



Catholic Churches of Calhoun County

August 23, 2026--Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sunday, August 23

- 8:00 am Batchtown - Pearl Snyders (1 yr. anniversary)
- 9:30 am Hardin - Jim Hughart
- 5:00 pm Hardin - For the People

Monday, August 24

- 7:00 am Hardin - For the People

Tuesday, August 25

- 6:00 pm Meppen - Ray, Dorothy & Dave Eberlin

Wednesday, August 26

- 8:30 am Hardin - Daniel Inlow

Thursday, August 27

- 7:00 am Hardin - For the People
- 9:30 am Nursing Home - For the People

Friday, August 28

- 8:30 am Brussels - Bob & Marie Held

Saturday, August 29

- 7:30 am Batchtown - Adoration & Benediction
- 8:00 am Batchtown - Kenny Bick
- 4:00 pm Kampsville - Millie & Ted Schumann
- 6:30 pm Brussels - Vera Vetter

Sunday, August 30

- 8:00 am Batchtown - Tony Sievers
- 9:30 am Hardin - Caroline Goode
- 5:00 pm Hardin - For the People

Confessions

Sunday	7:30-7:45 am	Batchtown
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

Looking Ahead

August 26--SM post-picnic committee mtg, 6:30, SM Hall

September 18--SFA Finance Council meets at 7pm; no PC meeting this month

September 24-27--Men's White House Retreat

September 26--Women's Prayer Breakfast in Meppen

October 8-11--Women's White House Retreat

October 18--SFA Church Dinner

Blessed Trinity Parish

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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

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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 (4) Chrissy Friedel (7)
 Lavona Toppmeyer (7) Mary Ann Bailey (3)
 JoAn Benz (12) Vernon Stumpf (7)
 Michael Miller (1) Barb Margherio (5)
 LeRoy Zimmerman (7) Roger Roades (2)
 Zella Blumenberg (2) Dan Tepen (2)
 Brian Hay (1) Pat Hoemmen (1)
 Tina Pluester (1)

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 August 9, 2026

Blessed Trinity Collections (Envelopes: 56 of 355)			
	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,399.00	\$ 3,846.00	\$ (447.00)
YTD	\$ 20,303.00	\$ 23,076.00	\$ (2,773.00)
School	\$ -		
St. Francis of Assisi Collections (Envelopes: 51 of 316)			
	Actual	Budget	Diff
Regular	\$ 3,173.00	\$ 4,454.00	\$ (1,281.00)
YTD	\$ 25,311.35	\$ 26,724.00	\$ (1,412.65)
STF*	\$ 840.00		

Theme for Twenty-First Sunday:

Jesus asked two questions: who do people say I am, and who do YOU say I am. The first has many answers. The second has only yours. Peter answered from revelation, not from reasoning, and on that answer the Church was built. Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom of God - how inscrutable his judgments, how unsearchable his ways. Let us come to this Mass ready to answer the second question.

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Liturgical Schedules--Weekend of August 29/30

4:00pm Kampsville

- servers--volunteers
- lector--Jean Clendenny
- ushers--Bill Klunk
- ex. minister--Christine Schumann

6:30pm Brussels

- servers--Lorelei & Ollie Hartman, Charlotte Rose
- lector--Judy Burch
- ushers--Jeff Schleeper & Bill Held
- Offertory--Jeff Schleeper Family
- ex. minister--Wayne Vogel

8:00am Batchtown

- servers--Jessa & Mya Sievers
- lector--Kim Eilerman
- ushers--Bernard & Vincent Johnes
- ex. minister--Debbie Eilerman

9:30am Hardin

- servers--Chloe & Janie Hagen, Lahna Brady
- lector--Volunteer
- ushers--Curt Peters & Seth Peters
- ex. minister--Bob Ellis

5:00pm Hardin

- servers--volunteers
- lector--Kathy Brackett
- offertory--volunteer

Sanctuary Lights--August 23

St. Mary (a)--Tony & Helen Schulte
 (s)--Greg Mossman



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, September 17 at 6:30 pm, St. Mary Hall.**

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 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

St. Norbert Altar Society will meet at 1pm on Tuesday, Sept. 1; Shirley will be the hostess.

Voting for St. Barbara's 2027/2028 picnic committee will be Sunday, September 6 at the 8:00 a.m. mass.

SFA needs someone to volunteer to take charge of coordinating for *carryouts* for the fall dinner. This will entail things like contacting people on the work list to make sure you will have the help you need, setting up your station, and reviewing the supply order in advance. Please call the office!

A HUGE THANK YOU to St. Mary's School teacher, Rachel Hartman, for the landscaping project she implemented through a \$500 grant from CHS Foundation/Co Bank National Agriculture in the Classroom, and \$200 from Calhoun County Soil and Water Conservation District to develop a pollinator garden. This project has enhanced the environment around the Blessed Trinity Office for butterflies and bees and will become part of science education. An additional Thank You goes to Joyce Vogel for her preparation work; Bill Held for his finish work; and Rachel's family for assisting her with the overall project. Take time to look at the new landscaping and garden!

Thank you to the family of Paulette Hartman for the \$500 donation to the BT Rebuilding Fund, \$1125 to St. Mary Cemetery, and \$3040 to St. Mary's School Memorial Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The board and volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank both parishes for ongoing support via special envelope collections.



St. Mary School News

- 1st Parent Club Meeting - Wed, Sept 2nd @ 6:30pm
- No School for Labor Day - Mon, Sept 7th
- SMS is in dire need of a part-time custodian. Please contact Becky Lorts at 618-883-2124 if you are interested.

St. Norbert School News

- Fri, 9/4 - Dress Down Day
- Mon, 9/7 - No School
- Th, 9/10 - S, 9/13 - SC Fair Stand
- Fri, 9/11 - Midterms
- Fri, 9/18 - Dress Down Day
- LATCHKEY will begin after Labor Day along with Morning Tutoring.

Around the Diocese & St. Louis

Marriage on Tap STL – Join us on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6 p.m. for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Syberg's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Our guest speaker will be Father Paul Hoelsing, President Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Fr. Hoelsing's presentation is entitled, "Lifting Each Other up Before God in Spousal Prayer." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$70 per couple/\$35 per person. Cash bar will be available. The deadline to register is September 11, 2026. For more information, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com

Are you seriously dating? Next Step is an 8-session program for seriously dating couples who want to discern whether they are called to marriage. It can be completed online as a couple or live in a parish where a married couple will facilitate discussion at tables of four seriously dating couples. You will not be asked to share personal information with the group but only with each other. To learn more, visit discerningmarriage.com or contact Gracie at the Office of Marriage and Family Life at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124.

On October 4 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Oct 4 Mass. The deadline to register is September 21st. The reception will showcase all photos submitted in the last two years. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

Military and BLUE MASS

Twenty Fifth Anniversary of 9/11
Blue Mass to honor all present and past military and first responders including law enforcement officers, paramedics, firefighters and military
Open to parishioners, community members, first responders and military regardless of your faith tradition.
You are encouraged to wear your uniforms.

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Ss Peter and Paul Parish
717 State Street Alton, Illinois

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
Pere Marquette Assembly 203

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" – Romans 11:35
St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything – He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.





Community Newsletter 2026

Supporting Mothers • Protecting Life • Building Hope

Our Mission

The mission of Calhoun for Life is to defend and protect unborn human life by supporting pregnant women at risk of abortion and by influencing public opinion in favor of the pro-life cause by means of prayer, persuasion and education.

Through community partnerships, donations, and volunteer efforts, we continue to make a positive impact on families throughout our region.

We are grateful to all who support our mission, provide hope, encouragement, and practical assistance to mothers and their babies.

Making a Difference

Donation to **Hope House of Quincy** - Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Calhoun for Life proudly donated **\$5,000** this year!



Hope House provides housing and support for mothers in West Central Illinois who choose life for their babies, helping them build stable and successful futures for themselves and their children.

Save the Date!

- **Calhoun County Fair – September 10th-13th:**
Enter to win a FREE iPad this year at our stand in the Kmar building or follow the link to enter electronically on our Facebook page Calhoun for Life - <http://facebook.com/CalhounForLife>
- **Walk for Life - September 27th, 2026:**
Join us as we celebrate life, raise awareness, and bring our community together in support of mothers and babies. Watch for registration details and sponsorship opportunities coming soon!
- **Annual Quarter Auction - April 2027:**
Our Annual Quarter Auction continues to be one of our most anticipated fundraisers of the year. Bring your friends and family for an evening of fun, prizes, and support for a great cause.

Get Involved

Calhoun For Life is always looking for compassionate individuals who want to make a difference.

If you feel called to support mothers, babies, and families in our community, we encourage you to reach out and learn more about serving Calhoun for Life! Please contact our President Dick Lieber at 217-320-8792.

Currently Seeking:

- ✓ New Members
- ✓ Volunteers
- ✓ Event Sponsors
- ✓ Community Advocates
- ✓ Board Members

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteer hours, donations, and encouragement make our work possible.

Together, we are creating a community where mothers are supported, babies are welcomed, and families are empowered to thrive.

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