

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

September 13, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Sept. 14		NO MASS
Tue. Sept. 15		NO MASS
Wed. Sept. 16	7:30am	Fr. Roger R. Karben
Thu. Sept. 17		NO MASS
Fri. Sept. 18	7:30am	Msgr. Kenneth J. Schaefer
Sat. Sept. 19		NO MASS
Sun. Sept. 20	9:30am	Jenny Lueke Ruth & Andy Bruns Yvonne Timmermann Martha Litteken also Live-streamed



PASTORS NOTE: It's not much of a leap from being the forgiver to the forgiven. The servant's cruel treatment of his fellow servant begins with his forgetting that he was once indebted and forgiven. Such forgiveness does not come easily; it requires overcoming our own anger and outrage at the hurt we have suffered and re-focusing our concern, instead, on the person who wronged us. It means possessing the humility to ace the hurt we have inflicted on others as a result of our insensitivity and self-centeredness. But only in such forgiving and seeking forgiveness are we able to realize the possibility of bringing healing and new life to a pained and grieving situation. Christ calls us to create within our families and community the kind of environment in which forgiveness is joyfully offered and humbly but confidently sought. It all begins by recognizing our own indebtedness, our own failings that divide and hurt.

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 until 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 SEPTEMBER 5th & 6th:

Sunday Envelopes: (34) \$ 3,135.00
 Loose: \$ 20.00
 Retired Belleville Diocesan Priests \$ 40.00
 St. Francis Parish Picnic Fund: \$ 355.00
 Improvement: (19) \$ 1,060.00
 Online Giving:
 General: \$ 2,484.25
 Improvement: \$ 260.00
 St. Francis Parish Picnic Fund: \$ 450.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: St. Francis still has expenses to meet.
Your weekly contribution is greatly appreciated. Please continue to mail your envelope to St. Francis Church, PO Box 93, Aviston, IL or drop off on the back porch of the rectory. Online Giving is also a great way to contribute to your church without worrying about leaving home. Go to www.stfrancisav.org and click the Online Giving link.

As part of our **Faith In Action** movement, St. Francis Church is honored to host a personal faith testimony during the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses on Sunday, September 13th.

The arrival of their first child filled our new parents with the greatest joy and faith-full times of their lives. Witnessing their son's strong fight for life despite numerous, critical prenatal and postnatal setbacks led them to place their worry in God's hands. During this testimony, the proud parents will share their tremendous journey of love and faith. Their message: God is always listening; don't give up Him.

Please join us for this inspirational testimony either in-person by making a reservation on SignUpGenius or via Facebook Live.

"I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go."
 ~Joshua 1:9



SYMPATHY: Remember *Wilford D. Pendergrass* (husband of Alice Pendergrass) who died. Keep *Wilford and his family* in your prayers.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

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

September 13	- 7:30am	Gary Peek / Jerome Rakers
	- 9:30am	Larry Harper / Tom Robben
September 20	- 9:30am	Mary AuBuchon / Dennis Rakers
September 27	- 9:30am	Randy Voss / Ryan Faust

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!**

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.

VOCATION CORNER:

"The seeds of my vocation were planted at an early age as my parents taught me our Catholic faith and how to pray. However, I did not consider religious life until my elementary school principal asked: "Have you ever thought of being a sister?" Around age 13, I began my journey of deeper prayer, particularly in front of the Blessed Sacrament. When I met the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, I remember the joy and peace they radiated! I was attracted to their charism to live religious life faithfully and teach the faith courageously. The great joy of being a religious sister is that we follow in the footsteps of Our Lady, seeking to love and glorify Jesus all the days of our lives."

Sr. Maria Immaculata Glofcheskie; Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate; *Columbia Magazine* July/Aug. 2019

ST. GEORGE PARISH DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER on Saturday, September 19th from 3:00pm - 7:00pm. Vehicles should approach the church from Hanover Street. Proceeding North on 3rd Street and follow the signs to enter the Drive-thru. Questions, call (618) 977-7687.



ALBERS LEGION CARRY-OUT ONLY CHICKEN DINNER on Sunday, September 13th from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. \$9 per carry-out.

LEGION NEWS:

Tue. Sept. 15 - 7:00pm -Auxiliary Meeting
Thu. Sept. 17 - 7:00pm -Executive Board Meeting
Fri. Sept. 18 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY

ST. ANDREW DINNERS: Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr.



Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director, are inviting young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood to participate in a St. Andrew Dinner. Young men, ages 14 thru 25, are invited to attend; parents are also welcome. **The first St. Andrew Dinner will be**

Sunday, September 27th, at Gibault Catholic High School beginning at 4:00pm. The afternoon includes supper and input from a recently ordained priest, Fr. Nick Fleming, followed by Q&A about the life of a Catholic Priest. CIf you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Nick Junker at (618) 722-5035 or e-mail njunker@diobelle.org. Additional St. Andrew dinners will be offered in October and November. *Please pray for vocations.*

Bring An End to Abortion with 40 Days For Life. At Planned Parenthood 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, IL. Our fall campaign began Wednesday, September 23rd and ends Sunday, November 3rd. To register please notify: theresa@coalitionforlifefestl or christy@coalitionforlifefestl.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER for the Belleville Diocese. To

Apply: Resume, cover letter, preferred salary range, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL or email humanresources@diobelle.org.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2020.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL at St. Mary Catholic School in Centralia, IL, is currently seeking applications for the position of Principal. Please mail or email a cover letter and resume complete with five professional references to: Reverend Steven M. Pautler, St. Mary Catholic Parish 424 E. Broadway, Centralia, IL 62801 or you may email to: fr.steve@stmarycentralia.org.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL NURSE for the Office of Education which is part of the Department of Faith Formation. This temporary part-time position supports parish and diocesan schools with Covid-19 related matters specifically associated with data records through Miinehealth. The School Nurse acts as a liaison between Miinehealth, Superintendent of Schools, principals, parents, county health departments and where applicable family physicians to ensure the health and safety of the students. The School Nurse maintains accurate records through the Miinehealth app.

To apply send cover letter with resume and preferred salary range to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL. 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org.

Application deadline: September 16, 2020.

CLINTON COUNTY JUST FAITH GROUP in a CCHD Journey to Justice Retreat on Sat., Sept. 26th at St. Augustine from 9:00am – 3:00pm. This retreat will focus on systems of injustice. All of you are invited to join us for the day.

Fr. Carroll Mizicki, OFM