

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

June 07, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. June 08		NO MASS
Tue. June 09		NO MASS
Wed. June 10		NO MASS
Thu. June 11		NO MASS
Fri. June 12		NO MASS
Sat. June 13		NO MASS
Sun. June 14	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: In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us our legalistic, eye-for-an-eye image off justice to recognize a God of unfathomable love that finds no satisfaction in vengeance or retribution but envisions a world in which compassion and reconciliation thrive. Such understanding and empathy calls us to a very different perspective off God than we might have been taught or imagined. God makes himself known in surprising places; God reveals his love and mercy in unexpected situations. Perhaps most extraordinarily, God makes himself known in us and the people who care about us and who often challenge us. Today's feast of the Holy Trinity invites us to re-discover the many ways in which the love of God is revealed in our lives: in the life God breaths into our souls, in every wonderful work of creation formed by God's hand, in the love of God dwelling among us in the love of family, friends and other people. May we become ministers and agents of such God-centered love, rising above our own egos, criticisms and judgments in order to re-create, with hope, purpose and healing, the world God has entrusted to us.

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.

The lucky winner of the **BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE** is **Jason M. Rakers** of Aviston, IL.

OFFERINGS May 30th & 31st:

Sunday Envelopes: (23)	\$ 1,500.00
Seminarian Education: (2)	\$ 15.00
Catholic Communication: (1)	\$ 10.00
Improvement: (2)	\$ 20.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 4,194.25
Improvement:	\$ 346.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Lorraine Boeser	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper
Jim Markus	Alan Netemeyer	Vera 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

The ST. FRANCIS CYM Meeting for Sunday, June 7th has been cancelled!

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.

The **BAPTISM PREP CLASS** is today, Sunday, June 7th at **10:30am in Pre-K Room #2 at the Parish Center.**



Church regulations require parents of children being baptized to attend a Pre-Baptism class. **Reservations are required** by calling the Parish office at 228-7219.



If you have scheduled a **MASS INTENTION** for any of the days that we do not have Mass, I will reschedule with you once the COVID-19 pandemic is over. **Thank You!**

AMAZON SMILE: The parish has received its first Amazon Smile payment of \$77. That may not sound like much, but, folks, it's free money – and could be a lot more if we all participate. Here's how it works. Amazon has established a nonprofit organization called Amazon Smile through which Amazon donates to various charities. You get to select the charities! Just Google "smile.amazon.com" and choose your favorite charity. After that, anytime you shop on Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to your selected charity. It's a win-win situation: Amazon gets a tax break and we get a donation from them. The products and prices are exactly the same as the normal Amazon website. It would be wonderful if you chose St. Francis as your favorite charity. If you enter Amazon through this URL, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-0798902>, you will go directly to the point where you can choose St. Francis as your charity. Try it – bookmark it! Use it every time you order anything on Amazon.



RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

“My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” (John 6:55)

During the COVID pandemic we have had to go without our spiritual food for an extended period of time. Jesus tell us in today’s Gospel that His body and blood are just as vital to us as food and drink. How we have waited for the nourishment of the life-giving Eucharist and the graces it produces upon our souls. How good it is that as our Churches reopen we can receive the body and blood of Christ with gratitude as we pray for healing in our souls and in our country. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray—“Jesus, thank you for the life you give us in your Body and Blood.” May we always be mindful of His healing presence.**

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – June 07, 2020

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9. Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. John 3:16-18.

Come Along with Us. Moses’ prayer on Mount Sinai is also our prayer: “O Lord, do come along in our company.” It is a prayer that basks in covenantal fidelity and a desire to see God. We do see God – in every person within whom the Son Jesus Christ resides.

- * How am I filled with grace by Jesus Christ?
- * How can I love God who loves me first?
- * What fellowship do I enjoy because of the presence of the Holy Spirit?

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MOST REVEREND EDWARD K. BRAXTON, APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

ORDINATION on Saturday, July 11th at 10:30am in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. Bishop Braxton will ordain *The Reverend Mr. Nicholas T. Fleming, The Reverend Mr. Carl Schrage and The Reverend Mr. Joel L. Seipp* to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. I invite you to join us in prayers to the Holy Spirit on this important moment in the life of our local church.

Also during this Liturgy, we will honor the following Priests who are celebrating their **Ordination Anniversaries**: *Rev. Abraham O. Adejoh, Rev. Dale A. Maxfield and Rev. Joseph O. Oganda (10 years); Rev. Christopher O. Anyanwa, Rev. Augustine Ibezimako and Rev. David M. Wilke (25 years); Rev. Raul Salas, OMI (40 years); Rev. William Rowe (50 years); Rev. Michael Hussey, OMI (60 years); and Rev. Paul Wightman, OMI (65 years).*

Please join me in praying for our *Ordinandi* and for our *Jubilarians*. Please pray as well for our *candidates* for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, since these important sacraments have also been delayed by the spread of the COVID-19 disease.

