

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

January 24, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 25		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 26	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Wed. Jan. 27	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Thu. Jan. 28	7:30am	Norbert Buehne
Fri. Jan. 29	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Sat. Jan. 30		NO MASS
Sun. Jan. 31	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
	9:30am	Gertrude Luebbers L/D Members of the Aviston Knights of Columbus (also Live-streamed)

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: In light of today's Gospel and current events, Mark's Gospel is timely. When Jesus calls us to "repent," He's not calling us to cease and desist; He's not calling us out for our sins and failures. "Repentance" is a call to change, to look at our lives and our world in a new light, to become the person of hope and faith we seek to be. Repentance, correctly understood, "means, not self-pity or remorse, but conversion, the re-centering of our whole life upon the Trinity. It is to look, not backward with regret, but forward with hope. It is to see what by divine grace we can now become; and it is to act upon what we see. In this sense, repentance is no just a single act, an initial step, but a continuing state, an attitude of heart and will that needs to be ceaselessly renewed. Jesus continually calls each of us be people of hope and faith. This is a key message in our struggle with COVID and life.

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 your reservation! Make reservations on stfrancisav.org by clicking on *Click here to sign up for Mass* (Also accessible via our Facebook page) [facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith](https://www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith)
 For assistance call (618) 228-7219.

CATHOLIC SUPPLY: We have received our first check for \$2.79 as a Catholic Supply affiliate. Catholic Supply donates to St. Francis 10% of the cost of everything you purchase from them through our web page. It doesn't seem like much, but it's free money and is approximately enough to buy a ream of copier paper. Catholic Supply is a great place to order Easter and Confirmation gifts. Also check out the Prairie Farms and Amazon Smile programs on our web page: www.stfrancisav.org.



OFFERINGS JANUARY 17th:

General Fund
 Sunday Envelopes: (55) \$ 2,135.00
 Loose: \$ 52.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,214.25
General Fund Total: \$ 4,401.25

Your General Fund supporting Faith in Action:



Evangelization during a church tour

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 275.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 6-7, 2021



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PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:



Congratulations to the newly Pastoral Council positions:
President: Lorie (Kevin) Klumke
Vice President: Beth (Nick) Hollenkamp
Secretary: Diana (Adam) Koch

A **special thanks** to all who accepted their nomination and to all who participated in the election. **Thanks again** to **Ryan Faust, Marvin Ratermann, Amy Strubhart and Carrie Trame** whose terms have expired. Due to job relocation, **Holden Fuehne** has also submitted his resignation from the Pastoral Council. We appreciate all of their years of service on the Pastoral Council. All of the advice and dedication to the council has been greatly appreciated!

A FAITH-IN-ACTION THANKS The St. Francis Pastoral Council wants to say **THANK YOU** to all of the extraordinary people who continue to create ways to connect the people of St. Francis Parish to God despite the global pandemic. Your ideas are innovative and your devotion inspiring! Our thanks extend to those both in front of and behind the curtain. This includes our musicians, greeters, sanitizers, ushers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, Church decorators, Facebook live-streamers, Facebook administrators, website administrators, SignUpGenius administrator, Sunday School teachers, PSR teachers, CYM leaders, custodian, secretary, Director of Religious Education, finance council, Fr. Dan, Deacon Steve and Deacon Charlie. Of equal gratitude, we also thank our relentless prayer warriors who keep our parish family in their prayer intentions each and every day. It is because of each of you that we are able to keep God's unceasing spirit of love and hope alive at St. Francis. To everyone committed to our St. Francis Parish family throughout the pandemic and always, **THANK YOU!** Your relentless support epitomizes your Faith In Action, and your Pastoral Council is forever grateful.

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 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 at <http://www.stfrancisav.org>

Click on "YOUTH".

Deadline is March 1, 2021.

AVISTON LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS: 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.



VOCATION CORNER

Today we hear about Jonah and his call to address the people of Nineveh. By selflessly following God's call, Jonah is able to save those souls from being destroyed. This same selflessness is also evident in Mark's account of the calls of Peter, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1, 17). They left their careers and family to do greater work. Are you called to follow in their footsteps?

LEGION NEWS- AVISTON:

Wed. Jan. 27 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
Thurs. Jan. 28 - 8:00pm - K of C Meeting
Fri. Jan. 29 - 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



HOUR OF PRAYER AND MARCH around the Clinton County Courthouse in Carlyle on January 29 from 12:00pm-1:00pm. **Clinton County Citizens for Life** invites everyone to attend. This event is



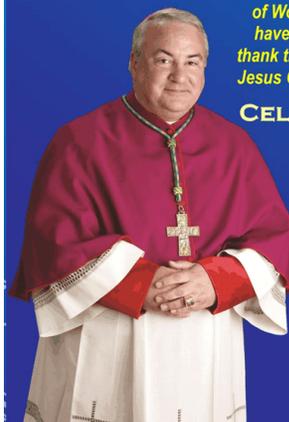
held in conjunction with the March for Life held in Washington, DC on that day. Whether you can attend or not, please participate by joining us in prayer to end abortion. We pray that God would bless the unborn, and that He might send the Holy Spirit to open eyes, ears and hearts to His incomprehensible love - for expectant and future mothers and fathers; for abortionists and their assistants; for our political and social leaders; and for all citizens, our country, and our world. In Jesus name, we pray.

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 7:00pm-8:30pm. We hope to resume meeting at the Breese 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.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

All are invited to join Bishop Michael McGovern for the celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS - 3:30 P.M.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
424 E. BROADWAY
CENTRALIA, IL 62801

Seating is limited
reservations required
Contact St. Mary Parish Office
during normal business hours
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