

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. April 13		NO MASS
Tue. April 14		NO MASS
Wed. April 15		NO MASS
Thu. April 16		NO MASS
Fri. April 17		NO MASS
Sat. April 18		NO MASS
Sun. April 19	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family Live-streaming

OFFERINGS APRIL 4th & 5th:

Sunday Envelopes: (26)	\$2,121.00
Easter Envelopes: (7)	\$ 415.00
Holy Land/Good Friday: (3)	\$ 80.00
Catholic Home Mission: (3)	\$ 90.00
Improvement: (7)	\$ 260.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$3,164.25
Improvement:	\$ 275.00

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	

Church & Parish Facilities Are All CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC because of the COVID-19 virus!

***CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 13TH!!



PASTORS NOTE: Easter is a celebration of hope, the promise of resurrection. We find ourselves in the midst of a pandemic and our faith calls us to remember the promise of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. God's promise is that he is with us in our trials, fears, and sufferings. He promises to lead us through this desert into the land of milk and honey, a place of peace and prosperity, a place of love and unity. With his grace, he leads us to build that new world. He gives us the power, strength, knowledge, and faith to make it through the trials. Easter reminds us that we are on the journey to the fulfillment of his promise.

Today, as our lives are turned upside down by the pandemic, we celebrate Christ's presence by reflecting his love to one another. It is in our reaching out to each other that his promise lives in us. The pandemic enables us to place our neighbor above our own needs and wants - Christ is in us. The pandemic enables us to be Christ to those around us, to be "church," a living body of people is truly united in the spirit of Jesus. Call your neighbors and check on them. Check on those living alone, the lonely, the sick with a call or note. Offer to pick up some groceries or other needed items. Take time to listen to one another's fears, anxiety, or venting. Oh yes, celebrate good news, jokes, etc. as well. Play games and tell stories with the kids. These are all ways of bringing Christ's presence and healing into the trials of the pandemic. This is being Church - Christ - Disciples. You are all in my prayers! Fr. Dan

The **EASTER LILY MEMORIAL LISTS** are available on the back porch of the rectory and on the parish website.

SYMPATHY: Remember *Michael Markus* (son of Cecilia "Ceil" Markus and brother of Angela [Randy] Rule and Cynthia [Robert] Ratermann) who died. Keep *Michael* and his family in your prayers.



LIVE-STREAMING MASS will continue every Sunday at 9:30am at St. Francis Parish, Aviston 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 you 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. Live-streaming begins 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.



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!**

RESCHEDULED EVENTS: Because of the pandemic's necessity for social distancing we have rescheduled the following events:
 - **First Communion** is rescheduled for June 6 - 4:00pm
 - **The Parish Mission** is rescheduled for September 27th thru October 1st.
 - **Confirmation** is still, tentatively, scheduled for May 13th at 7:00pm.
 - **Priesthood Ordinations** are still, tentatively, scheduled for May 30th at the Cathedral.

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.

ST. MARY CHURCH, TRENTON RUMMAGE SALE: Due to the current status of the Coronavirus outbreak, we are cancelling our May Rummage Sale. If there is an opportunity to hold the sale at a later date we will consider doing so. In the meantime, please stay at home and stay safe!

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).



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.”

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“They did not yet understand.” (John 20:9)

How fitting the Gospel reading today reflects our times. You would think the apostles would be beaming with joy in the realization that Christ did what He promised them He would do: Rise from the dead, defeat sin, with the offer of eternal life with Him! Instead, we hear about panic, misunderstanding and confused faith. They wonder if Jesus’s body has been stolen. They are shocked by the empty tomb and while some of them start to believe, they haven’t seen the risen Lord...yet. Christ enters into suffering himself and becomes the healing salve, the cure, of the world. In “our” sinfulness, we put Christ on the cross. He responds with His divine mercy and love, transforming suffering forever. In fact, His cross is life saving for us and world, especially during this time. We have faith that whatever we feel, wherever we are in our faith, Christ is with us. His resurrected love is the other side of darkness. We are better off because of His suffering. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray- Christ has risen for all of us. Let’s go out and meet Him. The apostles rejoiced when they had a personal encounter with Him. Let’s thank Him for His care and intervention in our lives. Through His salvation, we find eternal healing.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things;
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now, receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
Defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
Wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
By the power of God, cast into hell Satan
And all the evil spirits that prowl about the world
Seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

