

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

January 31, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 01		NO MASS
Tue. Feb. 02	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Wed. Feb 03	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. Feb. 04	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Fri. Feb. 05	7:30am	Special Intention
Sat. Feb. 06		NO MASS
Sun. Feb. 07	7:30am	Fr. Joe Trapp
	9:30am	Edward & Marcella Haukap (also Live-streamed)

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a teacher who possesses an "authority" that is immediately perceived by His hearers as centered in the example of His compassion and empathy for those he has been called to serve. Such an authority comes not from the power to coerce but from the ability to inspire. It is a model of authority to empower others to realize the best that they're capable of becoming; to move others forward not by edict but by example, not by fear but by hope. Jesus sees His call to "lead" as a trust, as a responsibility to serve others by revealing, not a God of judgment and vengeance, but the God who calls us to compassion and mercy for the sake of His Kingdom of peace. It's that Holy Spirit of compassion and peace that enables us to take on the "unclean spirits" around us – and within us. To cast out such demons requires refocusing our attention from what is missing in our lives to what we have been given, from lamenting our regrets and disappointments to finding meaning in what we can do for others. In our acts of compassion and generosity - including wearing facemasks etc. during this difficult time - we speak with the voice of Christ to "drive out" the unclean spirits that "possess" our minds and hearts and "dispossess" us of the things of God. We are called to proclaim God's presence, as Jesus did, with "authority."

NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER: *Congratulations*, in accord with the Pastoral Council's By-Laws, *Emily Mashing* will complete Holden Fuehne's term on the Council. Holden resigned due to job relocation, which has taken him out of state.

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 www.stfrancisav.org by clicking on **Click here to sign up for Mass** (Also accessible via our Facebook page) www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith
 For assistance call the rectory (618) 228-7219.

OFFERINGS JANUARY 24th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (48) \$ 2,325.00
 Loose: \$ 55.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,344.25
General Fund Total: \$ 4,724.25

Your General Fund supporting Faith in Action:



Evangelization during a church tour

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 110.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Tracy Frey
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
Dayceon Spihlmann	Mary Stricker	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Pauline Wilke
Jeanette Wolters		

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 *Corla Shaefer* (mother of Rhonda [Mike] O'Brien) who died. Keep *Corla and her family* in your prayers.

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 enough to buy a ream of copier paper. Catholic Supply is a great place to order Easter and Confirmation gifts. Also check out Prairie Farms and Amazon Smile programs on our web page: www.stfrancisav.org



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.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Feb. 5 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

Sun. Feb. 7 - 11:00am - 4:00pm - Scholarship Fundraiser

SUPPORT THE AVISTON LEGION AUXILIARY

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Aviston Legion Auxiliary will be selling **CHICKEN WINGS** Chicken Wings on the day of the big game, February 7th from 11:00am-4:00pm or while supplies last! We will have breaded wings with options of Honey BBQ, Hot or no sauce with extra dipping sauce options on the side. Wings are \$1.25 each. Homemade Potato Chips are 1.25 each. Pre-orders appreciated and taken during normal club room hours. The Aviston Legion Club Room will also be opening that day starting at noon!

ALBERS AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST:

 Sunday, February 14th, 2021 from 8:00am-11:30am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. \$10.00 **CARRY OUT 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



IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the "Parish Improvement Fund" which is used for major repairs on the church, etc.

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 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.

VOCATION CORNER

"It was only through an informational brochure that I first heard God's call. At first, my parents were not supportive, but let me go to the convent for a year with the promise that I would return if I were ever unhappy. That never happened. I knew I wanted to be a Sister and I took my final vows in 1997. My parents were very supportive because they knew my vocation had truly come from God."

Sister Jossy Jacob, Sisters of Mary Immaculate, Leechburg, PA., Columbia, Dec. 2015, pg.34.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: World Marriage



Day is February 14th, 2021. Celebrate your Sacrament by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For more information on encounter experiences being held around the globe, go to wwme.org to find one in your area. For more information about experiences in the St. Louis, MO area, contact Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

QUILT RAFFLE: Saint Liborius Council of Catholic Women Quilt-



A-Rama starts Sunday, March 28th, 2021. 12 monthly drawings for a beautiful, handmade quilt. Tickets are \$40 each and available now by contacting Vicki Knepper, SLCCW President, 618-960-8420.

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

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**Seating is limited
reservations required**

**Contact St. Mary Parish Office
during normal business hours**

618-532-6291

