

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 24		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Feb. 25	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
<b>Wed. Feb. 26</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>7:30am</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	All Aviston Lumber Employees Eileen Detmer
Thu. Feb. 27	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Fri. Feb. 28	7:30am <b>7:00pm</b>	William Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Feb. 29		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun. Mar. 01	7:30am 9:30am	L/D Joe & Viola Ottensmeier Abby Robke Bill Friedman Paul Peek

## OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (92)	\$2,715.00
Loose:	\$ 399.56
Black & Native Americans: (1)	\$ 50.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$1,774.25
Improvement:	\$ 45.00
Improvement: (1)	\$ 30.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Lorraine Boeser	Caroline Draper	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper
Jim Markus	Jerry Middeke	Fr. Richard Moore
Alan Netemeyer	Maren Poettker	Rosie Rakers
Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings	Dcn. Mike Rowland
Fr. Ken Schaefer	Dayceon Spihlmann	Mary Strieker
Dan Thole	Austin Timmermann	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Tricia Weis

## FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> SERVERS

- Sat. 7:30pm -Grace Huelsmann, Jake & Cecelia Richter, (+2)  
 Sun. 7:30am -Alex Beckmann, Lydia Kuhn, Lily Lappe, (+2)  
 9:30am -Cole Buschmann, Noah Koch, Chris Richter,  
 Gabe Schlimme, Evan Schlueter



## FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVERS

- Wed. 7:30am -*PSR Students*  
 7:30pm -*Adult Servers*



## FEBRUARY 29<sup>th</sup> & MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> SERVERS

- Sat. 7:30pm -*NO MASS*  
 Sun. 7:30am -Ayden Rakers, Elyse Strader, Reese Strubhart, (+2)  
 9:30am -*MEMBERS OF LUKE 18*

(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)



**PASTOR'S NOTE:** Jesus' teaching on love in today's Gospel is a challenge. Jesus is spelling out our goal. It sounds too hard, but the struggle is the measure of our love. Jesus readily acknowledges that love – love that is and of God – is not easy. It's demanding, often unreasonable and unfair. It means putting ourselves – and our disappointments and expectations – aside for the sake of love. What is often most challenging is not loving our "enemies" but rather loving our annoying sister or bratty brother. It's easy to "love" some nameless, demographic group we have little or nothing to do with. What's hard is to "love" the people we live, work and/or go to school with. "To love our enemies" is not just to declare a cease-fire but to create and maintain an environment where reconciliation is always possible, where acceptance and welcome are assured – even within our families and households. Lent (beginning on this Wednesday) is a good time to focus on Jesus's call to love!

## CONFESSIONS:

- Sat. Evening 6:45pm - 7:10pm or by appointment  
 Sun. Morning 8:45am - 9:10am

## WEEKLY ROSARY:

- Sat. Evening at 7:10pm (before mass)  
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am (before mass)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Sun. Feb. 23 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes  
 - 9:30am Mass - Confirmation Rite of Election  
**Mon. - Fri. - 6:15am - 2:00pm -Gym Walking @ Parish Center**  
 Mon. Feb. 24 - 7:00pm -RCIA at St. Dominic Annex Bldg.  
**Please attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:30am or 7:30pm.**  
 Thu. Feb. 27 - 8:00pm -K of C Meeting @ the Legion  
 Fri. Feb. 28 - 7:00pm -*Stations of the Cross*  
 Sun. Mar. 01 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

## SYMPATHY: Remember *Henry "Hank" August Feldmann*

(husband of Mary Lou Feldmann and father of Daniel Feldmann, Gary Feldmann, Tim [Shelly] Feldmann, Mark [special friend Michele Sakamoto] Feldmann and Peggy [Mike] Rakers and brother of Antoinette Feldmann) who died. Keep *Henry "Hank" and his family* in your prayers.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Immediately following the 9:30am Mass** on the Sundays of Lent, till 4:00pm, the "Blessed Sacrament" is publicly exposed on the High Altar. It is an opportunity for all to spend time before Jesus in prayer. There must be **at least two adults present in the church at all times.** Come and pray for vocations, healing, peace or intentions of your own. **Sign-up sheets, with times, are at all entrances of church.** Consider committing to a time slot.



**SECOND COLLECTION:** *Today*, our parish will take up the **Black & Indian Mission Collection**. Your support helps build the Church in Native American, Alaska Native & African American communities from coast to coast. Our Belleville Diocese received \$105,000 in grant funding from this collection last year. 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 today. **Thank you!**

**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.

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2020!! (No exceptions!)**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS**  
More information and application forms are on the parish website at <http://www.stfrancisav.org/>. Click on "**Teen Space**".

**PICNIC KITCHEN COORDINATOR/S NEEDED:** St. Francis Parish is looking for an individual or group of individuals to assist and learn the role of the kitchen coordinator. Interested individual need to be available during the week leading up to the picnic, picnic day and the morning after the picnic. Contact Donna Mondt at 304-4955 or Kevin Litteken at 779-9938 with questions.



**MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON on "Fat Tuesday," February 25<sup>th</sup> at Trenton House. Registration begins at 11:00am**



**LENTEN REGULATIONS:**  
The season of Lent extends from **Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>**. There are baskets at church entrances for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

**ST. FRANCIS CYM MEETING** on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the CYM room.

**PSR NEWS:**  
**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, is Ash Wednesday.** The PSR students will be going to Mass on Wednesday & Thursday this week and will have class on Monday, Tuesday & Friday. If you have children who walk or other adults who bring them, please make them aware of the change. **Thank You!**



**AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS:**  
**Fri. Feb. 28 -11:45am -Early Dismissal/School Improvement Day**  
**Mon. Mar. 02 -No School - Casimir Pulaski Day**

**LEAP into TECHNOLOGY AUCTION** on Sat., Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Aviston Legion. Doors open at 6:00pm. Silent Auction from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Oral Auction 9:00pm - ?? Music and Dancing to follow. \$25 per ticket includes dinner and entertainment. For donations, tickets or info email: [avistonelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:avistonelementarypta@gmail.com). All proceeds benefit **Aviston Elementary Technology Fund**.

**AVISTON LEGION NEWS:**  
Wed. Feb. 26 - 7:00pm -Ash Wednesday Fish Fry  
- 8:00pm -Queen of Hearts Drawing  
**Fri. Feb. 28 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY**

**BREAKFAST:**  
Sun. March 08 - 8:00am - 12Noon -**Aviston and Albers Cub Scout All-You-Can Eat Breakfast** at the Aviston Legion. Biscuits & Gravy, Pork Sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit Cocktail, OJ, Milk & Coffee. **First Responders and Military eat FREE with a paid Adult.** Adults \$9, Children (5-11) \$5 and 4 & under **FREE**.

**DINNERS:**  
Sun. Feb. 23 -11:00am - 6:00pm -**FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** at American Legion Post 252 in Breese. Adults \$10, Children \$5 (under 6 **Free**). Carryouts available.  
Sun. Mar. 01 -11:00am - 6:00pm -**BREESE LIONS CHICKEN DINNER (CARRY-OUT ONLY)** at the Breese Legion. Tickets in advance \$10(Adults); at the Door \$11(Adults); Kids \$9. **Proceeds benefit sight and hearing impaired.**  
Sun. Mar. 01 -11:00am - 5:00pm -**CHICKEN DINNER** at Immaculate Conception Church, Pierron.  
Sat. Mar. 07 - 3:00pm - 8:00pm -**WURST-MARKT** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall in Posen, IL. Pork Sausage, Roast Beef, Liver Sausage. **Sponsored by Holy Name Society.**

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** on Sat., Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Michael's Parish Hall in Waterloo. Sponsored by St. Michael's Men's Club. For information call Rich Kreher (618) 830-6086.

**BINGO:**  
Sun. Mar. 01 - 1:00pm -**Quilt Bingo** at the American Legion Hall in Saint Liborius. Doors open at 11:00am.

Heartland Community Chorus is sponsoring a Spring Fling, "**On the Banks of Silver Creek**" on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Lindendale Park Ballroom in Highland. The evening will feature a buffet from Urban Farmhouse and entertainment by **Silver Creek Outlaws Bluegrass band and by the Heartland Chorus**. Tickets are \$25 per person; or \$200 for a table of 8. Feel free to put a table together or come alone and meet new friends. For information call (618) 409-0374. Tickets are available at [www.heartlandcommunitychorus.org](http://www.heartlandcommunitychorus.org).



**LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM:** HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese invites you to learn more about the Lifestyle Change Program, a **FREE** workshop to promote weight loss and a healthier you. Attend any information meeting to learn more. Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 12Noon in the Heritage Room (registration required for the lunch at (618)-526-5336) or Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Board Room (registration not required). For more information, visit [www.stjoebreese.com/Events-Classes](http://www.stjoebreese.com/Events-Classes).