

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Nov. 09	7:30am	NO MASS
Tue. Nov. 10	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Wed. Nov. 11	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Thu. Nov. 12	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Fri. Nov. 13	7:30am	Bill Friedman
Sat. Nov. 14		NO MASS
Sun. Nov. 15	7:30am	Vera Netemeyer Roy, Lester & Eric Mollet L/D Aloys & Mary Strubhart Family
	9:30am	Norbert Buehne Norbert & Estella Hollenkamp <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 1st:

Sunday Envelopes: (45)	\$ 3,220.00
Loose:	\$ 110.00
Human Development: (4)	\$ 50.00
Improvement: (23)	\$ 820.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 3,939.25
Improvement:	\$ 351.00
St. Francis Picnic Fund	\$ 1,000.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Henry Detmer
Charlene Erlinger	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper	Jim Markus
Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer
David Nobles	Randy Peek	Maren Poettker
Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann
Mary Strieker	RaeAnne Toennies	Betty Usselmann
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Pauline Wilke

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sun. Morning at 7:10am (before mass)

PASTORS NOTE: Time is a gift that God gives us. Jesus' parable of the foolish bridesmaids is often played out in our daily lives when we realize that our "lanterns" are empty of the "oil" of responsibility, gratitude, justice. Our inability to place the common good before our own, our failure to see how our actions affect others, our refusal to accept responsibility for one another extinguishes the light of hope that we thought would never go out. There's so much we want to do with our lives, but the struggle to make a living derails us from making a life, a life that is centered in the love of family and friends, in an awareness of God's loving presence in our midst, in a yearning to contribute to the greater good of all. Christ warns us not to fall into the trap of the five "foolish" bridesmaids who squander their time before the Bridegroom's arrival, but to embrace the wisdom of the five "wise" bridesmaids trimming our "lamps" with the "oil" of mercy, generosity and forgiveness in the precious time we have until Christ's coming.

WELCOME: St. Francis of Assisi Parish is glad to welcome Amber Griesbaum to our parish staff as our new Administrative Assistant. Carolyn will be leaving our staff after a brief training overlap with Amber. Amber began her on site training last Monday. She brings a lot of energy and spirit. We are pleased have her aboard. Our best wishes and blessings go with Carolyn Kampwerth.



SUNDAY MASS: Advance reservation are required to ensure you will be able to attend! Masks, social distancing, etc. are required! Make reservations on www.stfrancisav.org 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) 228-7219. **Note:** Attendance is limited to 100 people!



THANKSGIVING MASS: will be at 8:00am on Nov. 26. Advance reservation is currently available on our web site via [SignUpGenius](http://www.signupgenius.com). Attendance is limited to 100 people. Masks, social distancing, etc. required!

SYMPATHY: Remember *Irwin W. "Lou" Luebbers* (father of Kay [Bill] Peters & Tom [Debi] Luebbers) and *Margie K. Rakers* (mother of Mike [Peg] Rakers) who died. Keep *Lou, Margie and their families* in your prayers.



ADOPT A SEMINARIAN: Bishop Michael and the Vocation Office has launched an wonderful awareness and support idea! It is simple and requires everyone to be a part of it.

How do you adopt a Seminarian? Seminarian Prayer Cards with their picture and contact info will be distributed this week. You are asked to pray for that seminarian daily, hopefully with your family at supper, bedtime or other designated time. Become his prayer warrior, send him a birthday card, little gift, a note a picture. Small Care Packages are loved by College Students. Have the kids write him or draw a picture. Remember him at Christmas or on the Giving Tree with something simple (socks, Ramen Noodles, cookies, gift card, anything). Notes of encouragement and support are good anytime, simply letting him know he is supported, remembered and prayed for. He is preparing to give his life to the Church, to our parishes and families. Let him know that it matters and means a lot to you and your family! That's how you Adopt a Seminarian! And promote vocations!

LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

Lots of Loot Reminder please buy or sell your Lots of Loot raffle tickets and return them to the rectory by November 29th. If you have questions or need extra tickets contact Steve Maue 618-314-3189, Mike Dall 618-973-5804, or Phil Pingsterhaus 618-407-7392. Thank You for your support to St. Francis Parish.



HOLY LAND ARTS: A representative for Holy Land Arts will speak at all Masses next weekend, November 14th & 15th. Handcrafted art made by Christians in the Holy Land will be displayed for sale following all Masses. Buying these pieces helps strengthen the Christian presence in that area, helps prevent Christians from leaving the Holy Land, and helps keep the Christian culture alive.



GIVING TREE Due to Covid-19, the location of the Giving Trees and turning in of the gifts will be a little different this year. There will be two Giving Trees with gift tags. There is no difference between the tags on each tree. For accessibility, one tree will be placed in the back of Church and one Giving Tree will be placed on the back porch of the Rectory on Saturday, November 21. This year we will be donating gifts to families in need from Aviston Countryside Manor, Aviston Terrace, DCFS and Hispanic families. Each gift goes to a specific individual. *Important: Please attach the gift tag you take from the Giving Tree to your gift.* No need to wrap, however placing in a gift bag is appreciated! The last weekend we will be receiving gifts is December 6. *“Please turn in all gifts on the back porch of the Rectory”.* If you know of anyone who could use our assistance, call Peggy Litteken at 618-779-9940. Thank you for your generosity and sincere wishes for a Blessed Holiday!



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS: Help decorate the altars this Christmas Season by donating to the Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s). They will be remembered in our Christmas Liturgy celebration. Look for the *“Christmas Flower Offering Envelope”* in your envelope package (make sure to include the name of your loved one(s)). **Cost is \$10.** Place your donation in the collection basket or send directly to the rectory, Attn: Secretary. **Early deadline is Tuesday, December 15th!**



VOCATION CORNER

“Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.” – Thomas Merton
We also acknowledge this week all those who followed their call to the military to serve for us and our country.

ST. ANDREW DINNER with Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr. Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director **is on Sunday, November 15th at Newman Center, Carbondale at 4:00pm.** An opportunity for young men to meet Bishop McGovern and priests in the diocese to enjoy a meal, pray, discuss priestly vocations and whatever else is on your mind. To RSVP or for information, contact Fr. Nick Junker at (618) 722-5035 or e-mail njunker@diobelle.org.



DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER on Sun., Nov. 8th from 11:00am - 4:00pm at St. Teresa Church, Marydale.

LEGION NEWS:

Tue. Nov. 10 - 7:30pm - SAL Meeting
Thu. Nov. 12 - 7:00pm - Executive Board Meeting
Fri. Nov. 13 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

DIOCESAN FALL HARVEST BLESSING on Wednesday, November 11th at 2:00pm at **The Melvin & Louise Kabat Family Farm in Scheller, IL. (2510 North Scheller Lane)** Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be in place. Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Looking forward to having you join us!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP with cold weather just around the corner, there is a desperate need for **gently-used coats and blue jeans** – men’s, women’s and children’s (all sizes) and **blankets**. The SVDP’s Night-Time Drop-In Center has been at full capacity every night. Help with any of these items: cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in cups, bottled water and luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches. Items can be dropped off at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, IL (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am - 2:30pm. SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 1:30pm; Saturday from 9:00am to 12Noon or call the Council office at 618-394-0126.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It is that time of year again to nominate new Pastoral Council members! Nominations will be accepted until November 8, 2020. Terms that are expiring are **Ryan Faust, Marvin Ratermann, Amy Strubhart and Carrie Trame**. Three new members are needed for a 3-year term of office. At least six candidates are needed. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, active practicing Catholics, and active members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Candidates must be able to attend all regular meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please nominate individuals [or yourself] whom you think would make good members on the Council. *Outgoing members may be re-nominated.* All nominees will be contacted to obtain their consent to be on the ballot. Members remaining on the Council are **Diana Koch, Troy Pingsterhaus, Beth Hollenkamp, Holden Fuehne, Lorie Kluemke and Corey Toennies**.

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[nomination deadline – November 8, 2020]

Please deliver nominations forms to the St. Francis Rectory, drop in the basket in the back of church or have a PSR student return it to their religion teacher. You can also submit your nominations online at <https://www.stfrancisav.org> under the links and forms tab.