

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

November 29, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Nov. 30		NO MASS
Tue. Dec. 01	7:30am	Katie Siegmann
Wed. Dec. 02	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Thurs. Dec. 03	7:30am	William Ratermann
Fri. Dec. 04	7:30am	Special Intention
Sat. Dec. 05		NO MASS
Sun. Dec. 06	7:30am 9:30am	Joe & Viola Ottensmeier Randy Peek L/D Edgar & Martha Litteken Bill & Ruth Friedman <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 22nd:

Sunday Envelopes: (44)	\$ 1,830.00
Loose:	\$ 41.00
Human Development: (12)	\$ 245.00
Improvement: (3)	\$ 50.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,089.25
Improvement:	\$ 25.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Kim Hegger
Dennis Kuper	Msgr. James Margason	Jim Markus
Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer
David Nobles	Bernice Poettker	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: Advent is Here! Advent is a time to watch and wait for the coming of the light of Christ(mas). Fr. Richard Rohr writes that faith and spirituality begin with “seeing. It’s not about earning or achieving. It’s about relationships rather than results or requirements.” Orthodox theologian John Garvey puts it even more succinctly: the spiritual life is about “paying attention”: paying attention to the voice of God, the hand of God, the love of God, the face of God in every joy and sorrow, in every pain and trauma, in every victory and setback before us. May we “watch” this Advent to behold the beauty and wonder and grace of God’s presence in every moment of our lives. Yes, even in the midst of this pandemic! Where do you see the face, the hand, the presence of God? What is he telling you, us? Do you hear, are you taking time to stop and listen for him?

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.signupegenius.com link. For assistance or if you do not have access call (618) 228-7219. **Note:** Attendance is limited to 100 people!

USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for Christmas Eve (3:30pm & 7:30pm) and Christmas Day (7:30am & 9:30am) masses. Please call the Rectory (618) 228-7219 or email parish@stfrancisav.org.

SYMPATHY: Remember **Henry L. Detmer** (brother of Jerry [Lynn] Detmer), **Dorothy L. Hernandez** (mother of Sandy [Jerry] Strubhart), **Charles “Charley” J. Koerkenmeier** (father of Jim Koerkenmeier) and **Dolores S. Weis** (mother of David [Tricia] Weis) who died. Keep **Henry, Dorothy, Charles, & Dolores and their families** in your prayers.



GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree: all gifts are due the weekend of **December 6th**. *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. “Please turn in all gifts on the back porch of the Rectory”.* Thank you!



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.



CATHOLIC SUPPLY AND AMAZON SMILE: No increased cost to you; free money to the parish! We receive a portion of the purchase price for every item you order online from Catholic Supply and Amazon Smile. Just follow the instructions on the parish web page, www.stfrancisav.org. Why not consider purchasing some Christmas presents by these means?



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 to the rectory, Attn: Secretary. **Early deadline is Tuesday, December 15th!!**



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!

LEGION NEWS:

Sun. Nov. 29 - Aviston Knights of Columbus BREAKFAST

Fri. Dec. 4 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

THE CITIZENS FOR AVISTON DANCE: will be held on February 13th, 2021! A \$70 ticket includes monthly drawings from October 15th through February 13th, dinner for two, free beer and soda all evening, music from Hair Syndicate, lots of fun, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. It's the cheapest night out you will ever have, plus so many chances to win. Only 500 tickets are sold, get yours before they are gone! You do not need to be present to win any of the drawings and your name is thrown back in each month. 100% of the profits are spent on park improvements!



November Drawing Winners (\$70/each):

Kevin & Peggy Litteken, Theresa Luitjohan, Todd Juehne, and Mike & Debbie Arentsen

Call Kim (Kurt) Rakers (604-6100), Anna (Chad) Kuhn (304-7725), Karrie (Mark) Rakers (420-0330), Stephanie (Troy) Pingsterhaus (210-5558), Tracy (Deej) Session (972-0854) or Julie (Brandon) Wade (616-4633) if you would like to purchase a ticket. With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 in our community, we do have a virtual contingency plan.

31st NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE: Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction. We humbly invite ALL churches to come pray with us. We seek the Lord's Mercy and restore Life, Liberty, Faith and The Family! **Monday, December 7th: St. Dominic at 6:00pm, St. Augustine at 7:00pm, St. Anthony at 8:00pm and Knights of Columbus at 9:00pm** followed by time in silent prayer and adoration of the Eucharist for the remainder of each hour.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 29 NOVEMBER 2020

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37.

Be Alert! Watch! We begin this new liturgical year as the old one ends: alert, on the watch, looking to the end time (that is, the return of Jesus Christ) while still living in this middle time of grace. In our watching, we make the words at the center of the Isaiah reading our own: "Would that you might meet us doing right." Let us be faithful gatekeepers – of our thoughts and of our acts – actively looking for the face of the Lord.

How will I maintain hope as I wait for Jesus Christ?

What will I say?

What will I do? The Works of Mercy can be a start.

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.

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: Open now through Thursday, December 31, 2020. Due to COVID19 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 Christmas Eve and Christmas.]** (Outdoor light display will remain open.) Donations accepted.



VIRTUAL GIRLS DAY OUT: ENDING MONDAY THE 30th!

Due to COVID19, 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 Virtual Girls Day Out for November 20 – November 30. There are more than 65 vendors for Clothing, Artisans and Health & Beauty. Vendors are offering shipping, delivery and pick up. 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.



Respect Life Corner- "Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands."

In Isaiah 63, the First Reading, Catholics around the world mark Advent with a fervent prayer for a restored relationship with God. We call out to God amidst our concerns with our health and safety during the pandemic knowing that He makes our return to Him a source of blessing. When we sin, we separate ourselves from God. He never leaves our side, it is our perspective that changes as sin clouds our vision of faith. Yet God has already poured His grace into you. He has given you every spiritual gift imaginable as you wait for Jesus to reveal himself to you this Advent season. Be hopeful and know that God is calling you this Advent season into fellowship with His Son. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** Let's pray together to experience this season and what it is all about. "Father, help us to experience your blessings as we wait and watch this Advent season. Help us to prepare by spending time with you in prayer and thanking you for your faithfulness to us. Amen."



THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: A Virtual 4 Week

Advent Study via Zoom. Tuesday Evenings at 7pm, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 (one hour session each week) The cost is \$40 for series or \$10 per session. **Registration Required.** Each week we will explore the Scriptures that will help bring us to a higher understanding of what Mary means to Christians and how she shapes and effects our lives in beautiful and transcendent ways. From this understanding we will have discussions from the lectures to come to a greater understanding of where Mary is leading us and understand her meaning in this World and in Heaven.

