

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

March 21, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 22		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 23	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Wed. Mar. 24	7:30am 6:45pm	All Aviston Lumber Employees Margaret Ratermann
Thu. Mar. 25	7:30am	William Ratermann
Fri. Mar. 26	7:30am 7:00pm	Wilhelmine Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 27		NO MASS
Sun. Mar. 28	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
	9:30am	Michael Markus John Tredennick Bernard "Ben" Venhaus <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>



WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: Every life is filled with moments of change and discovery, some are difficult and painful. Jesus' image of the "grain of wheat" reminds us that life demands change, risk and "dying" to our fears, despair and sense of self; but if we are willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Jesus promises us the harvest of the Gospel wheat. In our willingness to nurture healing and forgiveness, in our openness to God's grace and the compassion of others, there will always be new beginnings, second chances, constant planting and unlimited bounties. Only by loving is love returned to us, only by reaching out beyond ourselves do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by "dying" do we rise to new life. Lent is drawing to a close. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday! This Sunday is your chance to begin anew! Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this afternoon. Several priests will be available from 3-4pm at St. Francis, Aviston or 1-2pm at St. Mary's, Carlyle. Prepare with prayer and reflection at home and the come to church to receive the Sacrament!

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 14th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (38) \$ 4,725.00
 Loose: \$ 30.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,184.25
General Fund Total: \$ 6,939.25

General Fund contributions support FAITH IN ACTION



Volunteers welcome and assist with COVID protocols.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 2,080.00

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 limit has increased to 150 (provided social distancing space permits).

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Raylan Michael Wayne Mitchell** (son of David and Jennifer Mitchell) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Raylan and his family** to our faith family.

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

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A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2021 CSMA. If you have not responded, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges - in any amount - are needed and can be made through your parish or at diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 16 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Your parish is now over halfway to their goal of \$19,200!! Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

WHAT IS ON THE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WEB PAGE???



Does your teen question their Faith or want to develop a stronger faith in God? Check out Real Faith TV. Click here to read more under "Other Informational Sites" www.stfrancisav.org/parish-life/education



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 at the Aviston Legion during open hours. You may apply for both scholarships if applicable. **DEADLINE: April 1, 2021.**

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Wed. Mar. 24 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
Thurs. Mar. 25 - 8:00pm - K of C Meeting
Fri. Mar. 26 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*

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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MCGOVERN: Dear Friends, As we move through Lent to the celebration of Holy Week, our diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter on March 30. This year, due to our health and safety measures, we can only have a limited number of people attend the Chrism Mass. The parishes will be able to send only (1) representative to attend the liturgy and receive the holy oils afterward; that representative will be designated by the parish priest. We regret that we are unable to safely welcome all those who would normally attend the liturgy. Thank you for understanding the situation and complying with this protocol. Please know that I will lift up before the Holy Trinity all the people of our diocese during this holiest of weeks.



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.



DRIVE THRU WURSTMARKT: St. Damian Church, 1 W Main St., Damiansville, Sunday, March 28, 10:30am - 5:30pm. \$10 per dinner. Meal includes pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, and dessert.



DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, Palm Sunday, March 28, 11:00am - 5:00pm. Tickets \$11. Meal includes fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, and applesauce.



MATER DEI PALM SUNDAY DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST: 900 Mater Dei Drive, Breese, Palm Sunday, March 28, 8:00am-12Noon. Meals (\$10 each) will include eggs, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, and biscuits & gravy. (Meals are one size this year.)



MATER DEI REGISTRATION FOR CLASS OF 2025: Families of 8th grade students may contact Director of Enrollment Mrs. Maria Zurliene to schedule an individual appointment or for additional info (618-526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Does springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you & 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). To apply go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



VOCATION CORNER

"I was in third grade when I decided to become a missionary priest like those who served my parish in the Philippines. Little did I know that 20 years later, I would find myself thousands of miles away, ministering in the mission-rich field of western Oregon. My vocations journey was not always smooth sailing. Doubts and homesickness sometimes cast shadows over my steps, and I even took time off from the seminary for a while. When I look back, I can see clearly how God has journeyed with me, giving me strength through the sacraments and through people he sent my way. I was ordained in 2016, and the grace I receive through my priestly ministry – through administering the sacraments, counseling or teaching the faith – far outweigh the challenges" Farther Tetzl Umingli; Archdiocese of Portland – *Columbia Magazine* – July/August 2020

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.

