

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

July 12, 2020

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. July 13		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. July 14		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed. July 15		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thu. July 16		<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri. July 17		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat. July 18		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sun. July 19</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	George Hollenkamp Schonhoff Family <b>also Live-streamed</b>



**PASTORS NOTE:** Jesus' parable of the sower is a call to possess the faith to sow seeds of compassion, understanding and justice on whatever "ground" we can. An encouraging word, a kind act, a moment to listen can all result in a harvest of hope we cannot imagine. Jesus challenges us in the parable of the sower to be both sower and seed. If we seek peace, have we planted the seeds to realize peace? If we seek trust and understanding, have we cultivated the ground to nurture such trust? If we seek a loving and giving family life, have we created the climate of acceptance and forgiveness that makes such love and understanding possible? Christ calls us, as disciples, to be sowers of the things and values of God in order to one day reap the harvest of God's reign. We "are" the sower, the seed, and the ground. How is your harvest going? What seeds are you sowing?

**SUNDAY MASS:** Advance reservation are required to ensure you will be able to attend! Masks, social distancing, 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 our [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) link. For assistance or if you do not have access call (618) 228-7320 (not the rectory).  
**Note:** Attendance is limited to 100 people!

**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](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.**

## OFFERINGS JULY 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (42) \$ 2,840.00  
 Loose: \$ 20.00  
 Peter's Pence: (4) \$ 120.00  
 Improvement: (17) \$ 570.00  
 Online Giving:  
     General: \$ 3,739.25  
     Improvement: \$ 266.00  
     St. Francis Parish Picnic: \$ 125.00

## 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	RaeAnne Toennies	Betty Usselman
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Pauline Wilke

## CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME to *Nicholas Fleming,*



*Carl Schrage and Joel Seipp* who were ordained at the Cathedral on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> as they begin their service as priests in the Diocese of Belleville.

## *Bishop-elect, Michael G. McGovern's* Ordination & Installation



will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 2:00pm at St. Peter Cathedral in Belleville. Everyone is invited to view the Mass which will be televised Live on EWTN. The Mass will also be available on the EWTN Website at: <https://www.ewtn.com/>.

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. 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're All In This Together* BLOOD DRIVE at Corpus Christi



Parish Center in Shiloh, IL. Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm - 6:00pm and Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm. Please call (800) 733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter CCPCShiloh to schedule an appointment.

## 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."

 The St. Francis "Journey of Blessings" Mission has been **rescheduled** to **May 2, 2021 thru May 6, 2021.**

### ST. FRANCIS PSR FAMILIES:

Over the last few weeks the St. Francis Parish leadership has been in contact with the Aviston Elementary administration. The district has implemented a plan to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year and as part of this plan, based on the guidelines from Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health, our St. Francis PSR program will not be able to offer class in our traditional way with instruction and Mass being held before school at 7:30am.

We are currently working on a plan to begin religious instruction after Labor Day with classes being held at the parish center either in the evening or on the weekend. We value your input and suggestions so soon you will be receiving a survey where you can share your ideas.

We are committed to continuing the religious instruction of the children in our parish in a safe, loving, nurturing environment!

Thank you for your continued support of our PSR program!

**God Bless!**

*Milissa Faust*

*Director of Religious Education*

### PRAYER FOR SAFETY OF ALL IN AGRICULTURE

Blessed Mary, Mother of God, and great Saint Joseph, you protected and kept safe the Divine Child, Jesus. We ask your special intercession and protection of all who work in Agriculture, especially on the farm. Man, having been cast out of the Garden of Eden, must now work by the sweat of his brow to get food to eat as you foretold in Genesis. And he must also battle fatigue, danger, and accidents. Protect all in agriculture against these and all danger and evil, so that when they complete their work each day and each season, they return to your altar and their families whole and entire to love and honor You and the ones you have given them all the days of their lives. We ask through the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Annual **NOVENA** to Our Lady of the Snows on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mass begins at 7:30pm. *“With Mary on Holy Pilgrimage”* - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For information, call (618) 394-6276 or email [hmiller@snows.org](mailto:hmiller@snows.org).



### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

*“The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”* In St. Paul’s letter to the Romans, Paul explains that the Holy Spirit is here for us and continues to come to our aid in our human weakness. Even if we don’t always know how to properly pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us as what is in our heart (our intentions) are known to God. It is important for us to always examine our motives in our actions and do our best to be united to the heart of Christ in all things. Christ must be above all things in our lives to rightfully prioritize our efforts and intentions in our daily lives. Now that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is becoming available in our Diocese, it is vital for us to take advantage of this true gift of mercy, conversion and peace. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** Pray that the Holy Spirit can put the right words on your tongue to convey your deepest longings to Our Lord. Pray for courage to see as Jesus sees and to seek His answers in all things. Look for Him in Daily Mass, Sunday Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation; He is there waiting for you with open arms!

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2020**

Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14. Romans 8:18-23. Matthew 13:1-23.

**Bearing Fruit.** The plantings in our gardens weeks ago are already bearing fruit. We have vegetables aplenty (we hope), enough to share (we are urged). All because of the goodness and bounty of God.

How is my life rooted in “rich soil”, tilled and nourished by God?

What are the “fruits” of my life, of my very self that I can share?

How can I nourish life (God’s goodness) in my family, in my neighborhood, in my place at work?