

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

November 22, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Mon. Nov. 23 | | NO MASS |
| Tue. Nov. 24 | 7:30am | Fr. Donald A Blaes |
| Wed. Nov. 25 | 7:30am | Deacon Michael Rowland |
| Thanksgiving | 8:00am | St. Francis Parish Family (also Live-streamed) |
| Fri. Nov. 27 | 7:30am | Herman Schonoff |
| Sat. Nov. 28 | | NO MASS |
| Sun. Nov. 29 | 7:30am | Arnie Moss Alois A. Kuper & Families |
| | 9:30am | Henry Feldmann Dolores Peek Donna Hegger (also Live-streamed) |

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 15th:

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| Sunday Envelopes: (61) | \$ 2,585.00 |
| Servants of St. Vincent de Paul (2) | \$ 45.00 |
| Human Development: (2) | \$ 25.00 |
| St. Francis Parish Picnic | \$ 100.00 |
| Improvement: (7) | \$ 220.00 |
| Online Giving: | |
| General: | \$ 2,034.25 |
| Improvement: | \$ 55.00 |

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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| 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 | Maren Poettker |
| Fr. Joe Rascher | Patricia Rollings | Dayceon Spihlmann |
| Mary Strieker | RaeAnne Toennies | Betty Usselmann |
| Khara Vanderhyden | Scott Voyles | Pauline Wilke |

BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT 10:00AM!!

****CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH!**

PASTORS NOTE: The “kingdom of Christ,” Jesus’ “reign” is a community of real people who gather together, in all their brokenness and struggles, to follow Jesus. We give our time and talent to pick up one another when we stumble; with humility and gratitude, we reach out for one another’s hand. Before God, we stand as brothers and sisters; before God, the distinctions of class and culture that separate us disappear; before God, we are all loved without condition or limit. The reign of Christ begins when we see one another as Christ – not as a “number,” not as a “mark,” not as the means to our own end, not as an “it.” The true value of every human life is the light that God kindles within each one of us; our worth is found in the love of God that our lives reveal to the world. Before God, no one is an “it.” Jesus’s Gospel parable challenges us to see one another in that light; to look deeper than the externals of race, nationality, culture and language in order to behold the love of God animating the lives of all of us in whom God has breathed his love and life. It’s a call to put aside divisions and reach out to the least among us.

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!

SYMPATHY: Remember **Randy G. Peek** (husband of Kim Peek, father of Nicole Peek and Tyler Peek and brother of Chuck [Donna] Peek, Rick [Mary] Peek, and Shelly [Dan] Pickett) who died. Keep **Randy and his family** in your prayers.



WEEKLY ROSARY:

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

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!



TWO USHER VOLUNTEERS are needed for the Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 26th at 8:00am. Call the rectory.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Additional information can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

RESCHEDULED HOLY LAND ARTS: A representative for Holy Land Arts will speak at Mass on Sunday, November 29th. 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.



LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

LOTS OF LOOT REMINDER: The response has been great to the buying and selling of the Lots Of Loot Raffle tickets, but we still have a ways to go. **Don't forget to get your chance @ \$20,000** and start off the New Year right. 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.



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: The Giving Tree: We will be donating gifts to families in need from Aviston Countryside Manor, Aviston Terrace, DCSF, 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".* Thank you for your generosity and sincere wishes for a Blessed Holiday!



AMAZON SMILE: We have received a quarterly check of \$12.36 from AmazonSmile, totaling \$100.45 for the year. It seems like a small amount, but it's free money for the parish. Each time you order something from Amazon, if you order through Amazon's charitable foundation (AmazonSmile), Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Francis Parish. Your cost does NOT increase. We are also signed up to take advantage of charitable giving from **Prairie Farms** (\$50 for every 1,000 cap numbers) and **Catholic Supply** (10% of purchase price). What a great way to shop for Christmas during this COVID pandemic. Details for all three programs are on the parish web site at <https://www.stfrancisav.org>.



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

This coming week we celebrate a National day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts God has bestowed on us and for us to share. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

LEGION NEWS:

Fri. Nov. 27 - NO FISH FRY

Sun. Nov. 29 - Aviston Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST

DRIVE THRU PORK CHOP DINNER on Sunday, November 22nd from 11:00am until 2:00pm at **St. Mary Catholic Church** in Carlyle. \$10.00 dinner. Extra pork chops are \$5.00 each.

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 office at 618-394-0126.

Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17. Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28. Matthew 25:31-46.

Six Grows to Nine. We get the start of the Corporal Works of Mercy in Matthew 25. Two more are added over time. Pope Francis adds one more. These are the behaviors by which each will be judged – actions toward others are, in fact, done for and to God. What we think is important. What we may say is also important. But what we do is key, is more important. Here is the list: Corporal Works of Mercy " Feed the hungry " Give drink to the thirsty " Shelter the homeless " Clothe the naked " Visit the sick " Visit the prisoners " Bury the dead " Give alms to the poor " Care of our Common Home. Who does not have enough that I will feed? Whom will I welcome? How will I be responsible for the earth?

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 20th. 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.

