

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 14, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 15		NO MASS
Tue. Feb. 16	7:30am	Henry Feldmann
Wed. Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday	7:30am 6:45pm	All Aviston Lumber Employees Fr. Joe Trapp
Thu. Feb. 18	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Fri. Feb. 19	7:30am 7:00pm	Fr. Gerald R. Hechenberger <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Feb. 20		NO MASS
Sun. Feb. 21	7:30am 9:30am	Lucy Wellen Viola Ratermann <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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



PASTORS NOTE: Hawaii has an old leper colony on the Island of Molokai. Where are today's lepers? Our attitudes and perceptions can reduce others to "lepers": those we avoid for fear of being caught up in their problems or crises, those who we don't know, those who don't "fit" our image of class and decorum, those whose politics or religion or race or gender seem to threaten our own. We exile these "lepers" to the margins of society outside our gates; we dismiss them with simplistic labels and unfair stereotypes; we reject them as too "unclean" to be part of our lives and our world. The Christ who heals lepers comes to heal us, as well, of our debilitating sense of self that blinds us to the sacredness and dignity of those demean as "lepers," to heal us of our own "leprosy" so that we are able to realize again that God extends his compassion and grace even to the likes of us. Before God, no one is a leper, no one is beyond the reach of His healing mercy and compassion; all of us are sons and daughters of God; all are made in the image of the God of Justice, peace and reconciliation.

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.



OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 7th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (65) \$ 4,684.00
Loose: \$ 1.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,839.25
General Fund Total: \$ 7,524.25

General Fund contributions support
FAITH IN ACTION:



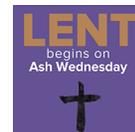
PSR classes for our Parish youth.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,551.00
Black and Indian Missions \$ 120.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Tracy Frey
Fr. Gummersheimer	Kim Hegger	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	



SECOND COLLECTION: Next week, our parish will take up the 137th **Black & Indian Mission Collection.** Your support helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution. **Please give generously!**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Nora Ann O'Brien** (daughter of Nathan O'Brien and Jessica Moss) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Nora and her family** to our faith family.

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:

- Mon. Feb. 15 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting
- Tues. Feb. 16 - 7:30pm - Auxiliary Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 17 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
- Wed. Feb. 17 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Fri. Feb. 12 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Mon. Feb. 17 - No School - President's Day



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.



VOCATION CORNER

On this 2nd Sunday in February, we celebrate the Vocation of Marriage with the observance of World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Today provides an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

The season of Lent extends from Ash Wednesday, February 17th, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 1st, inclusive. Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY** and all **Fridays** of Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and over (but under 59 years) is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY**. Fast and Abstinence means only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other **SMALL** meatless meals may be eaten, sufficient to maintain strength only, but altogether should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. (When health or ability to work would be **SERIOUSLY** affected the fast obligation can be modified). **To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.**

FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM begins on *Ash Wednesday, February 17th*. There are baskets at church entrances for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

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???

Have you heard about the *Mission* that's being planned for September? Click here to read more!

www.stfrancisav.org/parish-life/journeyofblessings

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.



DRIVE THROUGH CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, February 14th,

Bartelso Knights of Columbus will be serving chicken dinners from 11:00am until 5:00pm for \$11. Each dinner includes ½ chicken (breast, wing, thigh, & leg), mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, and homemade dressing.



DRIVE THROUGH CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, March 7th,

Immaculate Conception Church in Pierron will be serving chicken dinners from 11:00am until 5:00pm for \$10. Each dinner includes ½ chicken (breast, wing, thigh, & leg), mashed potatoes & gravy, and green beans.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE starts on Ash Wednesday and will end on

Palm Sunday, March 28th. 40 days of Peaceful Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We staff at least 2 people every hour for 12 hours a day for 40 days. Hours are 7:00am-7:00pm. Sign up at www.coalitionforlifefestl.com

