

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

January 3, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 04		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 05	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Wed. Jan. 06	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. Jan. 07	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Fri. Jan. 08	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Sat. Jan. 09		NO MASS
Sun. Jan. 10	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
	9:30am	George Hollenkamp Anthony & Brian Strieker (also Live-streamed)

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 24th, 25th & 27th:

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,100.00
Loose:	\$ 441.00
Improvement:	\$ 1,200.00
Retired Religious:	\$ 100.00
Christmas for the Needy:	\$ 1,492.00
Christmas Offering:	\$ 7,818.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,314.25
Improvement:	\$ 70.00
Christmas for the Needy:	\$ 160.00
Christmas Offering:	\$ 630.00



SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser
Charlene Erlinger	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Fr. Gary Gummshheimer	Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper
Jerry Imming	Jim Markus	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer	Brenda Nobles
David & Linda Nobles	Bernice Poettker	Maren Poettker
Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann
Mary Strieker	RaeAnne Toennies	Betty Usselman
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Pauline Wilke
Jeanette Wolters		

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

SUNDAY MASSES: Advance reservation is required by *each individual household* (indicate # attending) to ensure you will be able to attend! Seating will be assigned. Masks, social distancing, etc. are required! **Occupancy is limited to 100.** *Cancel or change your reservation if your plans change!* Make reservations on www.stfrancisav.org or www.facebook.com page by clicking on the registration link to reach our www.signupgenius.com link. **Be sure to indicate the number of people in your household that will attending.** For assistance or if you do not have access call (618) 228-7219.

PASTORS NOTE: Life is filled with all kinds of “epiphanies” of finding God in our own life’s, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The understanding and support of family and friends, the wisdom and insight of the prophets of justice and peace in our lives, the forgiveness and mercy we enable and accept are all “stars” God illuminates in our skies to discover his loving presence in our lives. The gifts of the Magi are Gospels unto themselves; gold, the precious basis of the world’s economies; frankincense, the fragrant resin burned in the temple as an offering for prayer; myrrh, the expensive plant extract used as medicine and the embalming of royalty. The magi’s gifts honor child who is himself a gift from the God whose love is beyond our comprehension. We can give these same gifts in our own of generosity, in our offerings of prayer and support, in the compassion and care we extend to others. In giving them to others we offer them to God continuing the gifts of the magi.

VOCATION CORNER

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

An opportunity for young men and their parents to meet Bishop McGovern and priests in the diocese to enjoy a meal, pray, discuss priestly vocations and whatever else is on your mind!

January 31st | 4 p.m.

The Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville



For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Nicholas Junker
618-722-5035 | njunker08@hotmail.com

BISHOP MCGOVERN invites everyone in the diocese to follow him and share his pages.



The bishop’s Facebook address is:

www.facebook.com/BishopMichaelMcGovern

The bishop’s Instagram page is:

www.instagram.com/bishopmichaelmcgovern/

The bishop’s YouTube page address is:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCXgMqXBYIM4r0_AbDQH2_8A

GREETERS SCHEDULE for 9:30AM MASS

Jan. 3 - Diane Maue and Theresa Richards
Jan. 10 - Connie Robben and Donna Peek
Jan. 17 - Duane and Lisa Niemeyer
Jan. 25 - Dennis and Joanna Rakers
Jan. 31 - Diane Maue and Theresa Richards

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS



St. Francis Parish is happy to announce that scholarships are available for high school seniors enrolling as full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education (College, Vocational or Technical). The funds have been made available via the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Trusts for higher education scholarships and are awarded in their memory. Scholarships are intended to benefit students in "financial limbo". By this we mean students whose families have mid-level incomes and thus earn too little to pay for college outright, but earn too much to qualify for need-based grants or scholarships. Amounts are variable, but a scholarship of \$2,000 is not an unreasonable expectation. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Are you up for the challenge? Find more information and application forms on the parish web site at <http://www.stfrancisav.org/>

Click on "YOUTH".

Deadline is March 1, 2021.

AVISTON LEGION NEWS:

Need help with your future? Aviston American Legion Auxiliary is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2021.**



\$1,000 for Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239. **\$1,000** for an individual living within the 62216 zip code area. Look for details and

an application at: www.avistonlegion.com or pick-up the details and application at the Aviston Legion during open hours. **You may apply for both scholarships if applicable.**

Deadline: April 1, 2021.

CITIZEN'S FOR AVISTON NEWS:

****SAVE THE DATE** The 50th Annual Citizens for Aviston**



Dance will be held on **February 13th, 2021!** A \$70 ticket includes monthly drawings from October 15th through February 13th, dinner for two, free beer and soda all evening, music from *Hair Syndicate*, lots of fun, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. It's the cheapest night out you will ever have, plus so many chances to win. Only 500 tickets are sold, get yours before they are gone! You do not need to be present to win any of the drawings and your name is thrown back in each month. 100% of the profits are spent on park improvements!

December Drawing Winners (\$70/each):

Kristi & Larry Hilmes, John & Angie Schlimme, Behrmann Meat & Processing, Matt & Mary Rakers

Call Kim (Kurt) Rakers (604-6100), Anna (Chad) Kuhn (304-7725), Karrie (Mark) Rakers (420-0330), Stephanie (Troy) Pingsterhaus (210-5558), Tracy (Deej) Session (972-0854) or Julie (Brandon) Wade (616-4633) if you would like to purchase a ticket.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY:

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Copartners in the Promise. The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?

Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?

What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?

LEGION NEWS- AVISTON:

Mon. Jan. 4 - 2:00pm - 7:00pm - Blood Drive

Fri. Jan. 8 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

RESPECT LIFE CORNER--"Then you shall be radiant at what you



see, your heart shall throb and overflow." Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. In the first reading from Isaiah, the glory of God calls all people from all places to Jerusalem to seek the

Christ Child. The Magi were Gentiles from the East in search of the Good News. They found it in the humble manger and carried the special message of love and salvation back to their homelands, careful not to see Herod. Their light of love burned brightly and their message of hope was shared and shared again. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-**It's a New Year and a new you! It's time for all of us to separate ourselves from selfish, sinful or prideful attitudes that keep us from becoming the light Christ wants each one of us to be. We must love and serve each other to serve Christ. Let's join the Magi today and bow before Christ our savior in prayer. Let's pray for unity in an understanding of what the church teaches on life issues: a respect for life in all its stages is what we are called to live by. We must seek paths that lead us far from abortion, racism, euthanasia, as well as anything that undermines the dignity of life in every situation. We must choose unity and care for those who are vulnerable. Communication and sharing ideas of help and hope show love and respect. By standing with each other, our light can shine brightly for those to see and hence, be a path for others to follow in Christ.



Blood Drive Breese Community

Knights of Columbus Hall
480 North Walnut
Breese, IL 62230

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Breese to schedule an appointment.



Download the Blood Donor App to day. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.