

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

March 7, 2021

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 08		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 09	7:30am	Rich Feldmann
Wed. Mar. 10	7:30am 6:45pm	All Aviston Lumber Employees Margaret Ratermann
Thu. Mar. 11	7:30am	Fr. Joe Trapp
Fri. Mar. 12	7:30am 7:00pm	Viola Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 13		NO MASS
Sun. Mar. 14	7:30am	Dillon Peek
	9:30am	Fred & Rosie Rakers Henry Feldmann <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>



## WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

## PASTORS NOTE:

Today's gospel challenges us to consider the purpose of the church we (and those before us) have created in Aviston. Is our church truly "the Father's house" where the poor find compassion, the broken find healing, the grieving find support – or have we become too concerned about worshipping our own safe, undemanding image of God, about maintaining our status quo, our privilege, "our rights," or about keeping a comfortable distance from those we don't want anything to do with? Bishop Barron, in *Heaven in Stone and Glass*, takes his readers on a spiritual pilgrimage (tour) through the world's great Gothic cathedrals telling the stories of their construction not just of stone but of spirit. These centuries-old structures are celebrations of faith and hope in color and light. They are stories of how people of all walks of life - lords, ladies, soldiers, and common workers - came together in the grueling task of transporting stones, wine, grain, and oil to the work site. They labored side by side and in reverential silence - and all forgave their enemies. What we see is a hint of the new city made possible by the authority of the Risen Christ at work in his Church. Today's Gospel challenges us to ask: Is our church truly "the Father's house" where all find compassion, the broken healed, the poor treasured, the excluded welcomed. Jesus' cleansing of the temple challenges us to take a look at our own parish with Lenten eyes.

## SUNDAY MASSES: Restrictions have changed!

# 125

**Occupancy limit has increased to 125.** Advance reservations are still required by *each individual household* (indicate the number attending)! Masks, social distancing, etc. are required *If your plans change, please cancel your reservation!* Make reservations at

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

## OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>:

### General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (50) \$ 2,010.00  
 Loose: \$ 46.00  
 Online Giving: \$ 3,999.25  
**General Fund Total: \$ 6,055.25**

### General Fund contributions support FAITH IN ACTION



Volunteers welcome and assist with COVID protocols.

## Special Collections:

**Improvement Fund** \$ 585.00  
**Black and Indian Missions** \$ 55.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Tracy Frey
Fr. Gummersheimer	Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper
Fr. Dale Maxfield	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
Jeanette Wolters		



**SPECIAL THANKS:** We are deeply grateful to the late Antoinette Feldman for her generous bequest to St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Please remember her in your prayers.

## CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL ***This weekend*** our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available at church. Our parish participation goal for the appeal is 616 households and our financial target is \$19,200. *Please be as generous as you are able.*

**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.



**EASTER LILY MEMORIALS:** Donate to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s) to help decorate the altars during Easter. The cost is \$10. Your **"Easter Flower Envelope"** is in your envelope package! Write the name(s) of those to be remembered **on the back of the envelope**. Drop your envelope into the collection basket, mail, or bring to the parish office. **Early deadline is Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>!**



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



**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. Details and application at: [avistonlegion.com](http://avistonlegion.com) or pick-up the application at the Aviston Legion during open hours. You may apply for both scholarships if applicable. **Deadline: April 1, 2021.**



**LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:**

- Tues. Mar. 9 - 7:00pm - SAL Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 10 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Thurs. Mar. 11 - 7:00pm - Exec Board Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 12 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Dine In/Carryout
- Sun. Mar. 14 - 8:00am - 12Noon - Cub Scout Breakfast

**DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER:** St. George Church, 200 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., New Baden, Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm - 6:30pm. \$11 per meal. Meal includes ½ fried chicken (breast, thigh, leg & wing), dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, and Texas cake.



**ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER:** Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm - 5:30pm. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, applesauce, cold macaroni salad and dessert. \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids 5-12yrs old. Free for 4 and under. **Dine In or Carry out.**



**DRIVE THRU FISH DINNER:** St. George Church, 200 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., New Baden, Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 4pm - 7pm. \$10 per meal. Meal includes Home battered Cod, fried potatoes, stewed tomatoes, mac-n-cheese, green beans, slaw&cake.



**VOCATION CORNER**

"Father Pat York is the Dean of Students and Vice-Rector at Conception Seminary College. Father Pat recalls he considered the priesthood during his eighth grade year. He credits his parents as having the biggest influence on his priestly vocation. They encouraged their children to be open to God's call as a priest or religious in the Church. The seed of his vocation took root in his family and grew from there. He would ask his parishioners, "Pray for the priests of our diocese. Support your parish priests. Pray fervently to the Lord for more religious vocations." Fr. Pat also encourages parents to set an example for their children in practicing their faith, "do not treat it as a burden or obligation, but as a gift that is enriching." (The Tower Topics, by Fr. Paul Sheller, O.S.B.)



**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC:** Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Do something Life Changing. Feed your soul with Prayer this Lent. Sign up free at [www.BestLentEver.com](http://www.BestLentEver.com)

**SYMPATHY:** Remember **Jerome O. "Jerry" Markus** (husband of Cathleen "Cathy" Markus and brother of Donald [Judy] Markus, Dennis Markus, Jim [Ruthie] Markus), **James S. "Jim" Markus** (father of Scott [Deonna] Markus and brother of Ivan [Bonnie] Markus and Dave Markus), **Carl A. Rakers** (father of Mary Kay [Lloyd] Schrage) who all died. Keep **Jerry, Jim, Carl and their families** in your prayers.



**ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WEB PAGE: UNSUNG HERO**



Do you know someone that is an "unsung hero" in our parish? The pastoral council wants to hear about them! During this year of craziness, we would like to recognize someone from our parish for their time, gifts and talents. **Go to Links & Forms, then click on Unsung Hero**

**Form or click here** [www.stfrancisav.org/modules/form.php?id=41](http://www.stfrancisav.org/modules/form.php?id=41)

**ST. DOMINIC CHURCH 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GOLDEN EGG**

**RAFFLE:** Get your tickets for a chance to win the grand prize of **\$20,000!!!!** We are offering five \$1,000 prizes and there will be 2 consolation prizes of \$500 each. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. Drawing on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. To get your name entered in the raffle, send your name, address & phone number along with \$50 to St. Dominic Church, 493 North Second St., Breese, IL 62230. For more information, call St. Dominic Office 526-7746, M-F, 9am-3pm.



**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.

**COVENANT NETWORK:** As you journey through Lent, hopefully your hearts & minds have settled into the pattern of prayerfulness and penance and planning to care for the poor. Covenant Network can help you stay the course during this season of self-denial with inspirational&devotional programming including the daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. You can also hear faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the saints & Church history. Tune into 1080AM or 92.7FM this Lent to help prepare your heart for Easter.



**JOB POSITION AVAILABLE:** Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School located in East St. Louis, IL 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 a cover letter, résumé, transcripts, 3 current letters of recommendation, proof of Illinois Professional Educator's License with General Administrative Endorsement or to [OfficeofEducation@diobelle.org](mailto:OfficeofEducation@diobelle.org) or send to Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221. Applications accepted until March 19, 2021.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL needs your help!** Gently-used coats, blue jeans (all sizes) & blankets are desperately needed! Any food items are appreciated. The SVDP Night-Time Drop-In Center has been at full capacity housing homeless men, women & children during the COVID pandemic. Items can be dropped off at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am-2:30pm. SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, M-F from 9am-1:30pm; Saturday from 9am-12Noon or call the office at 618-394-0126.

