

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

September 20, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Sept. 21		NO MASS
Tue. Sept. 22		NO MASS
Wed. Sept. 23	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. Sept. 24		NO MASS
Fri. Sept. 25	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Sat. Sept. 26		NO MASS
Sun. Sept. 27	7:30am 9:30am	Dcn. Michael Rowland Lucy Wellen, Henry Feldmann L/D Robert Thole Family also Live-streamed

OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 12th & 13th:

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,142.00
 Loose: \$ 28.00
 Retired Belleville Diocesan Priests: \$ 322.00
 St. Francis Parish Picnic Fund: -0-
 Improvement: \$ 345.00
 Online Giving:
 General:
 Improvement:
 St. Francis Parish Picnic Fund:

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Kim Hegger
Steve Kleiboeker	Dennis Kuper	Jim Markus
Mark Moss	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		

7:30am SUNDAY MASS PROBLEM: In order to “continue offering” a 7:30am Mass on Sundays additional volunteers, willing to commit to assisting at this Mass as *Ushers, Greeters and Sanitizers*, is needed. We are permitted to hold Mass only if the COVID-19 Protocols are in place. Volunteers must be 18-65 years of age. A small number of volunteers have been covering all masses which means attending every Mass every weekend. They need a break. They need help! Therefore, I’m begging people who attend the 7:30am mass to volunteer to help. Many hands make quick work and no one has to be on duty every Sunday. Ushers assist people by opening doors and directing people to specific seats. Greeters check people in, sanitize their hands and ensures that everyone has a mask on. Sanitizers wipe down pews and other surfaces following Mass to prevent the virus spread. Keeping the 7:30am Mass depends on having volunteers to staff it in accord with the Covid-19 protocols. To volunteer call 228-7219 and leave a message.

PASTORS NOTE: Today’s Gospel does not square up with the “deal” we believe we have with God. God’s generosity strikes us as “unfair.” We begrudge God’s “extravagant,” almost irresponsible mercy. But the parable of the generous vineyard owner exposes our tendency to evaluate everything in terms of dollars and cents, about getting the best deal possible – for me. Notice what’s missing in the attitude of the workers in the story: grace. While we’re pursuing fairness, God bestows grace in the form of generosity and understanding and second chances to the point of, in our estimation, foolish extravagance. Discipleship is to trust in the goodness of God despite our judgement of what is “fair” and “just.” To trust in the mercy of God enables us to appreciate all that we have received, compelling us to experience the joy of sharing all that we have been given with those who have not realized such blessings in their lives.

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.**

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.

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!**

THANKS FROM THE AuBUCHON’S: We are so appreciative of all the card and congratulations we received on our 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you to everyone in the parish for being such good friends and neighbors.

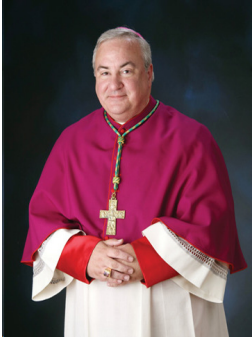
Deacon Steve and Mary AuBuchon

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

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

September 20 - **9:30am** Mary AuBuchon / Dennis Rakers
September 27 - **9:30am** Randy Voss / Ryan Faust

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. If 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.*

LEGION NEWS:

Fri. Sept. 25- 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY

VOCATION STORIES:

“As a young adult, I practiced mixed martial arts and worked in the film industry. I was a non-practicing Catholic, and after finding a rosary that I had carried around for a number of years, I began contemplating why I had always considered myself Catholic yet neglected my faith. When I decided, by the grace of God, to pray that rosary, I realized that my love of material comforts was rooted in my desire for the infinite and that I would never be fully satisfied without God. I began attending daily Mass...entered the seminary ... and now am a happy Ordained priest. To those discerning, I simply say, “Live every day as though you are being called for greatness.”

Father Christopher Floersht; *Columbia Magazine 3/2018*

ST. Francis Job Opening!

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.

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. 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. Or call 618-228-7219.

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.

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

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