

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 06		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 07	7:30am	NO MASS
Wed. Jan. 08	7:30am	NO MASS
Thu. Jan. 09	7:30am	NO MASS
Fri. Jan. 10	7:30am	NO MASS
Sat. Jan. 11	7:30pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart
Sun. Jan. 12	7:30am 9:30am	Andrew & Bernadine Markus George Hollenkamp Bernard H "Ben" Venhaus

## OFFERINGS DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (95)	\$3,121.00
Loose:	\$ 362.00
Christmas Offering: (8)	\$ 590.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$2,309.25
Improvement:	\$ 276.00
Improvement Envelopes: (1)	\$ 25.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Caroline Draper	Maggie Fix	Kim Hegger
Ken Kavanaugh	Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper
Jim Markus	Jerry Middeke	Alan Netemeyer
Maren Poettker	Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings
Dcn. Mike Rowland	Fr. Ken Schaefer	Dayceon Spihlmann
Dylan Sudholt	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Scott Voyles	Tricia Weis	

## JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> SERVERS

- Sat. 7:30pm -Brendan Strieker, Nolan Pruet, (+3)  
 Sun. 7:30am -Alex Beckmann, Keegan Kohlbrecher, (+3)  
 9:30am -Melanie & Mason Hilmes, Luke Pingsterhaus,  
 Brooke Trame, Kylie Stockmann



## JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> SERVERS

- Sat. 7:30pm -Carissa & Caiden Litteken, Maya Kampwerth, (+2)  
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Beckett Wade, (+3)  
 9:30am -Mason & Ava Millard, Gabe Schlimme,  
 Cole Buschmann, Josie Hamilton



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

## CONFESSIONS:

- Sat. Evening 6:45pm - 7:10pm or by appointment  
 Sun. Morning 8:45am - 9:10am

## WEEKLY ROSARY:

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



*Epiphany*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Sun. Jan. 05 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes  
 -10:30pm -St. Francis CYM Meeting in CYM room  
**Mon. - Fri. - 6:15am - 2:00pm -Gym Walking @ Parish Center**  
 Mon. Jan. 06 - 7:00pm -RCIA at St. Dominic Annex Bldg.  
 Tue. Jan. 07 - 6:30pm -Finance Council Meeting  
 Thu. Jan. 09 - 7:30pm -Pastoral Council Meeting



*Pastoral Council*

**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.



**A GMC KEY FOB** for someone's vehicle was found in St. Francis Church parking lot on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. To claim the key, call the church rectory at 228-7219.

**HOUSEKEEPING/CLEANING POSITION:** St. Francis Parish, Aviston is accepting applications for a part-time housekeeper for the rectory and office. The position requires one day a week. If interested contact Fr. Dan at 228-7219.

**ST. FRANCIS CYM MEETING is today, Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the CYM room.**

**PASTOR'S NOTE: HAPPY NEW YEAR**, the "Messiah lives among you!" Epiphany celebrates the reality in all our lives that God's Christ is present among us in our love for one another, in the mercy and justice we work for, in the forgiveness we extend and accept. Our lives are filled with "epiphanies": moments of awareness and understanding, discoveries of abilities and potential, realizations of the love of God in our lives. The question is, "Do we take the time to notice them, to recognize Christ at work in us?" In this New Year, may we seek to find the Messiah in our midst, following the star of God's reconciliation and justice, enabling us to behold Emmanuel - "God with us" - in every experience of charity, consolation and forgiveness, whether given or received.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Laynie Nicole Weathers* (daughter of Brandon & Kristin Weathers) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Laynie and her family* to our faith family.



**RCIA on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Dominic Annex Building** "located at 307 North Cherry Street" (behind the Clintonian Plaza) in Breese.

**Reminder, the first drawing for the 2020 Quilt of the Bi-Month is January 31<sup>st</sup>.** Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any mass. If you have any unsold tickets please return to the back of the church. *Thanks!*



**FAITH IN ACTION: The Summary Report** for our St. Francis "Faith In Action" Initiative was mailed over the past week. The parish continues to see the fruits of our efforts - parishioners are embracing/leading "Faith In Action" efforts and our weekend general fund offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thanks to all who have chosen to participate in this very important effort. Your involvement and support to "Faith In Action" shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. I challenge each one of us to transform this initiative into a movement, turning our unending faith into real action everyday. God Bless!

#### PRAIRIE FARMS' "OUR CAPS - YOUR CAUSE" UPDATE.

A good New Year's resolution: "I resolve not to throw away a Prairie Farms milk carton cap before entering its number in my computer!" Our parishioners have currently input, *redeemed*, over 500 cap numbers toward our fourth 1,000-cap goal, at which point we will receive another \$50 for our youth programs from Prairie Farms. Thanks to all who are participating. **Please, make it a routine in your house. It's easy.** If you already buy Prairie Farms milk or iced coffee: (1) peel the outer label from the cap to reveal the number; (2) enter the number in your computer; and (3) click on "Donate." That's it. You don't have to save the caps. Details and number recording is at <https://www.prairiefarms.com/ocyc-redeemcodes/> (bookmark this!). Our category is "Faith-Based and Religious." Our organization is "St. Francis Youth Programs, Aviston, IL."



The Aviston Sons of American Legion **2020 BLACK TIE AND TALENT SHOW** is **Sat., Jan. 11, 2020** at 5:00pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston, IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8,000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets for the event are \$40 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2020 can enter contest. Tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues (228-7008) or Craig Timmermann (830-7737).



#### AVISTON LEGION NEWS:

Wed. Jan. 08 - 8:00pm -Queen of Hearts Drawing  
Thu. Jan. 09 - 7:00pm -SAL Meeting at The Winery  
**Fri. Jan. 10 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY**

**Need help with your future?** Aviston American Legion Auxiliary is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2020.** **\$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](http://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. Applications open: now. Deadline: April 1, 2020.**



#### BINGO:

Sun. Jan. 12 -**St. Liborius Parish Quilt Bingo** at the American Legion Hall, St. Libory. Bingo starts at 1:00pm. Doors open at 11:00am.

#### FRANCISCAN SUNDAY & A NATIVITY SHOWCASE on



January 5<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany Sunday from 12 Noon to 2:00pm at St. Joseph's Hospital Breese in the Heritage Room. View dozens of unique nativity sets, including displayed information on the Franciscan heritage of the Hospital Sister of St. Francis, founders of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSBS).

#### HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR LIFE on Thu., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at



St. Anthony's Church in Beckemeyer, IL from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Holy hour to include: Prayers to End Abortion, quiet time with private prayers and meditation (this can include the Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Pauline Albers for information. *Sponsored by the Clinton County Citizens for Life & area Catholic Parishes.*

A New **JUSTFAITH** Catholic Small Group Program is beginning Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> for eight weeks at Mater Dei High School. Are you ready to be inspired and energized to live your faith more deeply and make a real difference in our world? Call Deacon Jim Law (406-5709) or Myrt Rollins (526-8093) today for more info! **NOW** is your time!

#### ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS BLANKETS & COATS:



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs your help in keeping people warm now that cold weather is upon us. Please warm your heart by keeping someone warm with: gently-used or new blankets, quilts and comforters of all types/sizes and gently-used or new coats of **all types in all sizes for all ages - toddlers, children, teens and adults.** Items can be dropped off at #13 Vieux Carre Dr., Suite 2, East St. Louis, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126.

**Father Eugene J. Neff has retired!** After 48+ years of serving the Catholic faithful in the Diocese of Belleville, Father Neff has retired. Fr. Neff was the Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Aviston, from October 2002 to April 2003. The parishioners of St. George Parish, New Baden, invite you to attend his retirement Mass on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 4:00pm followed by dinner at the New Baden American Legion. To express your appreciation for his service to your parish and bid him God's speed and farewell, please go online to <http://www.stgeorgefamily.org/> and click on "Father Neff's Retirement Mass" link to R.S.V.P. Your response, especially if you are planning on attending the celebration, is greatly appreciated as it will help us ensure enough food is prepared. For information, contact Deacon John Fridley at (618) 588-4323 or [fridleyj@ezeeweb.com](mailto:fridleyj@ezeeweb.com).

#### *The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...*

#### *Blessed to receive, chosen to give*

At Sister Theo Bowman Catholic School - the only remaining Catholic elementary school in East St. Louis - 100% of the students graduate from high school and 95% attend colleges and universities! **Your support** of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to make this possible. If you have not already done so, please consider making a gift today. The youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman are counting on you.