

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. April 27		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. April 28		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed. April 29		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thu. April 30		<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri. May 03		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat. May 02		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun. May 03	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>St. Francis Parish Family Live-streaming</b>

**Church & Parish Facilities Are All CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** because of the COVID-19 virus! Therefore **WEEKLY scheduled CONFESSIONS & ROSARY have been suspended until further notice !**

**PASTORS NOTE:** All of us are on the (a) road to Emmaus, our own personal road. On the roads we travel to whatever Emmaus is our destination, God appears to us in so many different guises. In all of them, God guides us, nudges us, challenges us and confronts us: where are we going? What are we seeking on this journey? How do we experience meaning and purpose in our lives? It strikes me that we have been on a different road to Emmaus this year with the corona virus pandemic. How are we answering those questions? Are seeing the loving hand of God beside us? What ARE we seeking on our journey this spring?

God makes himself known in the poor, the stranger, the troubled, and so calls forth from us the compassion and mercy and peace of his Easter promise. This Easter, may we become the living sign of the "bread broken" in our generosity and kindness to those who travel these Emmaus roads with us. May we realize God walking with us in the peace and forgiveness extended to us by our traveling companions. May they recognize God's presence in us by our peace, forgiveness, care and love. **Alleluia! God IS with us!**



**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](http://www.stfrancisav.org). **Live-streaming begins 15 minutes prior to Mass.** 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.

## OFFERINGS APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (32)	\$ 1,775.00
Easter Envelopes: (18)	\$ 1,670.00
Holy Land/Good Friday: (3)	\$ 45.00
Catholic Home Mission: (1)	\$ 25.00
Improvement: (8)	\$ 325.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 1,894.25
Easter:	\$ 25.00
Improvement:	\$ 50.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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



**SYMPATHY:** Remember **Rosemary "Rosie" Rakers** and **Victoria Helen Thole** (sister of Leo [Jeanette] Wolters) who died. Keep **Rosie, Victoria and their families** in your prayers.



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!**

The **PICNIC MEETING** scheduled for Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm has been cancelled. We will reschedule the meeting when the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

## PSR NEWS:

**First Communion has been reschedule for Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 4:00pm.**  
**Confirmation that was scheduled for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm has been postponed.**

## 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. 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."

## MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

### April 30 Deadline for Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Donation Matching.

Thanks to the generosity of a member of the Diocese of Belleville, the deadline for the dollar-for-dollar match of donations to the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program has been extended to April 30, 2020.

Through the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program, donors receive a tax credit of 75% of their donation. All donations designated for Mater Dei are then utilized to provide tuition assistance to qualifying Mater Dei students. Last year, thirty-seven students qualified and were on a waiting list to receive tuition assistance.

For additional information, including a step-by-step process for donating, visit our website ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)) or contact Fr. Chuck Tuttle (526-7216 or [ctuttle@materdeiknights.org](mailto:ctuttle@materdeiknights.org)).

Mater Dei Catholic High School has a proud tradition of generous benefactors who play a vital role in assisting us in fulfilling our Mission for our students. Thus, we pray we are able to secure the matching donation that is available to us!

**SPRING FARM BLESSING:** In consultation with the Reverend Robert J. Zwilling, Rural Life Coordinator, and after prayerful consideration for the safety of our priests, deacons, and families, the Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm will not be held due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We look forward to and pray that the Blessing of the Harvest can be held this Fall. Please keep our farm families in your prayers.

*The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville*



### Prayer for Safety of All in Agriculture

Blessed Mary, Mother of God, and great Saint Joseph, you protected and kept safe the Divine Child, Jesus. We ask your special intercession and protection of all who work in Agriculture, especially on the farm. Man, having been cast out of the Garden of Eden, must now work by the sweat of his brow to get food to eat as you foretold in Genesis. And he must also battle fatigue, danger, and accidents. Protect all in agriculture against these and all danger and evil, so that when they complete their work each day and each season, they return to your altar and their families whole and entire to love and honor You and the ones you have given them all the days of their lives. We ask through the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

*The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville*

**MESSENGER MEMORIAL DAY ISSUE:** If anyone in the parish



has a "heart-warming" story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who died during a war, please send the information to The Messenger. They will print the names of service members who were **Killed in Action**

(WWII onward) and the names of loved ones who are **presently serving** in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home.

Also, the names of parishioners or loved ones who served in Iraq, Afghanistan or Syria and have recently **returned home**. Contact the Messenger at 722-5044 or 233-8670, fax 235-9605 or e-mail [editor@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org). **Deadline is May 6<sup>th</sup>!**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS BLUE JEANS AND FOOD



**DONATIONS:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** in providing essentials to the poor they serve. At the present time there is a desperate need for **gently-used blue jeans** (men's, women's and children's – all sizes.)

Also, **SVDP's Night-Time Drop-In Center** has been operating at full capacity every night, housing homeless men, women and children...many more people during the current COVID19 pandemic. If you are able to help during this uncertain time – or anytime in the future -- sack lunch items (**individually packaged**) are always needed: **cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup bottled water; luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches is also appreciated.**

Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office, 13 Vieux Carre Drive, East St. Louis (across from the Save-A-Lot store on Hwy. 157) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00am - 2:30pm or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis (Monday - Friday 9:00am – 1:30pm and Saturday 9:00am – 12Noon. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL BE A BLESSING FOR SOMEONE IN NEED! THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

### Third Sunday of Easter

**Mystagogy on the Emmaus Story** ("Mystagogy" = to be led to, to encounter mystery.) Two dejected disciples, abandoning Jerusalem, encounter Jesus in the Breaking of Bread. With burning hearts, they return to the community of believers to recount this meeting. That is what Sunday Mass and Communion of Blood and Body does for us. In returning week after week to the faithful believers, to our fellow parishioners, we meet the Risen Lord in the Body of Christ the Church.

- \* With what does my heart burn this Easter Day?
- \* Why do I attend Sunday Mass? Why do I want to receive the Body & Blood?
- \* When I receive the Body and Blood, what does the sacred Meal strengthen me, impel me to do?

