

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

April 11, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Apr. 12		NO MASS
Tue. Apr. 13	7:30am	Nick Strubhart Jr.
Wed. Apr. 14	7:30am	Schonhoff Family Stephen Richards Frank & Florence Hogg <i>(70th Wedding Anniversary)</i>
Thu. Apr. 15	7:30am	Jerome Markus
Fri. Apr. 16	7:30am	Henry Feldmann
Sat. Apr. 17		NO MASS
Sun. Apr. 18	7:30am 9:30am	Martin & MaryAnn Haselhorst Andy & Bertha Thole Stanley & Marian Bossler <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: In countless sermons over the centuries on the Second Sunday of Easter, Thomas has been criticized for his “doubt” in the resurrection of Jesus, today’s Gospel. However, Thomas is no different than we are: Thomas wants something he can touch. He wants a tangible sign of Jesus’ resurrection. After the horrific week since Jesus’ crucifixion, he wants more than a metaphor. Thomas wants real life, life perfected and re-created by God. Jesus complies. The Crucified Jesus lives again – in us. Our compassionate presence to one another, our embrace of one another in peace and respect, our commitment to the Gospel work of reconciliation and justice are all tangible signs of Jesus’ resurrection. This Easter season, may we realize the many ways we can “touch” and make real the Risen Christ in our midst, the many ways we can be Christ’s hands, heart, voice to those around us who are alone, lost, fearful, or hurting in a hundred different ways. We can reflect Christ in every act of our daily lives by our attitude, care, and faith.

THANKS: I, as pastor, and the parish express our deep gratitude to all the people who helped make our Easter Celebrations go smoothly and beautifully! There are tons of people behind a successful celebration: the choir and musicians; the greeters, ushers, and those who sanitize our hands and provide masks; those who clean and sanitize the pews, etc. after each Mass; the reservation and seating people. Of course, we cannot forget the decorators, the individual caring for our plants, sacristans, deacons, adult servers and the parish staff. We can often forget the many people behind the scenes that make our worship services become reality! A big thanks to them all!



OFFERINGS APRIL 4th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (26) \$ 1,160.00
 Easter Offering: (87) \$ 6,145.00
 Loose: \$ 92.00
 Online Giving: \$ 4,385.25
General Fund Total: \$ 11,782.25

General Fund contributions support FAITH IN ACTION



K of C purchased supplies for Sunday School Kits assembled by teachers.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 2,295.00
Holy Land/Good Friday \$ 615.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 50.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberstern	Terry Becherer	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Tracy Frey
Fr. Gummersheimer	Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper
Fr. Dale Maxfield	Mark Moss	Benitt Munie
Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer	David Nobles
Linda Nobles	Bernice Poettker	Maren Poettker
Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann
Mary Strieker	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Scott Voyles	Jeanette Wolters	

SATURDAY EVENING MASS: Due to the Covid-19 protocols we have not been having Saturday evening Masses. Many factors contributed to that decision including lower Mass attendance because of people’s desire to avoid crowds. As the pandemic restrictions have subsided and more people are being vaccinated, it may be time to return the Saturday evening Mass. I am open to that possibility, however, prior to doing so, we must have volunteers to carry out and enforce the Covid-19 protocols: social distancing, masks, and sanitizing following the Mass. This means trained volunteer ushers, greeters, etc. that will commit to being there every Saturday evening to carry out the mandated protocols. Not having these volunteers was the primary reason why we were forced to terminate the Saturday evening Masses. If you are interested in making this volunteer commitment for every Saturday evening Mass, please call the parish office. Having committed, trained volunteers is the first requirement!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the 2nd Grade Class who received the



Body and Blood of Christ for the first time this weekend. They are: **Adler Beer, Parker Deering, Cambri Eilers, Amelia Hoelscher, Peyton Kapp, Taylor Linnemann, Tate Pingsterhaus, Mercer Poettker, Manning Rakers, John Ratermann, Landric Spihlmann, James Strieker, Evan Tebbe, Jillian VonHatten, and Archer Voss.**

Special thanks to our Religion Instructor, Stephanie Pingsterhaus, Fr. Daniel Friedman, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Milissa Faust, Our Parents, Relatives, Choir and All who helped with the Ministries at the Mass to help make this a Special Day for us to remember always.

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.

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



Did you know the first Catholic settlers in the territory of the present St. Francis Congregation of Aviston were emigrants from Northern Germany, Hanover, Westphalia, and Oldenburg. Read more interesting information about the parish at www.stfrancisav.org/parish-life/about

FORGOT TO SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MESSENGER? No

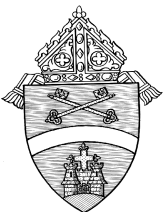


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LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Tues. Apr. 13 - 7:30pm - SAL Meeting
- Wed. Apr. 14 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Thurs. Apr. 15 - 7:00pm - Exec Board Meeting
- Fri. Apr. 16 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*

FUND FOR MINISTRY INFORMATION:



Information regarding The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry has been mailed and emailed to all diocesan parishes, schools, organizations/groups and recent past Fund for Ministry applicants. Information is also available on the diocesan website – diobelle.org. If you would like Fund for Ministry guidelines and an application form mailed to you, please contact Kathleen Hunt, Office of Development, 618-722-5012.

Please note that this year's deadline for submitting grant applications is May 30, 2021.

MATER DEI VIRTUAL REVERSE DRAWING: Mothers and



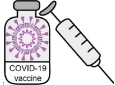
Friends will host a virtual Reverse Drawing and an online auction in place of their annual dinner auction. Our theme is "It's Your Lucky Knight!" There will be a Facebook Live event Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 7:00-8:00pm You do not need to view the event to win. Reverse Drawing and Online Auction, \$5,000 pay-out; \$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100. Reverse Drawing tickets can be purchased through luckyknight.givesmart.com or from a Mater Dei student. Every 100th name drawn out will win \$25. Final 10 names will be announced on the Facebook Live event on May 1. Silent auction will be open on Sunday, April 25th at 8:00am and will close on May 1 at 8:00pm. Registration is free and available at luckyknight.givesmart.com or by visiting Mater Dei Mothers and Friends on FB or Instagram. *Thank you for your support! Good luck!*

VOCATION CORNER

Today's readings offer so many lessons on our Call to Holiness. The reading from Acts tells of the community being one in sharing their possessions with everyone. What a wonderful response to the call. The Gospel tells of Thomas' doubt in the Risen Christ. This doubt can creep into our lives with us wondering if God is really present in our daily lives. It is even more challenging for those discerning a religious vocation. Let us pray for our proper response to community and for the discerners' doubt to be relieved.



COVID-19 VACCINE: All Illinois residents over the age of 18 are



now eligible for the 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.

COVID vaccine is also now available at Comprehensive Care Pharmacy in Breese. Johnson and Johnson, one time shot.

BLESSING OF THE FARM: All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm** on Tuesday,

April 20th at 2:00pm at the Dale and Kay Haudrich Farm located at 7803 State Route 156, Waterloo, IL. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers, along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Non-perishable food for the poor and needy of the area will be collected. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be placed. Please join us for food and fellowship following the Blessing!



Blood Drive Aviston Community

American Legion Hall
601 South Clinton Street
Aviston, IL 62216

**Monday, April 26, 2021
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Aviston Knights of Columbus
Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Aviston to schedule an appointment.



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on 16 ways to a hospital.