

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

May 9, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. May 10		NO MASS
Tue. May 11	7:30am	Fr. Dale A. Maxfield
Wed. May 12	7:30am 7:00pm	Schonhoff Family CONFIRMATION
Thu. May 13	7:30am 7:30pm	William Ratermann Wilhelmine Ratermann
Fri. May 14	7:30am	Jenny Lueke
Sat. May 15		NO MASS
Sun. May 16	7:30am 9:30am	Frances "Fritz" Imming Ruth Potthast Carla Knackstedt Bill & Lois Voss (56th Wedding Anniversary) Joseph Kujawa (also Live-streamed)



WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: Sometimes the hardest part of keeping Jesus' command to love is finding the language to express that love, but such love is "spoken" most meaningfully when we put aside our ego and need to control to simply be present with those we love. The love that Christ "commands" of us is that simple and profound. Such "wordless" love can be transforming experiences of resurrection for those we love and for ourselves. Such empathy, such awareness of the struggle of others, is at the heart of today's Gospel. Loving as Christ has loved us begins by putting aside our own hopes and wants to help realize the hopes and wants of others; by caring for and about others with selflessness and understanding, regardless of the sacrifice demanded of us; by readily making the first move to forgive and to heal, no matter how undeserving. May we realize the powerful sense of resurrection we can bring about by embracing the spirit of Christ's love in our lives and the lives of others.

NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: Over the past several weeks we have requested volunteers to assist at Sat. Evening Masses, *but received only one name.* We do not even have ushers for the Mass, let alone for the required COVID protocols. Therefore, we will not be reinstating the 7:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. I'm saddened to lose that option for all of you, but apparently it is not needed to the point that individuals will commit to supporting it. If interest changes in the future we will reconsider.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Cohen Jack Thomsen** (son of Jack and Kelsey Thomsen) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Cohen and his family** to our faith family.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jacob & Lydia [Kuhl] Holtmann** upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



OFFERINGS MAY 2nd:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (57) \$ 2,475.00
 Loose: \$ 54.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,702.25
General Fund Total: \$ 5,231.25

*The General Fund contributions enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



CYM Team creating goody bags for Easter masses.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,343.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$ 5.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign \$ 80.00
Seminarian Education \$ 105.00
CSMA TO DATE: (120) \$ 14,882.60

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Anna Alberternst	Terry Becherer	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Tracy Frey
Fr. Gummersheimer	Fr. Jim Healy	Kim Hegger
Dennis Kuper	Peggy Meier	Mark Moss
Bennett Munie	Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer
Maren Poettker	Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings
Dayceon Spihlmann	Mary Strieker	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Jeanette Wolters

Happy Birthday

MAY 10th: HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEACON CHARLIE LITTEKEN!

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 **Marcie Deiters** (mother of Michael [Christy] Deiters) and **Gail Gross** (mother of Jeff [Lisa] Gross) who died. Keep **Marcie, Gail and their families** in your prayers.





MOTHER'S DAY ROSES: Live long-stem red roses are available at All Masses today, May 9th, \$2.00 each. Memorial roses will be placed on Mary's altar.

SECOND COLLECTION: *Next weekend, our second collection*



supports the Catholic Communication Campaign.

This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, TV, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in our Belleville Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more visit www.usccb.org/cc

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???



While baptism is the sacrament of new life, confirmation gives birth to that life. Baptism initiates us into the Church and names us as children of God, whereas confirmation calls us forth as God's children and unites us more fully to the active messianic mission of Christ in the world.

To read more go to www.stfrancisav.org/sacraments/confirmation.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Tues. May 11 - 6:30pm - SAL Meeting
- Wed. May 12 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Thurs. May 13 - 7:00pm - Exec Board Meeting
- Fri. May 14 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry *Dine In/Carryout*



ACIC NEWS:

AVISTON BLOCK PARTY & PEDALING 4 PARKINSON'S



happening on Saturday, June 12th at Vintage Hall. Bike ride signup starting at 10:30am. Great food, Drinks, Live music (Legends Uncover Band from 6-10pm) T-ball kickoff, kid entertainment and more! See our Facebook page for more details. fb.com/ACIC62216

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP! The Belleville

Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs donations of: bottled water, Gatorade or Capri Sun (individual bottles/pouches) or similar drinks, new socks and new t-shirts to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be dropped off at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, IL (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am - 2:30pm. SVPD Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 1:30pm; Saturday from 9:00am - 12Noon or call the office at 618-394-0126.



MASS TO HONOR THE GRADUATES at both Masses on Sunday, May 23rd. We will honor our 2021 Graduates (Eighth Grade, High School and College). Please let us know if you have a College Graduate so we can add their name to the list of those graduating. Please advise us if they will be in attendance at the weekend masses. Call 618-228-7219 or e-mail parish@stfrancisav.org!



RUMMAGE SALE at St. Augustine Parish Center located at 300

S. Main St. in Breese on Thursday, June 17th from 4:00pm - 8:00pm; Friday, June 18th from 12Noon - 8:00pm [½ price all day] and Saturday, June 19th from 9:00am - 12Noon [\$3 Brown Bag All Day.]



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 wwwme.org

*May 28 - May 30 - **SPANISH** - for more information contact: Oscar y Flor Escobar, 778-834-5974, Flor10molina@gmail.com Tito y Silvya Zapata, 604-306-0474, Silvya1@hotmail.com



VOCATION CORNER

“Mothers’ Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast “Do whatever He tells you”. We pray for all our Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own “FIAT” – our surrendering to God’s plan for us.



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS:



What does it mean to live grace-fully? You are invited to a Day of Reflection, open to all age groups, sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year’s program, “Aging Grace-fully”, will be a **VIRTUAL** event on **Saturday, May 15 at 9:30am – 12Noon**. The presenter is Gary Behrman, PhD. Together we will explore this question and discuss approaches on integrating grace into our lives in order to live to our fullest potential. Resources will be provided for ongoing support for a healthy life. This will be a holistic approach to aging to inspire us to be connected to God, others & self. **Cost is \$20**. Register online at snows.org/reflection21, visit snows.org for a printable registration form or call 618-394-6281 to register.

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 40 QUILT RAFFLE: We are giving away 40 beautiful hand quilted, queen sized quilts!

Tickets are \$50 each, with 40 chances to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold. To view the quilts, go to the parish website at stbonifacechurch.net. To purchase a ticket, you can mail a check to St. Boniface Parish, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245. Please include a valid phone number with your ticket purchase. Also, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope in with your ticket purchase so we can mail you your ticket stub. If you do not include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, we will presume that you do not want/need a ticket stub.

