

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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January 1, 2012
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 02	7:30am	NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 03	7:30am	NO MASS
Wed. Jan. 04	7:30am	NO MASS
Thu. Jan. 05	7:30am	NO MASS
Fri. Jan. 06	7:30am	NO MASS
Sat. Jan. 07	7:30pm	Deacon John P. "Jack" Dilley [Catholic Holy Family Council #6]
Sun. Jan. 08 The Epiphany of the Lord	7:30am	Andrew & Bernadine Markus [66 th Wedding Anniversary]
	9:30am	Jerry Lampe Martin Voss

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

[Advise Us If Your Name Can Be Removed from the List.]

Mary Feldmann	Shirley Frey	Jenny Gallo
Loretta Haselhorst	Veronica Kleffner	Diana Koch
Jenny Lueke	Andy Mank	Laurie Netemeyer
Margie Ottensmeier	Paula Ottensmeier	Margie Pollmann
Butch Richter	Dick Richter	Earl Strieker
Bertha Thole	Florence Thole	Calvin Viner
Joetta VonHatten	Rick Wessel	Vince Wesselmann
Fr. Lou Koehr		

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday Evening 6:45 - 7:15pm or by appointment

DECEMBER 31st & JANUARY 1, 2012 – SERVERS

Sat. 7:30 p.m. -Janelle Huelsmann, Dylan & Mitchell Sudholt
 Sun. 7:30 a.m. -Trent Holtgrave, Hannah Schmitz, Ethan Winkeler
 9:30 a.m. -Lindsey Ess, Andrew Hage, Caleb Horstmann,
 Calvin Rakers, Kinsey Stockmann

JANUARY 7th & 8th 2012 – SERVERS

Sat. 7:30 p.m. -Lindsey Goestenkors, Madeline Frohn,
 Kelsie Henderson
 Sun. 7:30 a.m. -Trent McPherson, Ryan Kuper, Jake Wieter
 9:30 a.m. -Logan & Abby Braundmeier, Larissa Peters,
 Dylan & Noah Hollenkamp

(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)



WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Evening at 7:10pm (before mass)
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am (before mass)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Jan. 01 - -NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
 -HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Mon. Jan. 02 - -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED!!
 - 7:30pm -RCIA @ St. Anthony's Beckemeyer
Tue. Jan. 03 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm -Yesterday Kids @ Parish Ctr.
Wed. Jan. 04 - 12Noon - 5:00pm -Quilt Tops in Heritage Room
Fri. Jan. 06 - -First Friday Calls
Sat. Jan. 07 - 9:00am -Boy Scout Aluminum Drive
Sun. Jan. 08 - 12Noon - 5:00pm -Quilt Tops in Heritage Room

PASTOR'S NOTE: I will be attending the Diocesan Priest Retreat at Kings House this week. Please keep me and our Diocesan Priests in your prayers. Our Diocese currently has only 20 native priests below the age of retirement. All the rest are over 66 years old or are international priests on loan to the diocese. Pray for vocations from the young men of our diocese. We desperately need vocations to the diocesan priesthood!

Today we reflect on a mother who is facing her own fears and doubts about parenthood. As we celebrate the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, we are called to reflect on our memories and realize the presence of God in the many ordinary events and everyday exchanges of our lives. In the midst of our own fears and suspicions, in our paranoia and misunderstandings, in our feelings of love and loss, God is there. In this New Year, let your memories become a form of prayer in which we come to realize that Christ's touch appears in all our days and nights. Allow those moments to transform us, treasuring the presence of God in our life.

On Saturday, January 7th, we commemorate the arrival of the three kings at the crib of Jesus, the Epiphany. Like St. Nicholas, this is a traditional feast of gift giving. As we try to build stronger families during the Christmas Season, and make New Year Resolutions, what gift can you give to your family and/or to the individuals within it? Perhaps all of us, young and old, could give the gift of spending more quality time at home with family members.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for the month of **January 2012** is available in the Sacristy or on the parish web page. [If you are unable to serve at the assigned time, please get a sub!]

GREETERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7TH & 8TH 2012

Sat. Jan. 07	- 7:30pm	-Chuck & Aggie Strieker
Sun. Jan. 08	- 7:30am	-Ken & Ann Faust
	- 9:30am	-Donna & Sue Lohman



IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: *This weekend*, there will be a second collection for the “*Parish Improvement Fund*” which is used for major repairs on the church, etc.

LADIES SODALITY AFTER-CHRISTMAS PARTY!: All ladies of the parish are invited to our “*After Christmas Party*” on Sun., Jan. 15th in the Heritage Room. **Punch & coffee will be served at 5:00pm and dinner at 5:30pm.** Meat will be provided!



Please bring a dish: Last Name with A-M bring vegetable or salad; N-Z bring dessert! Santa is making a list and checking it twice and will make a special appearance in the New Year! Call Marge Thole (Santa’s helper) at 228-7842 to make reservations so we know how much meat/punch to provide! *Merry Christmas!!*

2012 QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS are available at all church entrances. **SELL, SELL, SELL!!**

2012 PICNIC QUILTS: It’s time to start making quilt tops and quilts for the annual church picnic! We will piece tops using ***STITCHED BLOCKS*** on Wed., Jan. 4th from 12Noon until 5:00pm and again on Sun., Jan. 8th from 12Noon until 5:00pm. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** – We need people to cut material, sew, iron and even sometimes to rip. It’s fun, free and you get to see the completed quilt at the picnic. If you have any questions, call Kathy Barkman at 228-7751.



QUILTING at the Parish Center the week of January 9 -13, 2012 from 12Noon until 9:00pm.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline (800-640-3044).

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST: Belleville Diocesan TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. ***The next TEC weekend is at St. John the Baptist in Red Bud, January 14 - 16, 2012.*** We are offering a buy one get one ½ price deal so bring a friend with you. Applications must be sent together to get the deal. Applications, visit www.bellevilletec.catholicweb.com. St. Francis Parish offers participants a partial refund of the registration fee for those who attend from our parish.



2012 BLACK TIE & TALENT SHOW will be held on Sat., Jan. 14, 2012 at 5:00pm at Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent & glamour contest where we give away over \$8,000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets are \$40 each includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Call Jim Kues (228-7008) or Craig Timmermann (830-7737) for tickets or entry info.



CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
Wed. Jan. 04 - 7:30pm -PAWS Meeting

FISH FRY:
Fri. Jan. 6th - 4:30pm-7:00pm -*Fish Fry* at the Aviston Legion

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST on Sun., Jan. 8th at Corpus Christi, Shiloh, IL. Serving from 8:00am – 10:30am.

BINGO SPECIAL: Wed., Jan. 4th at 7:30pm at the KC Hall in Highland, IL. 1st Game Card Extra – Payout \$200.

MARCH FOR LIFE in WASHINGTON, D.C. on Mon., Jan. 23, 2012! Join the pilgrimage to Washington DC where hundreds of thousands from throughout the nation will gather to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life, with special attention for the unborn. A bus will be traveling to DC from Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. Departing on Sun., Jan. 22nd and returning Tue., Jan. 24th. To register contact Doug Luge (618) 476-9505 or jdlugge@wisperhome.com.

On behalf of the staff and the families that we serve, the Department of Children & Family Services Carlyle Field Office would like to ***thank*** the members of St. Francis Parish for your generous donation of gifts for the children and their families. It is especially helpful during these tough economic times and we are grateful for your support. ***We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***
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Carlyle Field Office Staff



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of our parish is to be a community that believes and proclaims the powerful and loving presence of Jesus Christ and extends His love to others. We are called and sent to instill the ideas of Christianity in our children by word and example; to preserve the deep rooted faith established by our ancestors; and not to dwell on our mistakes, but rather learn from them and move forward people of faith.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

