

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

August 23, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Aug. 24		NO MASS
Tue. Aug. 25		NO MASS
Wed. Aug. 26	7:30am	Ruth Friedman
Thu. Aug. 27		NO MASS
Fri. Aug. 28		NO MASS
Sat. Aug. 29		NO MASS
Sun. Aug. 30	7:30am 9:30am	Al & Bernadine Mueller Norbert & Estella Hollenkamp Robert & Kathy Ripperda also Live-streamed



PASTORS NOTE: Every one of us has been entrusted with the “keys” to unlock God’s Kingdom here and now in our local corner of the world: our “keys” may be patience and understanding or a talent or skill we possess – even plumbing, installed with conscientiousness and care, can be the means for others to be embraced in the peace and mercy of God. God entrusts to each one of us some “key” that unlocks, through the faith we live and the work of our lives, the presence of God in our world.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Blake Aria Schwierjohn** (daughter of Tyler & Brittany Schwierjohn) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Blake and her family** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Casey M. Renschen** (son of Mark & Brenda Renschen), **Mary T. Beer** (sister of Bob [Linda] Athmer) and **Deacon Michael Alonso Rowland** who died. Keep **Casey, Mary, Deacon Rowland and their families** in your prayers.



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 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 (not the rectory).

Note: Attendance is limited to 100 people!

LIVE-STREAMING 9:30am MASS will continue all restrictions are lifted. It can be accessed via our FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith>. The link is also available on our web site www.stfrancisav.org. **Live-streaming begins 15 minutes prior to Mass.**

OFFERINGS AUGUST 15th & 16th:

Sunday Envelopes: (35) \$ 2,155.00
 Loose: \$ 32.00
 St. Francis Parish Picnic Fund: \$ 3,405.00
 Improvement: (4) \$ 130.00
 Online Giving:
 General: \$ 2,219.25
 Improvement: \$ 60.00
 St. Francis Parish Picnic Fund: \$ 105.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Frank Dall
Charlene Erlinger	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper
Jim Markus	Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer
Vera Netemeyer	Maren Poettker	Fr. Joe Rascher
Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann	Mary Strieker
Nick Strubhart	RaeAnne Toennies	Betty Usselmann
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Pauline Wilke

Please continue to use the **SignUpGenius** wait list option for Sunday masses that are marked full. If we see names on the wait list option we will consider scheduling another Mass for that particular weekend.

PICNIC REPORT: Good News, your response to our Picnic Fund Drive has been fantastic! Donations have generated 50% of our normal picnic receipts. \$37,791 has been donated to date. We are \$32,209 from full recovery of the picnic loss.



We need participation from **ALL** parishioners. If you have not done so, please consider donating. The funds we receive from the picnic are essential for the parish to meet it’s financial obligations.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2020

*[*Please report for duty 30 minutes before mass begins!]*

August 30 - **9:30am** Jeff Kuper / Bob Albers

September 6 - **9:30am** Dennis Lohman / Jim Feldmann

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC or Just Learning



More about It? The program starts on Monday, September 14th. *Health and safety protocols will be followed.* For more information, contact Father Dan (228-7219), Deacon Steve (228-7936), or Deacon Charlie (604-0528) right away. **Don’t put it off!**

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.

Position Available

Maintenance Technician and Cemetery Sexton

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Maintenance Technician and Cemetery Sexton. This position preserves the buildings and grounds of St. Francis Parish by performing exterior and interior general maintenance and custodial work; identifying improvements and repair needs; and completing necessary repairs when appropriate. Building and grounds include church, rectory, parish center and cemetery. As Cemetery Sexton oversees all operations regarding the cemetery including but not limited to selling and recording burial permits and grave locations, opening and closing of graves, and placement of headstones.

Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma or GED and experience with building maintenance and repairs of a minor to moderate scope. This includes general equipment repair, plumbing, electrical work, painting, window glazing, and carpentry. Ability to identify needs and potential problems and articulate the problem and alternative resolution to the Pastor. Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

To apply send cover letter with résumé to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, PO Box 93, Aviston, Illinois 62216; email to parish@stfrancisav.org. **Application deadline: August 30, 2020.**

YOU ARE INVITED to a blessing and dedication of the new St.



Vincent de Paul Food Pantry building in

Germantown, which serves Aviston, Albers,

Damiansville, Germantown and Bartelso, on Sunday,

August 30th at 2:00pm. Please park along the street or in church parking lot and walk over. Building is located on Church Street, south of Germantown Groceries, right next to Valbo's parking lot.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

In the Second Reading from St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:33-36) St. Paul writes a beautiful letter praising Our Lord. The reading is short, yet powerful. Paul is in awe of how we can never fully comprehend God and His love for us, always working everything together for our good. All good things come from God and through His love for us. The gift of human life gives us the opportunity to participate in giving glory to God. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-**Our Baptism is the beginning of a life in Christ. We can never repay Christ for all He has done for us, nor does He ask us to. Trusting in Our Lord in all that life brings and walking with Him throughout our days signifies our love for Him. Loving one another and walking with those in need is critical to our faith-life. This year, we follow the USCCB's theme of "Walking with Moms in Need. "By showing our love and support for all life, Moms and babies alike, they will "know we are Christians by our love."

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 23, 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23. Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8. Romans 11:33-36.

Matthew 16:13-20.

My Experience. Jesus asks today: Who am I? Peter blurts out: The Christ. In that response, he means the Messiah, the Promised One, the Son of God, the One who saves, redeems, and binds us to God. Quite a mouthful. Profound belief. He is the very foundation of the Church, the People of God.

What is my experience of Jesus? He is. . .

How does my experience bind me to all who believe in him?

Since I am called to be like him, whom will I save in some small way today?

The targeted start date for PSR is



Wednesday evening, September 16th for 5th - 8th grade students from 6:30pm -7:30pm and Sunday morning, September 20th for 1st - 4th grade students from 8:30am - 9:15am. These classes will be held at the St. Francis Parish Center. More

information about procedures, classrooms, etc. will be emailed to PSR parents in the next week or two as we wait for reopening guidelines from the Diocese.

VOCATION CORNER:

Jesus asks His apostles today about what his vocation is, and Simon Peter points to Him as Lord. His vocation isn't an occupation. It isn't what keeps him busy or what He does day-to-day but it's about who He *is*. In the same way we are called, not simply to have careers or to occupy our days, but to be saints in our vocation for others.



MOTHERS AND FRIENDS AUCTION, A Knight Under the



Big Top, is now online and open to everyone. There is no fee to bid and hundreds of items up for auction.

Head over to www.bigtop2020.givesmart.com or text BigTop2020 to 76278 to sign up and browse our items.

You can also purchase raffle tickets until August 29th at

7:00pm. Bidding starts at 8:00am on August 23rd and ends at

9:00pm on August 29th. *Thank you for supporting our Knights!*

BREAKFAST at the Albers Legion...**CARRY-OUT ONLY** on Sunday, August 30th from 8:00am to 12Noon. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes & Biscuits & Gravy.

LEGION NEWS:

Thu. Aug. 27 - 8:00pm -Knights of Columbus Meeting

Fri. Aug. 28 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY

When Mental Illness Hits Home VIRTUAL Conference on

Friday, August 28th from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. This year's conference will focus on the topic of "**From Isolation to Inclusion.**" *Kari Wolf, MD and Brittany McCrady, LCSW are the presenters.* Cost: \$15. IL CEUs: \$10. Registration is required. Call (618) 394-6281 or go to www.snows.org/illness.

The King's House Charismatic Retreat August 28th – 30th.

The retreat is filled up due to virus restrictions but it is now open for Zoom registration by phone (800) 779-7909 or on the website <http://www.kingsretreatcenter.org/events/>. The retreat is live and interactive and includes Prayer and Praise led by Shepherd's Voice and Speaker Jim Beckman's conference talks and theme "*For Such a Time as This*". Registration is \$100 per person. (If you have more than one person watching please consider and additional donation). A link will be sent by the King's House to you a few days before the retreat.

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.