

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

May 17, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. May 18		NO MASS
Tue. May 19		NO MASS
Wed. May 20		NO MASS
Thu. May 21		NO MASS
Fri. May 22		NO MASS
Sat. May 23		NO MASS
Sun. May 24	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family Live-streaming

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: The Advocate that Jesus promises his disciples in today's Gospel is the grace and wisdom to take on the "monsters in our closets": self-centeredness, bigotry, violence, avarice, fear. The advocate is the Spirit of God that brings us together as a Church, the people of God, to take on those monsters, helping us to see that together, following the example of Jesus, we can transform those monsters of hate and fear into opportunities for hope. The Risen Christ's promise of the Advocate is a mixed blessing: God's Spirit can be "scary," threatening our lives and lifestyles, confronting us with our irresponsibility and culpability – but that Spirit opens our hearts and consciences to hear the voice of God in the noise and tumult around us, enabling God's presence to transform our "monsters" into the justice, forgiveness and peace of the promise of Easter. The corona virus monster revealed the other monsters within and among us – but it has also revealed the God's Advocate with us and around us. We simply must look and embrace His Spirit's presence within one another.

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. **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.

SYMPATHY: Remember **Fr. Donald A. Blaes**, a retired Priest who died. Keep **Fr. Blaes and his family** in your prayers.



OFFERINGS May 9th & 10th:

Sunday Envelopes: (37)	\$ 1,955.00
Easter Envelopes: (2)	\$ 450.00
Holy Land/Good Friday: (1)	\$ 40.00
Catholic Home Mission: (1)	\$ 40.00
Seminarian Education: (2)	\$ 35.00
Catholic Communication: (1)	\$ 15.00
Improvement: (9)	\$ 220.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,679.25
Improvement:	\$ 310.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Lorraine Boeser	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper
Jim Markus	Alan Netemeyer	Keith Nordike
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!**

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION this weekend!

Please consider a donation to ensure the formation of our Belleville Diocese's current and future seminarians. **Thank you** for your generosity and may God bless you always.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend, the *Catholic*

Communication Campaign Collection will be taken. This campaign connects people with Christ here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent (50%) of funds collected remain in our Belleville Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!

Due to the current health situations, we will not be offering Vacation Bible School this summer. Also, First Communion scheduled for June 6th has been postponed.

2020 GRADUATES: St. Francis Parish wants to recognize our Eighth Grade, High School and College Graduates. High School Seniors please let us know what your future plans are after graduation and if you have a College Graduate send us their name and degree they received so we can add to the list. Call 228-7219 or e-mail

parish@stfrancisav.org!



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.”

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY PRINCIPAL POSITION

All Saints Academy is seeking qualified candidates for the position of elementary school principal. Applicant should hold a master’s degree in Education with Illinois License; experience in elementary school teaching and administration; management and budgetary experience; and familiarity with Catholic education. Applicant is required to be a faithful, committed Catholic who understands and accepts the teachings and disciplines of the Catholic Church.

To apply: send cover letter, résumé, transcripts, three current letters of recommendation, proof of Illinois Professional Educator’s License with General Administrative Endorsement to Fr. Patrick Peter, St. Dominic Parish, Breese, Illinois 62230 or email www.saintdominic@papadocs.com. *Applications will be accepted through May 24, 2020.* Questions call ASA at 526-4323.

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.**

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: In Acts 16, we learn that Paul and Timothy had plans to preach the gospel message to the people of Asia, but they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from doing so. They surely wondered and were not told why. Still, it didn’t prevent them from continuing their mission to proclaim the gospel message. They headed to other areas, Phrygia and Galatia. Their experiences remind us how during this time of uncertainty we are called to do what we can with what we are given. It is our job to “bloom where we are planted”-even if it feels as though we have been planted for a while!

LEARN, ACT, CONNECT AND PRAY: To nurture our spiritual lives, consider adding a daily online Mass or an extra Mass to spend some extra time with our Lord. It will certainly elevate your at-home experience & is the ultimate form of “self-care.” Like Paul and Timothy, our priests are doing a tremendous job sharing the Good News when things don’t seem so good! God is still in control and willing **our good**. God calls us to trust in Him. He is in our midst. Celebrate His love **for you** today!

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY: Healing after Abortion...Free confidential counseling from Project Rachel of the Diocese of Belleville. Confidential Help Line: 618-722-5068; WWW.DIOBELLE.ORG/RESPECTLIFE AND WWW.PROJECTRACHEL@DIOBELLE.ORG. WWW.HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2020

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20. 1 Peter 3:15-18. John 14:15-21.

Not Orphaned! Because the risen Lord and the Spirit of Truth are always with us, we are not abandoned. Because we are not abandoned, we must exhibit both love and obedience. Saint Peter proclaims in the Second Reading, “Always be ready to give an explanation...for the reason of your hope.” Act accordingly.

- * How will my every action proclaim Christ’s presence in my life and in the life of the world?
- * How can I advocate, aid another’s need this week?
- * Whom will I love, how will I love as Jesus Christ loves me?

PLAN FOR RETURN TO CHURCH

The Illinois Bishops have published their directives and guidelines for reopening of Catholic Churches in the state of Illinois. These documents are available on the parish website. **This will be a multi stage process.**