

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

November 15, 2020

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Nov. 16		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Nov. 17	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Wed. Nov. 18	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Thu. Nov. 19	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Fri. Nov. 20	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Sat. Nov. 21		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sun. Nov. 22	<b>7:30am</b>	Francis & Bertha Wilke Dolores Peek
	<b>9:30am</b>	George Hollenkamp Ed & Marcella Haukap Betty Potthast <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

## OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>:

Sunday Envelopes: (40) \$ 4,188.00  
 Loose: \$ 77.00  
 Human Development: (3) \$ 110.00  
 Improvement: (7) \$ 230.00  
 Online Giving:  
     General: \$ 2,724.25  
     Improvement: \$ 345.00

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Henry Detmer
Charlene Erlinger	Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix
Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper	Msgr. James Margason
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		



## CONGRATULATIONS to *Bryar Ann Brueggemann*

(daughter of Shawn & Megan Brueggemann) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Bryar and her family* to our faith family.

**PASTORS NOTE:** Whether we believe it or not, each one of us has been given something unique and special from God that we can use to contribute to the work of creation. Sometimes the very thing that we consider to be a burden or disadvantage leads us to discover the particular gift we (or another person) possesses. But, as Jesus teaches in the parable of the talents, such grace demands work on our part, the faith to “spread our wings,” and a willingness to place our “wings” at the service of others. Our greatness lies not in the greatness of our talents in themselves but in the greatness of our love to use them to build the Kingdom of God in our time and place. More often than we realize, the “talents” we possess are not a matter of skills or resources but opportunities we have to make something good happen, to bring a measure of healing to a broken heart or spirit, to contribute our few minutes in order to make a difference in someone’s life.

**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](http://www.stfrancisav.org) or [www.facebook.com](https://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) 228-7219. **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*. Attendance is limited to 100 people. Masks, social distancing, etc. required!

## WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

**2 USHER VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the Thanksgiving day mass on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Call the rectory.

**HOLY LAND ARTS:** A representative for Holy Land Arts will speak at all Masses on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend will support the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. More than 40 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Twenty-five percent of the funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Additional information can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM** There are baskets at the church entrance and on the Rectory back porch for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

**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 15<sup>th</sup>!!**



### VOCATION CORNER

“I was stationed overseas in the Navy when a chaplain asked me ““Have you ever considered becoming a priest?”” My first response was, ““Father, did you not just hear my confessions? I’m not cut out to be a priest.”” Later, I realized that God does not call those who are worthy; he makes worthy those who are called. I was able to respond to the call with help from a Knights of Columbus seminarian scholarship for prospective military chaplains. When sailor and Marines see a Navy chaplain, with the cross on his uniform, they become aware of the presence of Christ. Fewer than 200 priests now serve the 1.8 million Catholics in the U.S. armed services. God is calling men to the priesthood and military chaplaincy. Like my confessor, we can all help plant the seed simply by asking the question.”

Fr. Mark Bristol, USN; Archdiocese for the Military Services; *Columbia Magazine*, May 2020.

**ST. ANDREW DINNER** with Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr. Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director **is on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:njunker@diobelle.org).



### LEGION NEWS:

Mon. Nov. 16 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting  
Tues. Nov. 17 - 7:00pm - Auxiliary Meeting  
Thurs. Nov. 19 - 8:00pm - K of C Meeting  
**Fri. Nov. 20 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY**

**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.



### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 November 2020 and World Day of the Poor

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. Matthew 25:14-30.

**Talents Given, Talents Returned.** One more Kingdom of Heaven parable today. God gives in the great hope that these treasures, these talents, these baptismal charisms will bear fruit. God’s gifts are not for burying or hiding in safety. They are to be risked, to be used for the benefit of both self and others. When that happens, God says: “Well done. Come share my joy.” What gifts of God must I unbury and put to use? How will I serve God this week by serving another? What action will I do that prompts God to say: “Well done”?

**VIRTUAL WAY OF LIGHTS RUN** will be held November 20 – January 2, 2021 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. This will take the place of our in person run on January 2, 2021. **Traditional 5K Run/Walk - \$30.** New this year - Way of Lights Challenge - 100 miles/2.27 miles per day - \$50. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Belleville/Manchester>. All participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt and a 2021 ornament.



**WAY OF LIGHTS** begins Friday, November 20, 2020 - Thursday, December 31, 2020. Due to COVID 19 Restrictions - please wear a mask indoors & follow social distancing. Indoor Activities from 10am-9pm. Gift Shop, Christmas Quilt Raffle, Wreath auction, Christmas Trees and Lego Nativity in the Visitor Center Lobby. Outdoor Activities from 5pm-9pm. Journey through Bethlehem and experience the beauty of over one million white lights, Camel Rides, Petting Zoo and Carriage Rides for reservation call 314-621-3334. **[Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas.]** (Outdoor light display will remain open.) Donations accepted.



**VIRTUAL GIRLS DAY OUT:** Due to COVID 19, the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is unable to host the **LIVE Girls Day Out Luncheon and Quarter Auction.** We have planned a special Virtual Girls Day Out for November 20 – November 30, 2020. There will be vendors for Clothing, Artisans and Health & Beauty. Vendors are offering shipping, delivery and pick up. Bid numbers are needed for the Quarter Auction and will be available November 20<sup>th</sup>. Shop alone or invite your friends and family to a “shopping virtual party”! Check out their videos on Facebook and shop 24/7 for 11 days! All proceeds go the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows to help bring the Way of Lights Free to our Community. Thank you for your support.

