

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

March 14, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 15		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 16	7:30am	William Ratermann
Wed. Mar. 17	7:30am 6:45pm	Schonhoff Family Wilhelmine Ratermann
Thu. Mar. 18	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Fri. Mar. 19	7:30am 7:00pm	Viola Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 20		NO MASS
Sun. Mar. 21	7:30am 9:30am	Margaret Ratermann George Hollenkamp Jerry Beckmann <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: Many of us stand pretty much on the edge of faith. There's just so far we will go with Jesus. We love those who love us – but our own come first. We'll forgive some just about anything – provided they assure us they won't do it again (and pay for the damages). We're willing to help the poor and destitute – as long as we're convinced they really need the help (and will be appropriately grateful). We see the Gospel as a worthy but unattainable ideal. It would be great if the meek could inherit the earth. But the world just doesn't work that way – so, for the sake of family and career, we pragmatically confine faith in its designated time and space in our lives. Nicodemus is one of us. He has questions; – but given his position, he stays under the radar, so he meets Jesus privately, late at night.

We are Nicodemus. We struggle to make sense of Jesus; we wrestle with trying to reconcile his Gospel with the demands of our world. In his questioning and confusion, in his fears and doubts, Nicodemus is welcomed by Jesus with understanding and compassion. We are all seekers and Christ has assured us of his company on our journey. He neither rejects nor admonishes us, but welcomes us; a God of compassion who heals our broken spirits, transforms our hope, and enables us to follow his call.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES: Sunday, March 21, 2020

1-2pm - St. Mary's, Carlyle
 3-4pm - St. Francis, Aviston

Due to Covid-19, this years services will differ, i.e. no preliminary prayer service.. Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at the start time. Do your examination of conscience before entering church, then go directly to a waiting line for confession, not a pew. Leave the church immediately after receiving absolution. **Do not go to a pew or remain in church** to do your penance! Do that outside or at home. (This is a Covid-19 protocol.) **You are required to wear a mask and follow social distancing, therefore, leave six feet between each other in line.**

OFFERINGS MARCH 7th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (66) \$ 4,580.00
 Loose: \$ 42.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,674.25
General Fund Total: \$ 7,296.25

General Fund contributions support FAITH IN ACTION



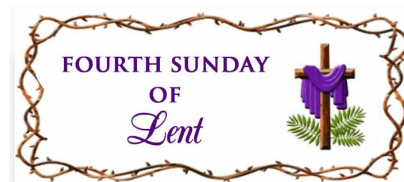
Volunteers welcome and assist with COVID protocols.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 370.00
 Loose: \$ 10.00
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 Stricker
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles
Jeanette Wolters		



SUNDAY MASSES: Restrictions have changed! Occupancy

125 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 by clicking on **Click here to sign up for Mass**. (Also accessible via our Facebook page) fb.com/embracing.ourfaith
 For assistance call the rectory (618) 228-7219.



SYMPATHY: Remember *Sylvester L. Hilmes* (brother of Alice Pendegrass) who died. Keep *Sylvester and his family* in your prayers.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: Donate to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s) to help decorate the altars. **EARLY DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST!**



PRAIRIE FARMS CAPS: We did it again! You submitted 1,000 Prairie Farms cap numbers into your computers, so we will receive another \$50 for our youth programs. This makes a total of \$300 Prairie Farms has donated to our youth based on *your* participation in the program. If you use Prairie Farms milk or iced tea, please make it a habit in your home to enter the cap numbers into the computer. Complete instructions are on the parish web page. You can also contribute to the parish through your purchases from **Catholic Supply** and **Amazon Smile**. We receive a portion of the purchase price for every item you order, and this does NOT increase your cost. If you go through the links on our web page, the donation is automatically directed to our parish.



CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL Thank you to the 38 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$4,597.40 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

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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 Unsung Hero Form or click here** stfrancisav.org/modules/form.php?id=41

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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 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:

Mon. Mar. 15 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting
Tues. Mar. 16 - 7:30pm - Auxiliary Meeting
Wed. Mar. 17 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
Fri. Mar. 19 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*
Sun. Mar. 21 - 10:30am - 6:00pm - Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner

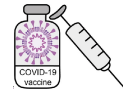
DRIVE THRU FISH DINNER: St. George Church, 200 N 3rd St., New Baden, Friday, March 19, 2021. 4pm -7pm. \$10 per meal. Meal includes Home battered Cod, fried potatoes, stewed tomatoes, mac-n-cheese, green beans, slaw&cake.



DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER: St. Teresa Church, Marydale, 6 miles north of Carlyle on Route 127 (follow signs), on Sunday, March 21, 2021. 11:00am - until sold out. \$11 per meal. Meal includes ½ fried chicken (4 pieces), dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans & slaw.



COVID-19 VACCINE: To complete your COVID-19 VACCINE Registry form click here clintoncountyhealth.com Or for further assistance, call the Clinton County Health Department (618) 594-6622.



VOCATION CORNER

This week is the feast of St. Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." (Matt 1:24) "It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel's Messiah. It's the same grace that empowers us to accept God's call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph's yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don't know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a "doer of the word" (James 1:2d2d)." (The Word Among Us)

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH 22nd 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.



SURRENDER ADORATION: St. Dominic's Stewardship Committee is inviting you to this moving prayer event on Mon., March 15th at 7:00pm in St. Dominic Church. The prayer service includes upbeat Christian music, prayers, Adoration and Benediction. Come bring yourself closer to the Lord this Lent!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Does springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom more beautifully. The next encounter in the St. Louis, MO area will be virtual (April 23-25, 2021). To apply go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



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 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 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.

