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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Mon. Mar. 23 | | NO MASS |
| Tue. Mar. 24 | 7:30am | NO MASS |
| Wed. Mar. 25 | 7:00pm | NO MASS |
| Thu. Mar. 26 | 7:30am | NO MASS |
| Fri. Mar. 27 | 7:30am 7:00pm | NO MASS <i>NO Stations of the Cross</i> |
| Sat. Mar. 28 | 7:30pm | NO MASS |
| Sun. Mar. 29 | 7:30am 9:30am | NO MASS NO MASS |

ALL MASS CANCELED: Bishop Braxton has issued directives immediately suspending all public celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Belleville in order to help slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in accord with the recommendations of the CDC, national, and state authorities. (See our website for the complete document and all additional restrictions.)

PASTORS NOTE: Now that life and our busy social lives have had to slow down, it is a prime opportunity to reach out and connect with God on a more personal level. We speak of a "Domestic Church" - that is "people of faith" gathered with each other in their home with their own family unit. Since we are unable to join together as a faith community to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgical services in Church, you as a family can and should gather together to join in your own scripture reading and prayer at home daily and especially on Sunday. "The family that prays together stays together."

Below are some FREE hyperlink tools being provided in light of the crisis to assist your family's "Domestic Church." offer worship events in your home. They are:

<https://www.conceptionabbey.org/live> - live streamed daily Mass at 11:45am and Lauds and Vespers (Morning and Evening Prayer) Also offered on YouTube and Facebook Page

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass> - Bishop Robert Barron, word on Fire daily celebration of Mass at 7:15pm

<https://www.ewtn.com> - televised mass

www.giveusthisday.org Give Us This Day has made available at no charge a digital file of their our periodical, which includes daily Mass texts and select "Digital" in the upper right corner of the screen for the free connection.

Above all, *take time to pray daily* with your family for a few minutes, at meal time, before bed, when you awake, or any time that will work for you as a family, as the "Domestic Church." Prayer and faith in God is our way through crisis!

OFFERINGS MARCH 14th & 15th:

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| Sunday Envelopes: (98) | \$3,257.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 305.36 |
| Online Giving: | |
| General: | \$1,404.25 |
| Improvement: | \$ 35.00 |
| Improvement Fund: (3) | \$ 170.00 |

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

CONFESSIONS & WEEKLY ROSARY have been suspended until further notice!

**** PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!!**

The church will be open normal hours for individual prayer only. It is important to maintain social distancing and hygiene as required by the CDC.

All are welcome to attend the St. Francis Parish Mission "*Journey of Blessings*" Sunday, May 3rd through Thursday, May 7th, beginning at 6:30pm each night. Come and be moved by your faith as Father Pete Schavitz leads us on this journey. Child care and transportation are available and refreshments will be served following each session. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to see your faith in action!

Effective immediately, Gym Walking in the Parish Center Gym has been suspended until further notice.

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 29th!**

ST. FRANCIS MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family, are a welcoming faith community that believes in and proclaims the powerful and loving presence of Jesus Christ."

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 needs 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.



BLESSING OF HOMES: Blessing of homes is an ancient Catholic custom in which we pray that God's blessing and protection will abide in the home and the family who live there. The family must be present for the home to be blessed. It is appropriate to bless a home whenever there is a new beginning, for example when the family first moves into a home or after a couple is married. (But if your home has never been blessed, it is never too late.) To have your home blessed, call Fr. Dan, Deacon Charlie, or Deacon Steve to arrange a time.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM: There are baskets at all church entrances for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

AVISTON LEGION NEWS:

Wednesday night Queen of Hearts Drawings have been cancelled!
Friday night FISH FRIES have been cancelled!

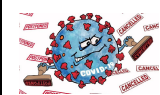
Need help with your future? Aviston American Legion Auxiliary is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2020.** **\$1,000** for Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239. **\$1,000** for an individual living within the 62216 zip code area. Look for details and an application at: www.avistonlegion.com or pick-up the details and application at the Aviston Legion during open hours. **You may apply for both scholarships if applicable. Applications open: now. Deadline: April 1, 2020.**



GOLDEN EGG TICKETS are available by calling the Parish Office 526-7746 or from any St. Dominic Parishioner. Tickets are \$50 each. Grand Prize is \$20,000. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th prize is \$1,000 each and 7th & 8th is \$500 each. Drawing will be held on Easter Sunday, April 12th.



THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE EITHER BEEN CANCELLED, POSTPONED OR RESCHEDULED DUE TO COVID-19



ST. FRANCIS PARISH EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY: Exercising prudent caution concerning the Coronavirus, and following the guidelines from the CDC, we have **cancelled** Wednesday Bible Class until further notice.

HERMANN, MO – DAY TRIP – FOR ST. FRANCIS PARISH has been **cancelled!**

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH TOUR on Sunday, March 29th has been **cancelled!**

ALL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES have been **cancelled!**

OTHER EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

Sun. Mar. 29 -St. John UCC Breese, IL - *All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast* has been **cancelled.**

Sun. Mar. 29 -*Wurstmarkt & Beef Dinner* at St. Damian Parish Gym in Damiansville has been **cancelled.**

BINGO'S:

Sun. Mar. 22 -*Quilt/Cash Bingo* at St. Augustine Parish, Breese. We hope to **reschedule** it in May.

Sun. Mar. 22 -*Spring Quilt/Cash Bingo* at St. James Church, Millstadt has been **cancelled.**

Sun. Mar. 29 -*Meat/Cash/Quilt Bingo* at St. John the Baptist in Smithton has been **cancelled.**

NIGHT AT THE MOUSE RACES on Sat. March 28th at Corpus Christi Parish Center, Shiloh has been **cancelled.**

The **Heartland Community Chorus** has **postponed** their upcoming concert indefinitely. We anticipate rescheduling this concert at a later date.

We have **cancelled** the **Clinton County Genealogy Club Meeting** for March 31st. The Underground Railroad talk has been **rescheduled for May 26th.**

Caritas Family Solutions has **cancelled** *Trivia Night* on April 25th.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

A local **paid** internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. Contact (618) 624-2838 with any questions. **Please send your resume by March 25th to cchddiobelle@gmail.com.**

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a **Director of Facilities & Risk Management.** Applicants should hold a Bachelor's Degree and 5-8 years of directly related experience. **To Apply:** Send resume, cover letter & references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. Third St., Belleville, IL 62220 or email humanresources@diobelle.org. **Application Deadline: March 31, 2020.**

The SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Night-time Drop in



Center opened in December and has operated at full capacity almost every night, helping the homeless survive freezing temperatures and dangers of the city streets. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and if you are able, help us provide sack lunch items for their clients. Drop off individually packaged items of food and bottled water at the SVDP office in East St. Louis. For information, contact Joe Hubbard (394-0126) or Pat Hogrebe (799-8505).

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Needs You!

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have responded with a gift to The 2020 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal; we are truly grateful. If you have not already done so, there's still plenty of time...one-time donations or pledges – **in any amount** – are needed. Our seminarians, people served by Catholic Urban Programs, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Daystar Community Program, the youngsters at Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School and 12 other ministries and programs are counting on your support. Donations can be made through your parish or online at www.diobelle.org. Please consider making your gift today or at any time in the coming months. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.