

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 21, 2021

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 22		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Feb. 23	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Wed. Feb. 24	7:30am <b>6:45pm</b>	Wilhelmine Ratermann Dorothy Ratermann
Thu. Feb. 25	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Fri. Feb. 26	7:30am <b>7:00pm</b>	Jim Buscher <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Feb. 27		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun. Feb. 28	7:30am 9:30am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cicirello & Family Bob & Betty Usselmann <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

## WEEKLY ROSARY:

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



**PASTORS NOTE:** Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert to confront the mission before him – and what he had to “lose” in order to realize his call. That same Spirit calls us into the “desert” of our own hearts to understand what we have to “lose” and change in order to realize the full meaning and purpose of the time we have been given. Lent challenges us to ask ourselves what we really believe in, what and who are most important to us, what we are willing to sacrifice for. In confronting these questions with humility, honestly, and sincerely we find God’s direction of our hearts. Lent is a season of humility. True humility is not about negating ourselves or avoiding the spotlight or hiding our abilities and gifts but recognizing that every one of us is made by God from the same “dirt” and, therefore, other’s needs and dreams are as important and as valuable as ours. We all stand as brothers and sisters before God. It is the “dirt” of humility that Christ asks us to “dig into” this Lent to realize new growth and renewed heart this Easter.

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

**PARISH QUILTING:** Mark your calendars for quilting on the following days: **March 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> from 12Noon- 4:00pm** and **March 22<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> from 12Noon - 4:00pm.** Masks and social distancing are required! Call Kathy Barkman (618-973-2119) if any questions.



## OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>:

### General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (39) \$ 2,338.00  
 Loose: \$ 30.00  
 Online Giving: \$ 2,164.25  
**General Fund Total: \$ 4,532.25**

*General Fund contributions support  
**FAITH IN ACTION:***



*PSR classes for our Parish youth.*

## Special Collections:

**Improvement Fund** \$ 295.00  
**Black and Indian Missions** \$ 7.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Albersternst	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	



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jordan Matthew Stratmann** (son of Matthew & Amanda Stratmann) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Jordan and his family** to our faith family.

## SECOND COLLECTION: **Today**, our parish will take up the 137<sup>th</sup> **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. **Thank you!**



**FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM:** There are baskets at the church entrance and on the Rectory back porch for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

## 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 [www.stfrancisav.org](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](http://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:

- Wed. Feb. 24 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Thurs. Feb. 25 - 8:00pm - K of C Meeting
- Fri. Feb. 26 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

### VOCATION CORNER

"Life is about saying "yes" to the things that help you to grow in holiness and "no" to the things that don't. Life is about searching for the best version of yourself. Today's culture doesn't have a vision for the human person. The goal of today's culture is consumption as we no longer are the consumers---we are being consumed. It is time for us to start thinking about where our lives are leading and to where God is calling us. The ways of the world lead to confusion. God's way leads to clarity, order and to a meaningful living with joy. Life is a choice we all have to make. So, fulfill God's vision for you and answer his call with a "yes"."

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Pg. 79-81.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be held all Fridays during Lent 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.



Stations of the Cross  
Fridays  
7:00pm

Enter through the parking lot (south) door. All COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

### WHAT'S ON THE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WEB PAGE???



The schedules for Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Sanitizers are all now available on the website. Click here to view! [stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules](http://stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules)

### St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. Due to COVID-19, the St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission has been rescheduled to September 25, 2021 through September 30, 2021. Until then stay safe!



**QUILT RAFFLE:** Saint Liborius Council of Catholic Women Quilt-A-Rama starts Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 12 monthly drawings for a beautiful, handmade quilt. Tickets are \$40 each. Contact Vicki Knepper, (618) 960-8420.



**DRIVE THROUGH CHICKEN DINNER:** Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception Church in Pierron will be serving chicken dinners from 11:00am until 5:00pm for \$10. Each dinner includes 1/2 chicken (breast, wing, thigh, & leg), mashed potatoes & gravy, and green beans.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** started on Ash Wednesday and will end on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.coalitionforlifestl.com](http://www.coalitionforlifestl.com)



**CAMP ONDESSONK:** Mark your calendars for Camp Ondessonk's Virtual Homecoming Gala, Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00pm CST! Online Silent Auction bidding opens up Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am CST. The live streamed event will kick-off with pre-program entertainment, and then shift into the program portion with a live virtual auction, fund-a-need, presentations of awards, and more. For additional information, [ondessonk.com/gala](http://ondessonk.com/gala).



**JOB POSITION AVAILABLE:** Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School located in East St. Louis, Illinois is seeking an elementary school Principal. Applicants are required to be a faithful, committed Catholic who understands and accepts the teachings and disciplines of the Catholic Church. The full advertisement can be found at [diobelle.org](http://diobelle.org) Click ABOUT, then EMPLOYMENT. Interested applicants should email [OfficeofEducation@diobelle.org](mailto:OfficeofEducation@diobelle.org) a cover letter, résumé, transcripts, 3 current letters of recommendation, proof of Illinois Professional Educator's License with General Administrative Endorsement or send to Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62221. Applications accepted until March 19, 2021.



**RESPECT LIFE CORNER PRAYER-**We too are tempted, yet we too have worth and purpose. We are called by Our Father to a vocation that He has in mind for us. Whether it being praying for the unborn, helping a mother in need, or welcoming an immigrant to our community, these small acts make a big difference in building up the Kingdom of God. During these 40 days of Lent, may we pray for God's grace to move in our lives as He shows us new opportunities to grow in faith as we firmly say "yes" to all God has in store for us. Lent has just begun. Let's work to emerge stronger than ever in our faith pray "Lord, help us follow you into new life this Lent."

