

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. June 22		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. June 23		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed. June 24		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thu. June 25		<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri. June 26		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat. June 27		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sun. June 28</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Floyd Sudholt Stephen Richards <b>also Live-streamed</b>

**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:** At long last we are beginning to return to normality. It is good to gather together in church, all be it in limited numbers, to pray and be a visible sign of our faith family's unity and mutual care. However, the journey back to normality carries with it a serious challenge for each of us. What are the lessons did the pandemic enabled us to learn? What will happen to the new or rediscovered values that had been lost in our former style of living? Some speak of a new kind of closeness and intimacy they have enjoyed as a family unit at home. Some speak of a new closeness with neighbors, a new awareness of others, etc. Our challenge is to keep those new images of God's presence, those rediscovered elements of Gospel living alive in our lives. We have a choice to return to the old frantic over worked, over scheduled life of pre-corona. Or to embrace a slower pace of life with families at home, playing games, talking and having a daily meal together, sharing sacred time with each other. Oh yes, that too can be stressful! However, the result is a happier, healthier family, community and life. We are told that stress is bad for our health. We need daily, slow-down time with family and God! Quite time to listen to the birds, insects, nature and one another. God speaks to us in the voice of a gentle breeze, not the violence of a storm. In our journey back, may we take time to listen to His voice softly whispering in your heart.

**CHURCH REOPENING:** I am grateful for the time and hard work the Pastoral Council, Church Reopening Team, and volunteers are doing to enable St. Francis of Assisi Church to offer Sunday Mass at 9:30am. *(There is no Saturday, 7:30pm or Sunday, 7:30am Mass next weekend! They will begin at a later date as we find additional volunteers to conduct the required protocol procedures.)*

## OFFERINGS JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (29)	\$ 1,550.00
Easter Envelope: (1)	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence: (3)	\$ 46.00
Improvement: (5)	\$ 120.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 1,949.25
Improvement:	\$ 75.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Charlene Erlinger
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 Strieker
Nick Strubhart	Dan Thole	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	



**Note:** Attendance is limited to 100 people! Therefore, advance reservations are required to ensure you will be able to attend! Masks, social distancing, hand sanitation, etc are required! Reservations can be made on the parish website or [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) page by clicking on the registration link to reach [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). For assistance or if you do not have access call (618) 228-7320. (Do not call the rectory to make reservations.)

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.

**SYMPATHY:** Remember **Martha C. Litteken** (mother of Deacon Charles [Mary] Litteken, Mary H. [Don] Schulte), Gary [Sue] Litteken, Kevin [Peggy] Litteken and daughter-in-law Debbie [Tom] Litteken) who died. Keep **Martha 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!”**

Our parish's **ONLINE GIVING** is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform on June 25<sup>th</sup>! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts over again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.



### MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

**MEGA RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE:** Want a chance to win cash while supporting Mater Dei? Purchase a Mega Raffle ticket (\$100) online via the link provided on our home page, or by contacting the office (526-7216), a Fathers & Friends member, or a School Board member. A \$10,000 grand prize winner as well as winners of two \$2,500 prizes, three \$1,000 prizes, and twenty \$100 prizes, will be drawn at the Golf Classic, which has been rescheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

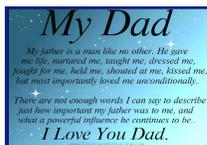
**MATER DEI GOLF CLASSIC:** The 2020 Mater Dei Golf Classic, rescheduled for Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, is an opportunity for the Mater Dei community – alumni, parents, friends, administration, faculty, and staff – to enjoy a day of golf and fellowship in support of Mater Dei Catholic High School. The six-person team scramble tournament offers two shotgun starts (7:30am and 1:00pm) and three divisions (men, women, couples). The fee (\$100 per golfer) includes green fees (18 holes), cart rental, mulligans, refreshments and food during play, and a dinner and awards presentation in the evening. To join us, please submit the [2020 Golf Classic Registration Form](#), with payment ASAP! The registration form is available on our website or by contacting the office (526-7216). Please note that reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. We hope to see you on the golf course!



St. Louis Cardinals **BLOOD DRIVE**...Breese Community on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Breese, IL. Visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Breese to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will receive a free commemorative St. Louis Cardinal Blood Drive T-shirt.



Also, for a limited time, the American Red Cross will test all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to our donors. This testing will provide critical insight into whether donors may have possibly been exposed to this coronavirus. The Red Cross is committed to helping others in meaningful ways during this pandemic.



**NEW BISHOP'S ORDINATION INVITATION:** Bishop-elect, Fr. Michel McGovern has invited one (1) representative from each parish to attend his Ordination & Installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville on July 22, 2020 at 2:00pm in the St. Peter Cathedral in Belleville. Due to the required corona-virus health and safety precautions attendance will be limited, thus only one person from each parish can attend. Therefore, I will select an individual to attend by lottery. If interested, submit your name to the rectory by July 5<sup>th</sup> for the drawing. Masks and Social Distancing will be required. Call Fr. Dan if you need additional information.

Bishop Edward K. Braxton invites you to view the **Liturgy of Ordination of *The Reverend Mr. Nicholas T. Fleming***, St. Clare of Assisi Parish in O'Fallon; ***The Reverend Mr. Carl E. Schrage***, St. Lawrence Parish in Sandoval and ***The Reverend Mr. Joel L. Seipp***, St. Clare of Assisi Parish in O'Fallon to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 10:30am in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. ***During this Liturgy, our Priest Jubilarians will be honored. The Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated.*** In order to provide for the health and safety of everyone during this pandemic, we regret that the number of people that can participate in the Cathedral must be limited. Therefore, the Mass will be livestreamed at: [www.cathedralbelle.org](http://www.cathedralbelle.org). Please join me in praying for our candidates for Priesthood and our Jubilarians.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

Full-time position that supports the administrative and clerical needs of the Office of Human Resources with regular interaction with parish, school and agency personnel. Qualification include a minimum of a high school diploma, Associate's Degree preferred, or equivalent experience: 1-3 years' experience in human resources and benefits/claims support, knowledge of Microsoft Office including Publisher and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic preferred with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices and organizational structure. To apply send cover letter with resume and preferred salary range to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Belleville, IL. FAX to (618) 722-5020; Email to [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org). **Application deadline: Monday, July 6, 2020.**

### 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.**

