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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. April 06		NO MASS
Tue. April 07	7:30am	NO MASS
Wed. April 08	7:00pm	NO MASS
Holy Thursday	7:30pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i> Live-streaming
Good Friday	1:30pm	<i>Good Friday Service [Not a Mass]</i> Live-streaming
Holy Saturday	8:00pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i> Live-streaming
Easter Sunday	9:30am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i> Live-streaming

OFFERINGS MARCH 28th & 29th:

Sunday Envelopes: (18) \$ 785.00
 Loose:
 Online Giving:
 General: \$ 3,289.25
 Improvement: \$ 421.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

WEEKLY scheduled CONFESSIONS & ROSARY have been suspended until further notice !

CHURCH CLOSED: Regretfully it has become necessary to close the church and parish facilities to the public. Bishop Braxton issued the directive until further notice. It is in response to the escalating effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19. (See our website for the complete document and all additional restrictions.)

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

PASTORS NOTE: The film "1917" is the story of two ordinary, obscure, young soldiers who have been entrusted with a "cross": the delivery of orders that will prevent the deaths of thousands of British soldiers, an impossible task across the "no mans" zone of World War I. Driven by love and honor, they put aside their fears to take up that cross - quite literally, through the fire of hell. This week, Holy Week, we encounter Jesus, God's Christ "who emptied" himself for our sakes to take on the cross, the "attitude" of selfless servanthood that he has called all of us to live. It was reflected in the selfless sacrifice depicted in "1917" and by so many brave men and women of every place and time. Today it is being reflected by those risking their health and lives to selflessly serve people and the sick during this pandemic. Keep them in you prayer.

During Holy Week, we are called to reflect upon our own lives. We're called to remember Jesus and pattern our lives after his, to be selfless servants of God in all we say and do. Let us develop new traditions, deepen our and our families' relationship with God. Pray together as a family at meals and other opportunities. Worship together by live-steaming Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Take time to call on senior citizens and to connect with each other. Sheltering in place can, for those who live alone, intensify loneliness and lead to depression. For those with families, it can lead to a sense of being trapped with no quiet space. Quiet time is something new for many people. It's a gift even Jesus sought out. Perhaps this is a week for us to discover its value in our modern world. Holy Week is a good time to quietly sit with God, doing nothing, not listening to anything, but simply quietly reflecting on "God and yourself." Be Safe! Be well! Be holy!



Church & Parish Facilities Are All CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
 because of the virus! This has become very a sad necessity!

LIVE-STREAMING - HOLY WEEK: St. Francis schedule of live-streaming times are listed above with the mass intentions.

Pope Francis has simplified the Various Holy Week rituals in an effort to avoid the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We are sharing these temporary changes so you know why the liturgies are different this year. On



Palm Sunday the reading of the Gospel of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem, the blessing and distribution of palms will be omitted. (Bishop Braxton said that we will bless and distribute palms at a later date after the crisis restrictions are lifted.) **Holy Thursday's** ritual of "Washing of the Feet," the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through and out of the church, and the "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at an altar of repose" will all be omitted this year. On **Good Friday**, the "Veneration of the Cross" will be done collectively only, not individually, which follows since you are all in your homes. At the **Easter Vigil** the rituals of the "Blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, procession of the Light of Christ, "Blessing of Baptismal Water," have been omitted also. The "Renewal of Baptismal Promises" will occur, but no Baptisms, Professions of Faith or Confirmations. These will all be held at a later date when we can once again gather together in church. Easter Sunday's Mass is not affected. *These changes are temporary, for this year's Holy Week only!*

St. Francis Parish, Aviston will be live-streaming Mass every Sunday at 9:30am until we can again gather as one family in church. You can access the Live-stream via our FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith>. This link is also available on our web site www.stfrancisav.org. I encourage everyone to join together at 9:30am on Sunday via FaceBook. While we can not come together as one community in prayer in our church building, we can do so via technology. We will all be praying the Eucharist together simultaneously from our homes. In that sense we are united in the Eucharist bring the power of our united prayer to bear on our lives and the world. As I have said before, it is by the united prayer of the people at Mass that the Church is empowered to be a living sacrament. Your united prayers become instruments of healing, forgiveness and new birth. We priests and the people of God rely on them daily! Log in at 9:30am Sunday.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Barbara R. Dulle** (sister of Marilyn Markus) who died. Keep **Barbara** and her family in your prayers.

St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. Due to COVID-19, the St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission has been rescheduled to September 26, 2020 through October 1, 2020. Until then stay safe!



If you have scheduled a **MASS INTENTION** for any of the days that we do not have Mass, I will reschedule with you once COVID-19 pandemic is over. **Thank You!**

BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING: The *lucky winner* of the March 2020 Bi-Month Quilt Raffle is **Madonna Walsh** of St. Louis.

*****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH THRU MONDAY, APRIL 13TH!*****

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.



GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND COLLECTION on Friday, April 10th. Your contribution helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

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.



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

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.



ATTENTION: FAMILIES NEEDING FOOD ASSISTANCE

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open Mondays from 10:30am to 1:00pm for families needing food assistance. We are located in the basement of the Germantown Village Hall, 306 Prairie Street. Please contact Shirley Eversgerd 523-4260 or John Feldman 363-6588 if you need help.

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).



Prayer When Health is Threatened

here and throughout the world
(from PSALM 91)

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. You alone are our refuge, our rock of safety, our God in whom we trust.

For You will rescue us from every trap and protect us from deadly disease; shelter us, O Lord, within Your wings, Your promises our armor and protection. We need not fear the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; nor dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at noon.

Let no evil conquer us; no plague come near our homes. Order Your holy angels to protect us wherever we would go.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

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."