

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

January 17, 2021

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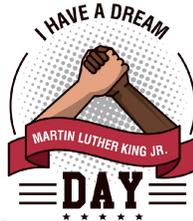
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 18		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 19	7:30am	L/D Charles Frohn Family
Wed. Jan. 20	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. Jan. 21	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Fri. Jan. 22	7:30am	William Ratermann
Sat. Jan. 23		NO MASS
Sun. Jan. 24	7:30am	L/D Aloys & Mary Strubhart Family
	9:30am	Michael Markus Larry & Vera Tonnies (also Live-streamed)

***CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED*
MONDAY, JANUARY 18th
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY!!**



PASTORS NOTE: Today's Gospel, the first disciples meet Jesus and ask where he is staying – “come, and you will see.” Jesus dwells in every place where all are welcome and cared for. Jesus makes His home where everyone is assured a place; Jesus stays wherever compassion and forgiveness are readily offered. Jesus' “place” includes great homes, humble homes, refugee tents, RV and campers; it is wherever a level of security and safety is provided for others. May our homes become fitting dwelling places for Christ to “stay,” where all are received with humble generosity and honor as we would welcome Christ himself. We are to be His disciples living his example in today's world.

SUNDAY MASSES: Advance reservations are required by *each individual household* (indicate the number attending)! 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 call (618) 228-7219.

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.



OFFERINGS JANUARY 10th:

Sunday Envelopes: (50)	\$ 2,680.00
Loose:	\$ 116.00
Improvement: (11)	\$ 270.00
Christmas for the Needy: (1)	\$ 5.00
Christmas Offering: (2)	\$ 140.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,214.25
Improvement:	\$ 230.00



SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 6-7, 2021



Please stay “connected” through a subscription to **The Messenger**. Payments can be made in The Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org

SUBSCRIPTION COST: Print - \$25 | Electronic - \$25 | Both - \$30
Make checks payable to the Messenger

SYMPATHY: Remember **Elizabeth J. “Betty” Usselmann** (mother of Barb Alexander), **Jerry Imming** (brother of Dan [Carol] Imming), and **Cyril E. “Cy” Weis** (father of David [Tricia] Weis) who all died. Keep **Betty, Jerry, Cyril and their families** in your prayers.



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.



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.

50TH ANNUAL CITIZENS FOR AVISTON DANCE: We are sad

to announce our decision to **cancel** the event this year. We are excited to share that we are hosting a Facebook Live Event on our Facebook page "Citizens of Aviston" on **Tuesday February 16th at 7:00pm** to announce the winners for this year's event. Due to not hosting an in-person event this year, we have increased the 1st place payout from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and will have 20+ additional payouts. In addition to the increased payouts, we will also provide a generous donation to the Park Board Committee. We still need your support so if you have not yet purchased a ticket, please don't miss out! Tickets can be purchased until February 15th. To purchase a ticket 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).

January Drawing Winners (\$70/each):

Kim Peek, Nancy Nettemeier, Mike & Tammy Kuper, and Tammy Isaak

VOCATION CORNER

Wow! What powerful Scripture readings today on God's ways of calling us. The great story of Samuel being called to ministry tells of his humble response - "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Gospel shows John the Baptist pointing Simon and Andrew toward Jesus. Jesus calls Simon to join him and gives him his new name of Peter. Both of these powerful calls offer us examples of how we can hopefully respond to our own personal call.

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. Live Streamed at www.facebook.com/staugustineestl

LEGION NEWS- AVISTON:

Mon. Jan. 18 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting

Tues. Jan. 19 - 7:00pm - Auxilliary Meeting

Fri. Jan. 22 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

COVENANT NETWORK: wants to help you with your daily dose of Truth with our inspiring programming. By now, you probably have packed up all your Christmas decorations and stored them for next year. We hope you haven't put your Faith on the shelf. Faith is part of your daily life and, in this secular world, it is vital to have encouragement for the journey. Tune into WRYT radio AM 1080 or 92.7 FM, listen on our free app or at www.OurCatholicRadio.org



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:

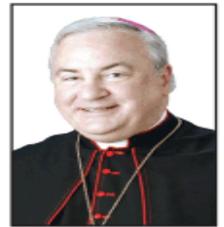
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ST. ANDREW DINNERS

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

THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL) group meets each week to provide hope

through education and support. Do you know someone who may be abusing alcohol or drugs?

The Southern Illinois PAL group conducts an online Zoom meeting each Tuesday from 7:00-

8:30PM. We hope to resume meeting at the Brees

Activity Center at some point in the future. Please contact Craig at 618-567-6095 to receive the link for the Zoom meeting, or if you have questions. You can find more information at www.palgroup.org.

PAL is for parents and loved ones over the age of 18 who have someone in their life who is struggling with or recovering from substance use. PAL respects your anonymity. Educational material is provided at each meeting, and PAL meetings are free of charge.

