

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. June 15		NO MASS
Tue. June 16		NO MASS
Wed. June 17		NO MASS
Thu. June 18		NO MASS
Fri. June 19		NO MASS
Sat. June 20		NO MASS
Sun. June 21	9:30am	All Father's of St. Francis Parish 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 !**

**CHURCH REOPENING:** The Pastoral Council and the Church Reopening Team have been working hard preparing to reopen St. Francis of Assisi Church for Sunday Masses. Our plan is to reopen next Sunday, June 21, for 9:30am Mass. *(There is no Saturday, 7:30pm or Sunday, 7:30am Mass next weekend! They will begin at a later date as we perfect our protocol procedures.)*

**Note:** Attendance is limited to 100 people! Therefore, advance reservations will be required to ensure you will be able to attend! You will be receiving a letter this week with detailed information on how to make reservations (do not call the rectory) and explaining the protocols required for attendance (masks, social distancing, hand sanitation, etc.).

Our first and foremost concern is to protect the safety and well being of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. We wear masks, etc., not to protect ourselves, but to protect those at risk, those over 65 and those who may be vulnerable to the virus. The coming letter will have all the details!

**LIVE-STREAMING MASS** will continue every Sunday at 9:30am until all restrictions are lifted. We have improved the sound quality. 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.** You are encouraged to join together with us at 9:30am on Sunday via FaceBook. While we can not all come together as one community in prayer in our church building, we can do so via technology.



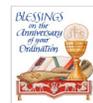
## OFFERINGS JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (35)	\$ 3,230.00
Seminarian Education: (4)	\$ 130.00
Catholic Communication: (3)	\$ 100.00
Peter's Pence: (3)	\$ 40.00
Improvement: (16)	\$ 620.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 3,114.25
Improvement:	\$ 550.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Lorraine Boeser	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper
Jim Markus	Alan Netemeyer	Vera Netemeyer
Maren Poettker	Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings
Dcn. Mike Rowland	Fr. Ken Schaefer	Dayceon Spihlmann
Mary Striker	Nick Strubhart	Dan Thole
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles

**PASTORS NOTE:** This Sunday's Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord is especially meaningful this year in the midst of the Corona Virus. Many are hungering to come together to celebrate and receive the Eucharist. We have felt the void and loss of this key element of our faith, *a true desert experience*. It is a true hunger to be with one another, in the presence of the Lord, giving praise. The absence of the gathering at Mass has helped us rediscover its deep impact and meaning in our lives. We've also come to realize another "hunger" in our lives that food and drink cannot come close to satisfying: a hunger to belong, a hunger to matter, a hunger to be at peace, a hunger to love and be loved. These weeks have given us a new appreciation and understanding of the works of Jesus: that the "bread" that truly nourishes is generosity and compassion that reflects God's presence, that the "treasures" of lasting value are the good we can do for those we love, that the Spirit of God lives and moves among us in selfless generosity and sacrificial service.



**CONGRATULATIONS & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO FR. DAN WHO CELEBRATED HIS 48<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>!!**



**SYMPATHY:** Remember **Marilyn Toennies** (sister of Ron [Sue] Toennies) who died. Keep **Marilyn and her family** in your prayers.



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!**

**2020 PARISH PICNIC:** St Francis of Assisi Parish Picnic, scheduled for August 1, 2020, has been canceled! After evaluating the current and projected restrictions (social distancing, etc.), and consulting with others, the Picnic Co-chairs have determined that we will not be able to hold the picnic this year. To all our patrons, they would like to say, **“See you on Saturday, August 7, 2021!”**

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

“Even all the hairs of your head are counted.” In Matthew’s Gospel, we learn that God is hands-on, with us moment by moment; even counting all of our hairs! We are encouraged to “be not afraid” - we are priceless in God’s eyes. But we must be able to talk about God. Say His name. Don’t shy away from bringing up all the good things God has done in your life. He is working for **your good**. It is our job to work for the good of others by acknowledging Christ and His work in our lives to those people in our life. Failure to do that can separate us from Him. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** We must know that one day we will stand on our own before the Father. We will hear Him say, “this one is my faithful disciple, or this one is not mine.” Let’s pray and vow daily to be faithful to God and to the unique mission for which God formed us in the womb. God has a plan for us all!

#### **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – June 14, 2020**

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a. Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17. Sequence – Lauda Sion / Laud, O Zion. John 6:51-58.

**Bread and Wine; Flesh and Blood.** For a while – too long, it seems – most of us could not share in Holy Communion. Perhaps it is still so. We long to eat and drink because Jesus pledges that he will remain in those who do. But we believe that same Christ is present to us in other ways. When Scripture is read aloud, he speaks in our midst today. When two or three gather in his name, he is there, too. He is not distant from us.

- \* Let me make time each day to read and ponder one of the Sunday readings.
- \* Even if I cannot go to church, how will I still continue to pray?
- \* How will my longing for Eucharist and Communion urge me to help feed those needing daily bread?

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS CHILDREN’S CLOTHING:**



The Belleville Council Office of 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 children’s clothing** – all sizes – infant through teens. 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 9:00am – 2:30pm or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis Monday - Friday 9:00am – 1:30pm; 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.**

#### **NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS is**



open daily from 10:00am - 5:00pm. Please visit [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org) for guidelines and information. Masses are offered daily online only.

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

**ORDINATION** on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

