at least three days prior to the funeral. Only the priest or deacon will then read the words of remembrance at any of the three stations of the funeral rites, namely, the Vigil, the Funeral Mass or Liturgy, or the Rite of Committal at the cemetery. If deemed appropriate by the family, words of remembrance or even a eulogy may be given by someone other than the priest or deacon in other gatherings, such as at the meal following the committal service. This should not, however, immediately precede or follow any of the Christian funeral rites.

Although the Catholic Church does not prohibit cremation unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine, such as denial of the resurrection of the body, the Church still earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed. When cremation does take place, however, all of the cremated remains of the deceased person’s body must be interred following the Rite of Committal. At no time and in no way shall the cremated remains be divided, separated, or interred in more than one place. Since the Rite of Committal is an essential component of Catholic Funeral Rites, our diocesan policy requires that interment of cremated remains should ordinarily take place within 30 days following the funeral rites.

Making funeral arrangements when a loved one has died is difficult while one is in the midst of grief. Our clergy, parish staff members, and local funeral directors are committed to providing caring and compassionate service that offers the consolation and support of the Christian community in carrying out the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead in a dignified and graceful manner.

May God give us this grace. Amen.

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

2026 Memorial Association

Albert, Vernie, & Ron Baalman
Harry, Margaret & Alfred Baalman
Joe & Helen Baalman Family
Paul Baalman
Lowell, Jim and Mary Bailey
Marguerite Baker
Ralph, Opal & Danny Becker
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Kenny Bick
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Cletus & Esther German Family
Bill & Irene Godar Family
Norbert & Mary J. Godar Family

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