

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

April 18, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Apr. 19		NO MASS
Tue. Apr. 20	7:30am	William Ratermann
Wed. Apr. 21	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. Apr. 22	7:30am	Mutzie Altgilbers
Fri. Apr. 23	7:30am	James Murphy Wellinghoff & In Law Families
Sat. Apr. 24		NO MASS
Sun. Apr. 25	7:30am	Anthony & Bertha Wellen
	9:30am	Mary Agnes Harper (also Live-streamed)

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: In the Easter Gospels, the Risen Jesus appears, meeting the disciples with “peace” – but the “peace” of Easter is nothing like our understanding of “peace.” We often settle for peace that’s merely the absence of conflict, a peace that settles for nothing bad happening, peace that is equated with the status quo. But, too often fear and tensions lie just below the surface of such “peace.” But, too often fear and tension lie just below the surface of such “peace.” True peace is rooted in the Gospel of justice and mercy. Lasting peace is possible only when the reasons for fear and doubt are confronted. Christ’s peace is realized when all are respected and honored as sisters and brothers in the light the Risen Christ.

Thomas Merton wrote that “instead of loving what you think is peace, love others and love God above all. And instead of hating the people you think are warmongers, hate the appetites and the disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war. If you love peace, the hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed – but hate these thing in yourself, not in another.” May the work of peace begin within ourselves.

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 *Diane Hollenkamp* (wife of Ron Hollenkamp) who died. Keep *Diane and her family* in your prayers.

OFFERINGS APRIL 11th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (57) \$ 3,258.00
 Easter Offering: (17) \$ 1,890.00
 Loose: \$ 17.00
 Online Giving: \$ 3,789.25
General Fund Total: \$ 8,954.25

*General Fund contributions support
 FAITH IN ACTION*



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

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 3,835.00
Holy Land/Good Friday \$ 225.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 65.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign \$ 50.00
Seminarian Education \$ 50.00

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	Bennett Munie
Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer	David Nobles
Linda Nobles	Maren Poettker	Fr. Joe Rascher
Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann	Mary Stricker
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles
Jeanette Wolters		



APRIL 21st: HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEACON STEVE AUBUCHON!



CONGRATULATIONS to *Deacon Charles Litteken* who will celebrate his 24th Anniversary of Ordination on Tuesday, April 19th!



CONGRATULATIONS to *Breslin Ari McAllister* (daughter of Ryan and Cambrin McAllister) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Breslin and her family* to our faith family.



CONGRATULATIONS to *Frank & Florence Hogg* who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, April 14th. May God grant them many more years of happiness together!

SECOND COLLECTION: *Next weekend, April 25th*, we will take up the *Catholic Home Missions collection* which generously supports ministries and programs of our Belleville Diocese. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



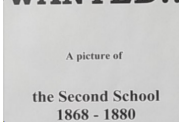
SATURDAY EVENING MASS: To date, only one person has committed to assisting with Covid-19 protocols at the Saturday evening Masses. In order to return to Saturday evening Mass, we need commitments for Ushers (2-3), Greeters (1-2) and Satirizers (2). As restrictions have subsided and more people are being vaccinated, we hope to return the Saturday evening Mass. I am open to that possibility. However, prior to doing so, we must have volunteers to enforce the Covid-19 protocols: social distancing, masks & 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 Saturday evening Masses. If you're interested in making this commitment for every Saturday evening Mass, please call the parish office. Having committed and trained volunteers is the first requirement!

ST. FRANCIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:



What: Save the date for **Rainforest Explorers VBS!**
When: July 12-16th from 9:00am - 12noon
Where: St. Francis Parish Center
Who: Kids going into K - 5th Grade as of August 2021.
 *Registration Forms are available on the church web page or contact Janice Lampe (618-228-7709) or Sue Szoke (618-228-7811). **Deadline to register is July 6th!**

WHAT IS ON THE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH WEB PAGE???
WANTED!! Can you help us locate a missing picture?? We are missing a picture of the Second School 1868-1880. The building was a two-room brick structure, then a third classroom was added in 1872. Please contact the rectory to help us fill this void. 228-7219



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Mon. Apr. 19 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting
- Tues. Apr. 20 - 7:00pm - Auxiliary Meeting
- Wed. Apr. 21 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Thurs. Apr. 22 - 8:00pm - K of C Meeting
- Fri. Apr. 23 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER for Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center at Albers Legion, Wednesday, April 21, 4:00pm-7:00pm. Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Salad, Breadstick, and Dessert. Adults \$10, Children (5 to 12) \$5, children under 5, free. Adult carryouts available. There will also be a basket raffle and raffle tickets available.



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.



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 place. Please join us for food and fellowship following the Blessing!



VOCATION CORNER

“I was 7 years old when I first thought about becoming a priest. But by the time I moved to the United States from Mexico at age 15, the priesthood was not in my plans...I pursued a career in criminal justice instead. God had other plans for me, though. The decision to enter seminary was not an easy one. I struggled with my own desires and with what other people thought would be best for me. Ultimately, I ran out of excuses and could no longer ignore the call that God had planted in my heart. If I had to do it all over again, I would answer the call without a doubt in mind.”
Fr. Francisco Javier Onate Vargas; Diocese of Charleston, S.C. Columbia Magazine September 2019



MATER DEI: will host a virtual Reverse Drawing and an online auction in place of their annual dinner auction. 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 from April 25th at 8:00am through May 1 at 8:00pm. Registration is free at luckyknight.givesmart.com or by visiting Mater Dei Mothers and Friends on FB or Instagram.



FUND FOR MINISTRY INFORMATION:
 Information regarding The 2021 CSMA 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.**



ST. MARY (CARLYLE) LADIES SODALITY will hold a raffle of a quilt, afghan, toaster oven, and 3 specialty baskets in lieu of their annual Basket Bingo. To purchase tickets, call Jane Beckmann 791-7607. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and need to be mailed to Darlene Diekemper, 17017 County Farm Road, Carlyle. The drawing will be held after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 8th.



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.