

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. June 29		NO MASS
Tue. June 30		NO MASS
Wed. July 01		NO MASS
Thu. July 02		NO MASS
Fri. July 03		NO MASS
Sat. July 04		NO MASS
Sun. July 05	9:30am	L/D Paul & Marcie Strubhart Gertrude Peters also Live-streamed



PASTORS NOTE: We typically think of our “crosses” as burdens that weigh us down, obligations that sometimes overwhelm us – but more often than we think, the crosses we are asked to take up require us to put aside our own fear and self-consciousness to offer a word of compassion or care - an offering that may well be rejected. Christ calls us not to fear taking up whatever “cross” that confronts us, trusting that it can be the means of bringing the hope of resurrection into some dark space filled with fear, loneliness, or hopelessness in someone’s life, even our own. Generosity of heart and compassion of spirit is “prophetic,” a sign to all the world that God is in our midst. To “receive the prophet’s reward” is to seek out every opportunity, to use every talent God has given, to devote every resource at our disposal to make the love of God a living reality in every life we touch. Every kindness we offer, when given in the spirit of God’s compassion and mercy is a “prophetic” act of God’s presence in our midst.

REOPENING NEWS: All went well at last Sunday’s 9:30am Mass. We still had additional seating available. **Note:** Attendance is limited to 100 people! 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 page by clicking on the registration link to reach our www.signupgenius.com link. 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!

OFFERINGS JUNE 20th & 21st:

Sunday Envelopes: (52)	\$ 3,480.00
Loose:	\$ 40.00
Easter Envelope: (3)	\$ 85.00
Peter’s Pence: (1)	\$ 10.00
Improvement: (5)	\$ 150.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,214.25
Improvement:	\$ 40.00

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	

LIVE-STREAMING MASS will continue every Sunday at 9:30am until all restrictions are lifted. It can be accessed 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.**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nora Elizabeth Venhaus** (daughter of Justin & Alexandria Venhaus) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Nora and her family** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Dolores Peek** (mother of Chuck [Donna] Peek, Rick [Mary] Peek, Randy [Kim] Peek, Shelly [Dan] Pickett and sister of Lou Heimann) who died. Keep **Dolores and her family** in your prayers.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY!!

The next **BAPTISM PREP CLASS** is **Sunday, July 5th 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.



MASTER SERVER TRIP: Our trip for master servers, originally scheduled for June 15th, then postponed to August 3rd, has now been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We’ll try again next summer. Meanwhile in our parish, the Illinois bishops have restricted serving duties to adults for the safety of the children. We really miss the young servers’ skill and enthusiasm, and look forward to the day when they can return to their ministry. We’ll keep you posted.



NEW BISHOP'S ORDINATION: *Lottery drawing July 5th.*

Bishop-elect, Fr. Michel McGovern has invited one (1) person 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 **“two persons” 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 5th for the drawing. Masks and Social Distancing will be required. Call Fr. Dan if you need additional information.

****EWTN will televise the Mass of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Michael G. McGovern at 2:00pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.**

A NOTE FROM DEACON CARL SCHRAGE

The Ordination to the Priesthood will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at 10:30am. Attendance at the Cathedral of St. Peter is limited due to precautions to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The Ordination Mass will be live-streamed so that you can join in the celebration. A link can be found at www.cathedralbelle.org.

I will celebrate my Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, July 12, 2020, at St. Rose Parish, St. Rose. Attendance at St. Rose Church is limited to immediate family only due to precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be live-streamed. A link can be found at www.strosechurchil.com.

There are now three ways to contribute to St. Francis by purchasing items you would have purchased anyway – no extra expense to you!

Catholic Supply. St. Francis Parish has been recognized as an affiliate of Catholic Supply in St. Louis. Each time you order something from Catholic Supply *through the link on our web page*, the parish will receive 10% of the total purchase price. Please think about Catholic Supply for your religious needs such as First Communion or Confirmation gifts, Christmas presents, religious books, holy cards, rosaries, Lenten calendars, Advent wreaths, etc.

Prairie Farms. For every 1,000 cap numbers entered into the computer, St. Francis youth programs receive \$50. We are over half way to our 5th \$50 check from Prairie Farms.

AmazonSmile. When you designate St. Francis as your selected charity, St. Francis receives 0.5% of every purchase made through the AmazonSmile program. Prices and selections are the same as ordering through the regular Amazon website.

Complete details and instructions for all three programs are on our web page: <https://www.stfrancisav.org>.

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. Please join me in praying for our candidates for Priesthood and our Jubilarians.

THRILL OF THE GRILL by the Breese Knights of Columbus on Sunday, June 28th from 11:00am to 6:00pm at the Breese KC Hall. BBQ Pork Steaks, Brats, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Slaw and Beverages.



St. Louis Cardinals **BLOOD DRIVE**...Breese Community on Wednesday, July 8th from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Breese, IL. Visit 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.

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 3rd Street, Belleville, IL. FAX to (618) 722-5020; Email to 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.**

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.”

