

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. May 04		NO MASS
Tue. May 05		NO MASS
Wed. May 06		NO MASS
Thu. May 07		NO MASS
Fri. May 08		NO MASS
Sat. May 09		NO MASS
<b>Sun. May 10</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>All Mother's of St. Francis Parish</b> <b>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:** In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of himself as the "sheep gate." His teachings and example are the foundation of our risen life, of our faith. This Easter season is a time to ground ourselves again in the Risen Christ, the "gate" to God's Kingdom, the Shepherd who gathers us as his Church, the people of God. In the most difficult challenges of our lives - this pandemic included - Christ speaks amid the turmoil and fear. If we listen with open hearts, we can hear Him speaking in those small acts of kindness, forgiveness and justice that eventually get us beyond the crisis or obstacle. He is the "gate" that leads from our imperfect, incomplete world to the reality of the perfect holiness. We are called to take to heart the lessons of compassion and justice that these demanding days are teaching us, resolving to bring a new appreciation of the humanity we share into every day to come. Let us make sure that our current sense of care and compassion for one another lives on. Let us make sure that our sense of being a part of an interdependent society remains a key element in ourselves and society. Let us make our sense of faith, practice of family unity and intimate time together a lasting part of our daily lives, a new pattern of daily living.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (31)	\$ 1,510.00
Easter Envelopes: (5)	\$ 110.00
Holy Land/Good Friday: (1)	\$ 20.00
Catholic Home Mission: (4)	\$ 140.00
Improvement: (3)	\$ 210.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,434.25
Catholic Home Mission:	\$ 25.00
Improvement:	\$ 80.00

## 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
Nick Strubhart	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Scott Voyles		



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!**

**IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION this weekend.** The monies collected are used for major repairs on the church, etc.

**The ST. FRANCIS CYM Meeting for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled!**

## 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."



**SYMPATHY:** Remember *Carole Jean Nordike* (mother of Keith [Becky] Nordike) who died. Keep *Carole and her family* in your prayers.

## MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

**MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE:** Want a chance to win cash while supporting Mater Dei? Purchase a Mega Raffle ticket (\$100) online via the link provided on our home page, or by contacting the office (526-7216), a Fathers & Friends member, or a School Board member. A \$10,000 grand prize winner as well as winners of two \$2,500 prizes, three \$1,000 prizes, and twenty \$100 prizes, will be drawn at the Golf Classic, which has been rescheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for your support!

**MATER DEI GOLF CLASSIC RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>:** The 2020 Mater Dei Golf Classic has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is an opportunity for the Mater Dei community – alumni, parents, friends, administration, faculty, and staff – to enjoy a day of golf and fellowship in support of Mater Dei Catholic High School. The six-person team scramble tournament offers two shotgun starts (7:30am and 1:00pm) and three divisions (men, women, couples). The fee (\$100 per golfer) includes green fees (18 holes), cart rental, mulligans, refreshments and food during play, and a dinner and awards presentation in the evening. To join us, please submit the [2020 Golf Classic Registration Form](#), with payment, by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The registration form is available on our website or by contacting the office (526-7216). Please note that reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. We hope to see you on the golf course!

**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.**

## Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2020

Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. 1 Peter 2:20b-25. John 10:1-10.

**“I Am the Gate.”** Doorways and gates can protect those within. This is the image of Jesus today – gate and protector, shepherd and guide. Let Psalm 23 fill our prayer every day this week.

- \* Because I am protected by the Good Shepherd, whom will I protect this week? How will I do it?
- \* On what right paths will I let myself be guided?
- \* What goodness and kindness will shine through my thoughts and actions this week?



## RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Last Thursday, Project Rachel Ministry was relaunched in our diocese! We are able to help by phone right now and are happy to do so. Here is our link:

<https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>

Coalition for Life is also doing great work to support families with young children. Please see their website as well.

<https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/>

**“I am the way, and the truth and the life.”** John 14:6 In John’s Gospel, Jesus is again encouraging his disciples to have faith and trust in Him and to “be not afraid.” By believing in Him, they also believe in His Father and soon the Holy Spirit, which makes up the Holy Trinity. The disciples are worried about how to follow their beloved friend, Jesus, who walked with them, talked with them, taught them and ate with them. They are confused over how to follow where Jesus is going—to heaven, His Father’s house. Jesus urges them to trust and to “not let your hearts be troubled.” The disciples were unsure what was happening and filled with fear. How many of us relate to that in our present day with the COVID-19 pandemic. We reflect today on how important it is to place everything at the foot of the cross. By the cross, we have been set free from fear, trepidation and anxiety. Christ has redeemed the world. It is our job to listen to Him. **Think, Act, Connect and Pray**-Praying through transitions can be extremely helpful. Let Jesus walk with you. Speak with him about what has gone in your life and share your feelings. Remember to keep Christ’s love for you in your heart as you look to the past... and to the future, a new place God has in store for you!

