

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Handbook 2020

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Mass Schedule:

St. Anselm, Kampsville Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (September through May)

St. Michael, Michael Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (June through August)

St. Norbert, Hardin
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass
Thursday, 7:00 a.m.

Calhoun Care Center, Hardin Thursday, 10:15 a.m.

Leadership Councils

Finance Council:

Brad Vacca (Chairperson)
Nick Adams
Bob Ellis
Mary Gilman
William Klunk
Carrie Baalman
Richard Lieber
Chasity Wickenhauser

Pastoral Council:

Dick Lieber (Chairperson)
Tom Droste
Kari Fraley
Sara Lorsbach Hillen
Patrick Simon
Terry Vacca
Brad Vacca
Nick Adams

St. Norbert School Board of Education:

Gwen Burch
Danielle Hurley
Tricia Margherio
Brittany Peters
Chasity Wickenhauser
Josh Zipprich

Important Dates to Remember

Our parish has one family style fall dinner and one spring dinner auction each year. Parishioners can help in a variety of ways! You can join the dinner or auction committees to help in the organization of the events. Most parishioners work at the events preparing, carrying or serving food, or gathering donations in advance. We are always looking for items to be placed on the fall dinner raffle, as well! Please contact the parish office, 576-2628 to sign up!

Fall Dinner: 3rd Sunday in October
Spring Auction: late February or early March (near Mardi Gras)

Youth Catholic Education

St. Norbert School (SNS)

Our goal is "Building a Brighter Future by Shaping Religious and Moral Values in Children Today". SNS offers catholic elementary education grades Kindergarten - 8th to the children in our communities. In addition, we offer SNS Children's House of Montessori preschool for children ages 2-5. These years of spiritual and moral environment will benefit your child for years to come.

Our Mission Statement:

- Service to others is a vital goal of Catholic education.
- Christian community where human knowledge is enlightened by Faith.
- Catholic education should provide a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.
- Education should develop sound Christian values.
- Education shall be involved with the development of the whole child.
- Every child is a unique individual.
- Education should provide a foundation for continued learning and future growth.
- Understanding and participation in liturgy and worship is at the heart of Catholic education.

Our Staff: Angie Goode, Principal
Racheal Baalman-Friedel
Cindy Klocke
Brandi Wieneke
Monica Squier
Sarah Sabol
Tammy Gansz

With inquiries or to enroll your child, please contact Angie Goode at the campus, 618-576-2514, or in the evening at 618-410-9152. You may also contact Angie Goode by email at agoode@sns wolves.com .

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR provides quality faith formation for public school students of the parish. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings (September through May) at St. Norbert School, 6-7:15pm. The PSR program is always looking for volunteer catechists to teach the students. If you do not send your child to SNS, please consider this alternative religious education our parish provides.

Our PSR Catechists:

Coordinator	
Grade 1	Kim Bailey/Cailin Davis
Grade 2	Terry Vacca/Ruth Johnson
Grade 3	Terry Vacca/Ruth Johnson
Grade 4	Jamie Bailey/Emily Kallal
Grade 5	Amanda Gress/Amy Robeen
Grade 6	Terese Gerson

With inquiries or to enroll your child, please contact the parish office at 618-576-2628.

Youth Ministry

Many of you have expressed the need for youth formation for the high school students in our parishes. Please contact Lisa Vogel at 618-883-2200.

Sacramental Preparation Programs

RCIA/Inquiry: *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* and *Inquiry* are programs designed for those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Sessions are held on Thursday evenings. Contact the office at 576-2628.

Baptism: Parents wishing to have a child baptized are required to be registered members of the parish and participate in a preparation program prior to the Baptism. Contact the office at 576-2628.

Reconciliation/Confirmation/First Communion: usually received during a child's 2nd or 3rd grade school year. Our diocese follows the Restored Order of the sacraments. Students are prepared through St. Norbert School or PSR. Please contact the office at 618-576-2628.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in the Church must contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the proposed date and attend a Pre-Cana. Contact the office at 576-2628. Registration for Pre-Cana may be completed at www.dio.org/familylife/marriage-preparation.html.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Contact our parish Office, 576-2628, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or to be placed on the Communion Call list.

Spiritual Ministries

Adult Enrichment: generates and plans for ongoing adult education and enrichment for our parishes. To be involved, contact the office.

Art & Environment: plans and creates the décor of the church for the various liturgical seasons. If interested the parish office at 618-576-2628.

Baptismal Preparation: hosts and presents baptismal preparation sessions for the couples wanting to have a child baptized in our parishes. For information, contact the office, 576-2628.

Blessed Adoration*: held Wednesdays and Thursdays at St. Barbara's Church in Batchtown. Mass and benediction is on Saturday beginning at 7:30am. Please contact Lisa Vogel for more information or to fill an opening, 883-2200.

Cantor: works with the organist to lead the congregation in sung prayer during Mass. You may contact our parish office, 576-2628.

Catechist: shares faith with children, youth or adults in the ministry of PSR, youth groups or RCIA. If interested, contact the office.

Child Enrichment Program: not available at this time.

Choir: consists of an adult a children's choir.

The *adult choir* sings the 3rd Sunday of each month, many Church holidays and at most funerals. For more information, please contact the office, 576-2628.

The *children's choir* sings at St. Norbert's the 4th Sunday of each month (this includes all children 1st-8th grade in our parishes). SNS students prepare throughout the school year.

Cursillo in Christianity: provides a living understanding of basic Christian truths and a renewal in the Church, concentrating closely on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Weekends are offered six times during the year. Area representatives are Tim and Maria Carmody, 858 French Hollow Rd., Hardin, IL 62047, 618-576-2662. Information and forms can also be found at www.quincycursillo.com.

Extraordinary Minister: assists the priest in distribution of the Eucharist at all Sunday Masses. Contact the office at 618-576-2628 if you would like to be involved with this ministry.

Extraordinary Minister to Sick and Homebound: brings the Eucharist to the sick or homebound after a regularly scheduled mass. Please contact the office if you would like to participate in the ministry or if you wish to receive the Eucharist.

Gift Bearers: bring the gifts of bread and wine up to the altar during the Offertory of the Mass. This simple, yet meaningful ministry is open to single people, couples and families. Contact the office at 618-576-2628.

Greeters: ministers of hospitality for the parish. Our greeters stand at the church doors to welcome those attending liturgy (arrive 20 minutes prior to mass). Contact the office to be added to the rotation.

Lectors: proclaims the Word of God for the parish liturgies and leads the congregation in prayer during the general intercessions. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Living in Love: provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect and gain a renewed sense of purpose, hope and direction for their future. Weekend renewals begin at 9AM on Saturday and end at 3PM on Sunday. Visit www.dio.org/familylife/marriage-enrichment.html for more information.

Marriage Preparation (Pre Cana): hosts and presents marriage preparation sessions for the couples wanting to be married in our parishes. For information, couples need to first register at www.dio.org, then select a PreCana that works best.

Men's Prayer Group: meets Saturday's at 6 a.m. in the parish office. If interested, contact Deacon Mike Hagen at 576-8009.

Nursing Home Visitors: spends time visiting residents at Calhoun Care Center. This can include participating in activities such as Bingo and praying the rosary. Contact Marian Hagen, 576-8009, if interested in participating.

Organist: provides organ music for Mass and other parish services. The organist works with the cantor or choir in leading the congregation in sung prayer. We are always in need of additional help with this ministry! Please call the Blessed Trinity office and speak to Sarah Kinder at 618-883-2400.

Parish Retreat: A Catholic renewal weekend (Koinonia) within our own community held in March annually in Meppen at St. Joseph's. Participants return to their own home each evening. Contact Deacon Mike Hagen, 576-8009.

Calhoun for Life:

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): members journey with those interested in joining the Catholic Church, offering love, prayers and support. To assist in this ministry or to enroll in the program, please contact our parish office, 576-2628.

Scripture Study: Individuals meet in small group sessions to share the Word of God. For more information, please contact Deacon Mike Hagen, 576-8009.

Sacristans: Adults who help ready the various vessels and articles before and after Mass. Contact the office, 576-2628.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ): an opportunity for a special time in a young person's life. At TEC you can experience you are not alone at the "in-between" time of moving into adult life. In the three day weekend of TEC, you can experience being part of a vibrant, loving and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. For more information regarding TEC, visit their website at www.greatrivertec.org.

Usher: seats people at Mass and assists with the collection on Sundays and Holy Days. If interested, contact the office at 618-576-2628.

Women's Prayer Group: Participants are needed. Call the office if you need help getting a group started!

Parish Support Ministries

Altar Linens/Vestments (Laundering): Help is needed to launder and iron the purificators, corporals and hand towels used during Mass. Vestments must be cleaned periodically. Contact Jan Lorsbach, 576-9368.

Craft Ladies: The ladies make quilts for church raffles as well as various items for the craft shop. Contact Ruth Johnson at 576-8080.

Funeral Hospitality: Traditionally part of the Altar Society, this group provides a lunch after the funeral service for bereaved families of our parish. Contact Marian Hagen at 576-8009 or the parish office at 576-2628.

Parish Library: located in the vestibule in St. Norbert Church. The library is on the honor system. For more information, contact Maria Carmody, 576-2662.

Rides to Church: contact Marian Hagen, 576-8009.

School Volunteers: to donate your time and energy to office work, library work, bus duty, cleaning, general maintenance, etc. through St. Norbert School, you may contact Angie Goode at the campus, 576-2514.

SCRIP Program: Help support SNS by purchasing prepaid gift cards for America's favorite and most trusted retailers and restaurants. A portion of each sale goes directly to support our parish school. For more information, contact Angie Goode at agoode@snsolves.com or 576-2514. A list of participating businesses is listed online at the Great Lakes Script Center.

Supporting Organizations

Altar Society: is open to all women of the parishes and supports the parish through prayer and by supplying all altar and sanctuary needs (altar bread, wine, linens, etc.). St. Norbert Altar Society serves funeral dinners upon request. We are looking for someone to chair this ministry and set regular meetings. For funeral dinner requests, please call Marian Hagen, 576-8009, or the office at 576-2628.

Knights of Columbus: Council 4417 was established in 1958. The Knight's meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the KC Hall just south of Hardin.

The Knight's sponsor many wonderful things for our community throughout the year. Activities include Christmas baskets made for the needy, Santa Claus comes to the K.C. Hall to meet our youngsters, Tootsie Roll drives for the developmentally disabled, an Easter Egg hunt, an annual American Red Cross blood drive, Bingo every week on Tuesday evenings and much more. The facility provides a kitchen, reception area and bar for the people in our community to be used for weddings and other celebrations. There is also a ballpark adjoining the K.C. Hall providing hours of entertainment and fun! For more information or to join the KC's, contact the Grand Knight, Shad Burris, 576-_____.

St. Norbert School Support Club: supports our Catholic grade school in many endeavors through various fundraising events. The Support Club meets periodically at St. Norbert School. For information or donations, contact Rhonda Squier, 576-9468.

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours): is a *fun* and *energetic* parish based summer catechetical program for grade school age children and for junior high and high school youth. Totus Tuus gathers together college students and seminarians onto teams of four and sends them out to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in various parishes throughout the diocese. The team serves for a summer week in each parish by putting on a program that runs from Sunday-Thursday from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM for junior high and high school youth. A grade school program (grades 1-6) runs Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM. Please contact Terry Vacca at 618-534-2748 or Bob Ellis at 618-576-9346.

HELP! Ministry Wish List

Bereavement/Consolation Ministry: offers pastoral and spiritual support to the bereaved, care givers and the congregation through education, counseling and other resources. A chairperson is needed.

Card Ministry: This group sends cards to those in need. Volunteers are needed.

Hospitality: coordinates refreshments for important parish functions such as the Confirmation reception. A chairperson and volunteers are needed for this ministry.

Building and Maintenance Committee: The committee that looks at the parish physical buildings and sees what repairs, maintenance and improvements need to be done. A chairperson and volunteers are needed for this committee.

Communicating through Technology: Responsible for creating and maintaining a Web Site and Facebook presence for our parish. A volunteer is needed for this ministry.

General Maintenance: Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing and other skills for various projects at the church and school. To donate some time to our parish, contact our parish office, 576-2628.

Landscaping: assist with the general upkeep of the flowers and shrubs on parish property. A chairperson and volunteers are needed desperately for this ministry!

Meals in an Emergency: A coordinator is needed for this ministry.

Wedding Cleanup: We need someone to assume this responsibility. Please contact our parish office, 576-2628.

Welcome Newcomers: distributes welcome packet including this directory, a recent church bulletin, etc. to any new parishioner. A coordinator and volunteers are needed.