

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

May 2, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. May 03		NO MASS
Tue. May 04	7:30am	Ray & Adele Jansen
Wed. May 05	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. May 06	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Fri. May 07	7:30am	Al & Bernadine Mueller Special Intention
Sat. May 08		NO MASS
Sun. May 09	7:30am	<i>All Mother's of St. Francis Parish</i>
	9:30am	<i>All Mother's of St. Francis Parish (also Live-streamed)</i>



WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: Last year the pandemic began with everyone suddenly being afraid of one another. Anyone could be a carrier of the virus, even your spouse or children. We avoided each other, we masked, we washed our chapped hands again and again; we lived in our own safe, protected - and lonely - bubbles. For many families this has been a time of indescribable loss. Some will be living with the scars forever. It's been a long 14 months.

No one wants to go back to what we've been through - but some good things have resulted. Those mostly invisible among us have become visible: Care givers, factory workers, public works people (including garbage collectors, etc.) who keep towns functioning, super market workers - so many low-profile (and lower paid) workers that we took for granted - we now see with gratitude and respect for the way they make our lives work. We've redefined the meaning of hero. "Super" men and women have stethoscopes hanging around their necks and don't go home as long as someone needs them.

We've discovered that school is more than textbooks and homework. Education is about building a learning community, helping one another through the hard lessons, discovering that the most important lesson we will ever learn is respect for the gifts of others. Many will say that Zoom is OK as far as it goes, but a "virtual" classroom or church can't replace face-to-face learning, creating, engagement - and prayer. You can't replace an in-person hug from a grandchild or a simple "How's it going?" from a friend.

This pandemic has instilled in many of us a new appreciation of today's Gospel: our "connectedness" to one another in the compassion and peace of God's Christ. As branches of Christ the vine, we're part of something greater than ourselves, something which transforms and transcends the fragility of our own lives. In our simplest acts of kindness and most ordinary offerings of help and support, may we realize with a new spirit of gratitude that we are part on one another, that each one of us matters to all of us, that in our love and respect for one another we realize the very presence of God in our midst. Has it changed your life? Your priorities? Your daily life as a family? Will the lessons last?

OFFERINGS APRIL 25th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (42) \$ 2,425.00
 Loose: \$ 101.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,014.25
General Fund Total: \$ 4,540.25

*The General Fund contributions enable
FAITH IN ACTION*



CYM Team creating goody bags for Easter masses.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 115.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 476.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Tracy Frey
Fr. Gummersheimer	Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper
Peggy Meier	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		

Celebrate
National Nurses Week
 May 6th-12th



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 **Wade Richard Buss** (son of David and Amy Buss) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Wade and his family** to our faith family.

IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: *This weekend*, there will be a second collection for the **"Parish Improvement Fund"** which is used for major repairs on the church, etc.



NEEDED: Ushers (2-3), Greeters (1-2) and Sanitizers (2) to enable us to begin Saturday Evening Masses! Only one person has come forward to assist. We must have volunteers to carry out the required Covid-19 protocols: social distancing, masks & sanitizing following the Mass prior to doing so. This means volunteer ushers, greeters, etc. that will commit to being present every Saturday evening to carry out the mandated protocols. If you're willing to make this commitment for Saturday 7:30pm Mass, call the parish office ASAP. Having committed volunteers is the first requirement to reinstating the Mass!

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 (228-7709) or Sue Szoke (228-7811).

Deadline to register is July 6th!

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



To download and print the form for VBS (Vacation Bible School) go to stfrancisav.org/modules/form.php?id=43. Return completed forms in the collection basket or mail to Janice Lampe at the address provided on the form.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Wed. May 5 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing

Fri. May 7 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*

ACIC NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE! AVISTON COMMUNITY GARAGE



SALES on Saturday, May 8th from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Donations to the ACIC would be appreciated. Maps will be available for pickup at Village Hall, Post Office and the ACIC Facebook page or by emailing the

avistongaragesales@gmail.com.

Sponsored by the: Aviston Community Improvement Club.

MID-LIFE SINGLES: Are you looking for a renewed sense of

connection & purpose during this pandemic?

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, (20 min from downtown St.

Louis), on June 4-6, 2021. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

MARRIAGE EXPERIENCE: As you make plans for summer vacation, remember your marriage NEVER takes a vacation. Help

your marriage sacrament stay refreshed and full of energy by getting it recharged at a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Upcoming Experiences include:

*May 6 - June 17 (one evening per week- Thursdays) -

ENGLISH - for more information contact: Jim & Kris

McCulloch, 630-577-0778, or to apply go to wwme.org

*May 28 - May 30 - **SPANISH** - for more information contact:

Oscar y Flor Escobar, 778-834-5974, Flor10molina@gmail.com

Tito y Silvy Zapata, 604-306-0474, Silvyal@hotmail.com

VOCATION CORNER

“As a teenager, I struggled to find my identity and purpose. I had a loving family and great friends, and I was a motivated student, yet I felt lost and empty. I had this gnawing desire to be whole. Everything changed when I encountered the Lord at a confirmation retreat. He spoke to my deepest desires, and for the first time, I felt at home with myself and the world. At the foot of the cross, I discovered that I am loved and known from all eternity. That same gaze of Christ crucified now calls me to respond to his love with love through the path of the holy cross.” *Sr. Viet Oanh Nguyen; Lovers of the Holy Cross; Columbia Magazine, December 2020*



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 618-722-5044 or 618-233-8670, or e-mail

editor@bellevillemessenger.org. **Deadline is May 3rd!**

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.

MOTHER’S DAY DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST: at St. Augustine



Parish Center. Located at 525 S. Third Street, Breese, Sunday, May 9th, 8:00am-12Noon. Meals (\$10 each) will include sausage, bacon, pancakes, hash browns, biscuits & gravy and scrambled eggs.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Dine in or Carry out at Albers



American Legion. Sunday, May 9th, 8:00am-11:30am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$10.00, Kids 5-12 \$5.00, Under 5 Free.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY! Live long stem red roses will be



available at all Masses on May 9th, \$2.00 each. Vases for Memorial roses will be placed on Mary’s altar.

Clinton County Citizens for Life thanks you for sharing this loving tribute to Mothers and our support. Over the years Mother’s Day Roses proceeds have helped provide education; Pro-Life signs in the county, billboards to counter Planned Parenthood billboards, and support for area Pregnancy Care centers. It has also helped fund transportation of Marcher’s for Life to Washington, D.C. and students to pray at Granite City’s Hope (abortion) Clinic, and more... **Thank you.**

INQUIRING MINDS: Do you know why priest’s wear Roman collars..? The answer

can be found on the parish website stfrancisav.org on the right side under Mass Times and above Confession.

Children know a lot more than we realize.

