

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 7, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 08		NO MASS	
Tue. Feb. 09	7:30am	William Ratermann	
Wed. Feb 10	7:30am	Schonhoff Family	
Thu. Feb. 11	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann	
Fri. Feb. 12	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann	
Sat. Feb. 13		NO MASS	
		Fr. Daniel Friedman <i>Happy Birthday!!</i>	
Sun. Feb. 14	7:30am	Roy, Lester & Eric Mollet	
	9:30am	Edgar & Martha Litteken (also Live-streamed)	

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: In today's Gospel, Mark includes the short but import detail that Jesus, in the midst of His demanding preaching and healing, seeks out a "deserted," out-of-way place to pray. Mark's Jesus comes to "change" us: to open our eyes to the real obstacles we face in trying to live our lives to the fullest, to move us beyond the unfulfilling things that monopolize our days to seek instead the things of God that give our lives a sense of purpose; to change our attitudes about what affects "me" and what "I" want in order to seek the greater good of all. Such a "change" in us is the first step in changing the world, in realizing the Kingdom of God here and now. We all need a "deserted place" to reconnect with God and the things of the heart. That "deserted place" may be a physical space (a walk in the woods, a chair in a quiet room) or a set-aside time (first thing in the morning, a few minutes after lunch) - wherever and whenever we can escape the clamor of busy world and the tyranny of our hectic life to experience the peace of being alone with God, to hear God speaking in the quiet of our heart, to know the joy of doing simple, humble things for others. Jesus invites us to find spaces for prayer and quiet time in our days to re-center our lives in the love of Go, to hear again the voice of God calling us to lives of grateful joy and fulfilling service to others.

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) www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith For assistance call the rectory (618) 228-7219.

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OFFERINGS JANUARY 31st:

General Fund
 Sunday Envelopes: (47) \$ 2,035.00
 Loose: \$ 47.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,519.25
General Fund Total: \$ 4,601.25

Your General Fund supporting Faith in Action:



Evangelization during a church tour

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 381.00

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	Bernice Poettker	Maren Poettker
Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings	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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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.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Cole & Brittany [Monken] Schrage** upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



SYMPATHY: Remember **Robert J. "Bob" Smith** (father of David [Geri] Smith) and **Ray P. Bollheimer** who both died. Keep **Bob, Ray and their families** in your prayers.

DARLEEN NELSON THANKS YOU: Darlene Nelson sent a letter to the rectory wanting to thank all of the parishioners for their prayers! She has had a very challenging year and appreciates all of your prayers! She is home once again and recovering! Please keep praying for a fast recovery! We want to pray that 2021 is a better year for her since 2020 was extremely hard on her emotionally and physically.



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:

- Tues. Feb. 9 - 7:00pm - SAL Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 10 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Thu. Feb. 11 - 7:00pm - Exec Board Meeting
- Fri. Feb. 12 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only



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**

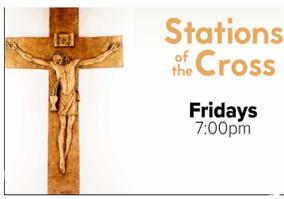
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: World Marriage Day is February 14th, 2021. Celebrate your Sacrament by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For more information on encounter experiences being held around the globe, go to www.me.org to find one in your area. For more information about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



THANK YOU MARY LITTEKEN: Over the past several years, Mary has sewed hundreds of infant baptismal robes. Your dedication and generosity are very appreciated. Ruth Litteken has volunteered to start making the robes in the future.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be held all Fridays during Lent beginning February 19th at 7:00pm in church. This is a wonderful way to introduce our young people to a time-honored Catholic tradition. Please bring them. It is also an appropriate devotion for non-Catholic Christians. All are welcome. The service lasts about 25 minutes. Enter through the parking lot (south) door. All COVID-19 precautions will be observed.



WHAT'S ON THE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WEB PAGE??? Do you know who your Pastoral Council Members are? Click here to find out! www.stfrancisav.org/parish-life/pastoral-council



VOCATION CORNER
We should consider this as a day to say "THANK YOU" to those who serve us in our daily living which certainly includes our religious life. World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated February 2nd, Candlemas Day. It is observed in our Parishes this weekend, February 7th. Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.



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.



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 1080 AM or 92.7 FM, listen on our free app or at www.OurCatholicRadio.org

