

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

January 10, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 11		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 12	7:30am	Fr. Gerald R. Hechenberger
Wed. Jan. 13	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Thu. Jan. 14	7:30am	Msgr. Kenneth J. Schaefer
Fri. Jan. 15	7:30am	Fr. Roger R. Karban
Sat. Jan. 16		NO MASS
Sun. Jan. 17	7:30am	Lucy Wellen
	9:30am	Norbert Buehne Henry Feldmann (also Live-streamed)

OFFERINGS JANUARY 3rd:

Sunday Envelopes: (45)	\$ 3,471.00
Loose:	\$ 47.00
Improvement: (16)	\$ 276.00
Christmas for the Needy: (2)	\$ 40.00
Christmas Offering: (12)	\$ 1,330.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 4,769.25
Improvement:	\$ 1,536.00
St. Francis Parish Picnic:	\$ 500.00



SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser
Charlene Erlinger	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Fr. Gary Gummertsheimer	Kim Hegger	Mary Karcher
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 Usselmann	Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles
Pauline Wilke	Jeanette Wolters	

SYMPATHY: Remember *Fay L. Husmann* (mother of Susanne [Robert] Albers), *Shirley M. Eversgerd* (mother of Lisa [Steve] Goestenkors), and *Michael R. Hilmes* (brother of Mark [Geri] Hilmes) who all died. Keep *Fay, Shirley, Michael and their families* in your prayers.



SUNDAY MASSES: Advance reservations are required by *each individual household* (indicate the number attending) to ensure you will be able to attend! Masks, social distancing, etc. are required! **Occupancy is limited to 100.** *If your plans change, please cancel or change your reservation!*

Make reservations on www.stfrancisav.org or www.facebook.com page by clicking on the registration link to reach our www.signupgenius.com link. For assistance or if you do not have access call (618) 228-7219.

PASTORS NOTE: We hear words of love, care, support all around us – but we often miss that it’s God speaking those words. Throughout our lives, we can hear that voice of god affirming our offerings of understanding and kindness, our efforts to heal and reconcile, our sacrifices for those we love. In such voices of gratitude, God speaks His word of love and care for us. As God expresses His pleasure in his “beloved Son” at Jesus’ Baptism in the Gospel, God speaks his same joy and love in our own simple and ordinary attempts to imitate Jesus’ compassion, justice and reconciliation. May the Spirit we received at our own Baptisms continue to move us to do the work of Jesus’ Gospel to “tear open the heavens” and give voice to the love of God in our homes, schools, communities, churches, and country.

GREETERS SCHEDULE for 9:30AM MASS

Jan. 17 - Duane and Lisa Niemeyer
 Jan. 25 - Dennis and Joanna Rakers
 Jan. 31 - Diane Maue and Theresa Richards

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

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

BIBLE STUDY: Just a reminder that Father Mike’s “The Bible in a Year” podcast began on January 1st. Previous podcasts are on-line, so you can still catch up. Just go to the parish website, click on *ministries*, then click on *Bible Study*, and follow the direction in the November 24th update. Start at the beginning so you don’t miss anything. Highly recommended by Deacon Steve.



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.

RACIAL HARMONY PRAYER SERVICE:

You are invited to attend a special Ecumenical Prayer Service for racial harmony in connection with observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, January 17th at 2:00pm. Bishop Michael McGovern will deliver the sermon. Since seating will be limited, please contact St. Augustine of Hippo Church at 618-274-0655 to reserve a seat. This event is being sponsored by the Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity initiative.



LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Francis Parish by buying or selling the Lots of Loot Raffle Tickets. We sold 1100 tickets which wasn't bad for the 1st time running this project. The profits from this project will help to off-set the gap in our finances left from the cancellation of our church picnic.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Our prize winners were the following:

- 1st Place \$20,000 - Mr. & Mrs. Ken Faust**
- 2nd Place \$5,000 - Cheryl Albers**
- 3rd Place \$2,500 - Kim & Nicole Peek**
- 4th Place \$1,000 - Danica & Chase Krebs**
- 5th Place \$500 - Maura Timmermann & Janel Zurliene**
- 6th Place \$500 - Zachary & Mallory Timmermann**
- 7th Place \$500 - Geri Hilmes**

PRAIRIE FARMS: We're half-way there! We have passed 500 cap numbers entered into *your* computers, half-way to our 1,000-cap goal which will allow us to receive another \$50 for our youth programs from Prairie Farms. If you use Prairie Farms milk or iced tea, please make it a habit in your home to enter the cap numbers into the computer. Complete instructions are on the parish web page. You can also contribute to the parish through your purchases from **Catholic Supply and Amazon Smile**. The parish receives a portion of the purchase price for every item you order, and this does NOT increase your cost. If you go through the links on our web page, the donation is automatically directed to our parish.



LEGION NEWS- AVISTON:

Tues. Jan. 12 - 7:30pm - SAL Meeting

Fri. Jan. 15 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

ALBERS LEGION CARRYOUT ONLY CHICKEN DINNER:

Sunday, January 17th at 12:30pm - 5:30pm. \$10.00 per carryout. Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7:00pm.

VOCATION CORNER

"Though I was raised in a Catholic family and blessed with good priests throughout my life, the priesthood did not attract me when I was young. In fact, during college, I didn't even practice the faith. The Lord eventually led me back to the Church, and when he began to call me to the priesthood, I was both terrified and excited. He was asking me to sacrifice my will and to trust and follow him. This meant breaking up with the girl I was dating and placing my desires for fatherhood and family into his hands. Had I been called when I was younger, I wouldn't have been mature enough in my faith to answer with the generosity and trust that let me to the priesthood." Father Jonathan Schnobrich, Diocese of Burlington, Vt.

All Saints Academy Catholic School

Join us at All Saints Academy Catholic School where we prepare our students, PreK-8th for high school and beyond. We focus daily on academic excellence and spiritual growth. We are proud to say we have a proven strong academic program, state of the art technology and a family atmosphere.

Join us for a one-on-one appointment on February 10th for an inside look at our Pre-K Program, or on February 11th for an in-depth look at our Kindergarten program. Call to schedule your personal appointment with one of the fabulous Pre-K or Kindergarten teachers. We look forward to meeting you!



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