

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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PALM SUNDAY

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 29		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 30	7:30am	NO MASS (WASP SPRAYING)
Wed. Mar. 31	7:30am 6:45pm	William Ratermann Dorothy Ratermann
Holy Thursday	7:30pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Good Friday	1:30pm	Good Friday Service [Not a Mass]
Holy Saturday	8:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Easter Sunday	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family (also Live-streamed)

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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



PASTORS NOTE:

Holy Week is the most solemn week of the Church year! It begins today! In ancient tradition Lent the 40 day of fasting ends today. Holy Week is a time of even more earnest fasting and prayer. The last three days are the most sacred, the Triduum, with special ritual or liturgies. No Mass is celebrated anywhere in the world after the Holy Thursday evening Mass until the Saturday Easter Vigil. The unique Triduum liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) are the most impressive services of the Church. They are, in reality, one service extended over three days with intermissions between each one, beginning with the Last Supper (the Passover Meal) on Thursday, to the Crucifixion and ending with the Easter Vigil resurrection celebration. Holy Week challenges us to take time away from our busy lives and reflectively walk with Jesus through his passion and resurrection. I encourage you to make every effort to attend or watch each service!

NOTE: If you discover you will not be attending the Holy Week service that you had reservations for, **PLEASE, PLEASE** cancel your reservation so the seat is available for someone else. There will be no open seating. If you do not have a reservation you will probably not be able to enter due to Covid-19 regulations. All seats will be preassigned to ensure social distancing for those with reservations!

GOOD FRIDAY: 1) Everyone 14yrs. of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on **GOOD FRIDAY**. 2) Everyone 18yrs. of age and over (but under 59yrs.) is also bound to fast on **GOOD FRIDAY**. Fast and Abstinence, only one full 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). 3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.



OFFERINGS MARCH 21st:

General Fund
 Sunday Envelopes: (40) \$ 1,295.00
 Loose: \$ 51.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,134.25
General Fund Total: \$ 3,480.25

**General Fund contributions support
 FAITH IN ACTION**



Volunteers welcome and assist with COVID protocols.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 95.00
Black & Indian Missions \$ 5.00

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
Fr. Urban Osuji	Bernice Poettker	Maren Poettker
Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann
Mary Strieker	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Scott Voyles	Jeanette Wolters	



SUNDAY MASSES: 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.

SYMPATHY: Remember **Gary M. Peek** (brother of Dale [Paula] Peek), **Jerry M. Toennies** (father of Corey [Karen] Toennies), and **Howard P. Boeckman** (father of Dean [Lindsay] Boeckman) who all died. Keep **Gary, Jerry, Howard and their families** in your prayers.

*****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY APRIL 2ND AND MONDAY APRIL 5TH!!**

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND COLLECTION: On Friday, April 2nd, Pope Francis has asked parishes to support the Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps provide Catholic religious education and schools. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, the Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Please be generous!

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.

NEEDING USHER VOLUNTEERS: St. Francis Parish is looking for multiple individuals to assist and learn the role of an usher. Interested individuals need to be available each month on *select Sundays and Holidays*. If you are unable to usher the day assigned, you will need to get a sub. If interested, please contact the rectory, 618-228-7219.

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2021 CSMA. **102 households** have now contributed **\$11,347.40** which is **59.1%** of your goal! If you have not responded, there’s still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges 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. 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???

The schedules for Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, & Sanitizers are all now available on the website. Click here to view! stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules

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: 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. 31 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
 Fri. Apr. 02 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*
 Sun. Apr. 04 - 1:30pm - Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Aviston Legion-sponsored Easter Egg

Hunt will be held at the Aviston Park on Sunday, April 4th beginning at 1:30 PM. It is intended for 2 Age groups: 4 years old & under and 5 years to 9 years old.

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.

PARENTAL RIGHTS LEGISLATION: The Illinois House and Senate are considering bills repealing the law requiring parents of minors to be notified prior to performing an abortion. The existing law does not require consent, but does require parents to be notified in advance. Minors are not permitted to purchase tobacco, alcohol, etc. They may not receive other medical treatment or procedures without the parent’s knowledge. Making abortion an exception creates the possibility for a sexual predator to pressure a minor into covering up his crime. The bishops of Illinois are asking you to contact your legislatures expressing your concern. *See the insert in the bulletin for more information.*

THE BELLEVILLE DIOCESE: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD & to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. The internship is paid and requires 16 hours a week from September through April. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a desire to grow in an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Please send your resume by April 8 to Cheryl Sommer, CCHD Diocesan Director at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or contact 618-624-2838 for more info.

VOCATION CORNER

“I grew up in Haiti as the first child in a family of cradle Catholics. I heard stories about how my dad discerned the priesthood before he married my mom, and I witnessed the humanity of the religious sisters who taught me in school. This faith-filled environment sowed the seeds of my religious vocations, and as a young girl I believed I was called to be a sister. Years later, after my family settled in the United States, I became a lost sheep on a college campus. In 2008, I began to go to daily Mass, participated in Eucharistic adoration, and found a spiritual director. My discernment journey took me to many communities until, in 2010, I knew that the Lord was asking me say “yes” to him through the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church.” *Sister Christiana Marie Rene; Sisters of Mary, Spokane Wash. Columbia November 2018*

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH 22nd ANNUAL GOLDEN EGG RAFFLE:

Last chance to get your tickets for a chance to win the grand prize of **\$20,000!!!!** There will be five \$1,000 prizes and 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 info, call St. Dominic Office 618-526-7746, M-F, 9am-3pm.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL needs your help! Gently-used coats, blue jeans (all sizes) & blankets are desperately needed! Any food items are appreciated. Items can be dropped off at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am-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 618-394-0126.