

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

May 16, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. May 17		NO MASS
Tue. May 18	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Wed. May 19	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. May 20	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Fri. May 21	7:30am	Ray & Adele Jansen
Sat. May 22		NO MASS
Sun. May 23	7:30am	Joe & Virginia Ripperda Anthony & Don Lohman Graduates Recognized
	9:30am	Henry Feldmann Bob & Betty Usselmann Graduates Recognized <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>




WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

PASTORS NOTE: PASTORS NOTE: In every kindness we offer, in every word of encouragement and comfort we utter, in every moment we spend listening and supporting, we proclaim the Risen Jesus' Gospel of compassion, mercy and reconciliation. Every good work, however small or hidden, is a spark of the light of the Risen Christ in our midst. In his "high priestly prayer" at the conclusion of the Last Supper, Jesus prays for those who now take up his work of peace, reconciliation and justice. We can begin to transform the lives of the hurting, the struggling and despairing. By every simple kindness and help we offer we proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Jesus. How will you proclaim it today? And tomorrow?

PARISH PICNIC – A "GO!": At a meeting this week the picnic co-chairs (past and present) decided to have the Parish Picnic this year on Saturday, August 7, 2021 as usual! (The full picnic will happen provided licensing is given.) We are in the process of ordering the required licenses from the State of Illinois. On Wednesday, June 2, 2021, **All "Booth Chairs" are asked to attend a Picnic Committee Meeting at 7:00pm in the Heritage Room.** Time is short, "everyone" must be there! Begin working on your workers list today! Come prepared!

KITCHEN CHAIR: Urgently needed! In order to prepare for the picnic, we have an immediate need for someone to step forward to takeover the coordination and operation of the kitchen for the Parish Picnic Supper. Former coordinators will assist. Planning must begin immediately! Please call the rectory if you are open to the job! (618) 228-2719

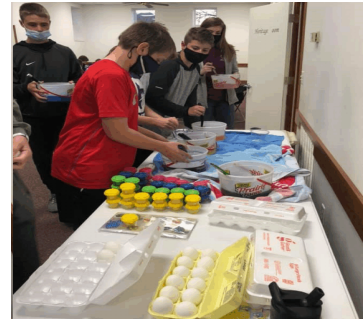
 **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Caleb Nicholas Strubhart** (son of Matthew & Shannon Strubhart) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Caleb** to our faith family.

OFFERINGS MAY 9th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: (61)	\$ 3,859.00
Easter Offering: (1)	\$ 200.00
Loose:	\$ 15.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,389.25
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,463.25

*The General Fund contributions enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



CYM Team creating goody bags for Easter masses.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 630.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ 30.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$ 105.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 10.00

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 Stricker	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Jeanette Wolters

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.

SUNDAY MASSES: **Occupancy limit has INCREASED to 176!!**

176 (provided social distancing space permits). To insure seat availability, advance reservation is still required by *each individual household* (indicate how many are attending). Masks and social distancing are required. *If your plans change, please cancel your reservation!* [Click here to sign up for Mass.](#) (Also accessible via our FB page) fb.com/embracing.ourfaith
 For assistance call the rectory (618) 228-7219.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, our second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign.



This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States & developing countries using the internet, TV, radio & 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! Learn more uscgb.org/cc

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION next weekend!



Please consider a donation to support the education and formation of men who are discerning a call to ordained priesthood. We must continue efforts to invite young people to consider priesthood and religious life. With more seminarians, we incur more costs. A gift to this collection is an investment in the future of our Church. **Thank you** for your generosity and may God bless you always.

RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann are former members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish who funded a charitable remainder Unitrust to provide college/vocational/technical scholarships for students of our Parish. St Francis Parish is honored to be one of the organizations permitted to award these scholarships in their memory. St Francis parishioners salute each of the following recipients, and wish them all the very best: **Emma Gebke** daughter of Karen & Scott Gebke; **Morgan Spears** daughter of Michelle & Dirk Spears; **Klara Schildroth** daughter of Ken Schildroth, Pam Haselhorst, and Mary Lampe; **Brianna Markus** daughter of Deonna & Scott Markus; **Kristen Ess** daughter of Jean & Doug Ess; **Eyan Detmer** son of Megan & Chris Detmer; **Haley Castillo** daughter of Denise & Heleman Castillo. ***Winners will get their picture taken on Monday, May 17th at 7:00pm at church.**

PRAIRIE FARMS' "OUR CAPS – YOUR CAUSE" UPDATE.



We're over 1/4 of the way there! We have input 272 cap numbers toward our 7th 1,000-caps goal, at which point we'll receive another \$50 for our youth programs from Prairie Farms. Thanks to all who are participating. **Please, make it a routine in your house:** if you buy Prairie Farms milk or iced coffee; peel the cap to reveal the number; enter the number in your computer. It's that easy. You don't have to save the caps. [For details click here](#) (bookmark this website!). Our category is "Faith-Based and Religious." Our organization is "St. Francis Youth Programs, Aviston, IL." Don't have computer access? Drop your caps off at the rectory!

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.]

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI:



Ava Becker, Alex Beckmann, Shaelyn Borowiak, Andrew Crosby, Kylie Detmer, Brooke Dulle, Grace Foutch, Mason Hilmes, Celia Huelsmann, Alyssa Jansen, Tori Kampwerth, Quinten Kehder, Nolan Kluemke, Noah Koch, Daniel Kohrmann, Piper Kujawa, Noah Markus, Ava Millard, Gavin Nettekmeier, Kennedy Nicklin, Dixie Ottenschnieder, Ayden Rakers, Kaden Rakers, Kylie Rakers, Shanna Rogers, and Adeline Santel.

Special thanks to Bishop Michael McGovern, to our Religion Instructors, Deacon Charles Litteken and Mary Rakers, Fr. Dan Friedman, Deacon Stephen AuBuchon, Milissa Faust, Our Parents, Sponsors, Relatives, and All who helped make this a Special Day for us to remember always.

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!

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Mon. May 17 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting
- Tues. May 18 - 7:00pm - Auxiliary Meeting
- Wed. May 19 - 8:00pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing
- Fri. May 21 - 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

VOCATION CORNER

"There was never a dull moment growing up with seven siblings. Little did I know that this experience would prepare me well for Benedictine life, a life of stability in community lived in the enclosure of the monastery. Would I have become a monk if my grandmother had not prayed that one of her grandsons would become a priest; if my dad had not told me, "It doesn't hurt to give God the first option"; Nothing is more beautiful than encountering Christ. I didn't lose my family when I entered the monastery; I joined a family much larger than 10. I belong to God's family."

Fr. Caesarius Marple, OSB; Westminster Abbey, Mission, British Columbia; Columbia Magazine April 2020

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 40 QUILT RAFFLE: We are giving

away 40 hand-quilted, queen sized quilts! Tickets are \$50 each, with 40 chances to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold. View the quilts at stbonifacechurch.net. To purchase a ticket, mail a check to St. Boniface Parish, PO Box 280, Germantown, IL 62245. Please include a valid phone number and 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. Drawing will be on Sunday, July 25th.

