

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

December 6, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Dec. 07		NO MASS
Tue. Dec. 08	7:30am	Carla Knackstedt
Wed. Dec. 09	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thurs. Dec. 10	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Fri. Dec. 11	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Sat. Dec. 12		NO MASS
Sun. Dec. 13	7:30am 9:30am	Viola Ratermann Henry Feldmann Dolores Peek Lucy Wellen (also Live-streamed)

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 27th:

Sunday Envelopes: (34)	\$ 1,854.00
Loose:	\$ 45.00
Improvement: (1)	\$ 300.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 3,889.25
Improvement:	\$ 321.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Terry Becherer	Lorraine Boeser	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	Fr. Gary Gummersheimer
Kim Hegger	Dennis Kuper	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)

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!

PASTORS NOTE: To be a prophet of God's justice begins with embracing God's vision of what the world can and should become and then giving one's self totally and unreservedly to realizing that vision. In baptism, each one of us has been called by God to the work of the "prophet," using whatever talents and skills we possess to transform the wastelands around us into harvests of justice and forgiveness, to create highways for God to enter and re-create our world in his compassion and peace.

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!

PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES: The candidates for this year's Pastoral Council Election are: *Kelly Evans (Grant), Megan Holtmann (Brandon), Emily Masching (Kurt), Morgan McAteer, Jim Millard (Peg) and Alexis Voyles*. Three seats are to be filled.



To all those who declined their nomination, thank you for giving it serious consideration. The ELECTION will be December 5th & 6th at all weekend masses and online at www.stfrancisav.org. Paper ballots may also be picked up on the porch of the rectory.

FYL...ST. FRANCIS CONTRIBUTIONS: All Contributions for 2020 payable to St. Francis Church must be received by Sunday, December 27th in order to be included in your 2020 statement for tax purposes. Everything received after that date will be reported in 2021.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**. Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week.

LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

LOTS OF LOOT UPDATE: It's not too late to still get a chance to win \$20,000!!! The drawing is not until New Years Day so you still have time to buy or sell your tickets. Please mail or drop off your tickets to the rectory. If you 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 Church.

The Drawing will be held FaceBook Live on New Years Day!!!

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!!**

GIVING TREE: All gifts are due this weekend. "**Please turn in all gifts on the back porch of the Rectory**". Thank you very much for your generosity and have a Blessed Holiday season!



GREETERS SCHEDULE for 7:30AM MASS

Dec 13 - Rick and Marilyn Zobrist
Dec 20 - Monica Schuetz & Michelle Kuhl
Dec 27 - Tony and Roseann Wellen

GREETERS SCHEDULE for 9:30AM MASS

Dec 13 - Connie Robben & Donna Peek
Dec 20 - Duane and Lisa Niemeyer
Dec 27 - Dennis and Joanna Rakers

SANITIZES SCHEDULE for 7:30AM MASS

Dec 13 - Tony and Roseann Wellen
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Dec 27 - Tony and Roseann Wellen

SANITIZES SCHEDULE for 9:30AM MASS

Dec 13 - Joe and Ann Munie
Dec 20 - Mary AuBuchon & Carol Feldmann
Dec 27 - Gary and Sue Litteken

BIBLE STUDY: As previously announced, it is prudent in this COVID-19 environment to postpone face-to-face Bible study until at least after New Year. In light of that, we have posted five on-line Catholic Bible resources for your use. Please take a look and choose which is best for your particular situation. Find them at www.stfrancisav.org, click on the "Ministries" tab, click on "Bible Study" in the Index on the right side of the page. What a great Advent project for your family!



LEGION NEWS- AVISTON:

Tues. Dec. 8 - 7:30pm - SAL Meeting

Fri. Dec. 11 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - Fish Fry Carryout Only

MATER DEI PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT: Parents of 8th

grade students are invited to attend on Wednesday, December 9, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Guests will receive information related to Mater Dei's development of students' faith and more. Parents who are unable to attend contact Maria Zurliene (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org) to discuss questions or to request an informational folder.



MATER DEI PLACEMENT TEST: Mater Dei will administer their placement test to 8th grade students on Saturday, December 12, from 9:00am - 12:00pm. (There is no fee to complete the test.) The results of the placement test (PSAT 8/9) are utilized to determine course recommendations. Parents must register their student via the Mater Dei website or by contacting Mrs. Maria Zurliene (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

31st NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE: Eucharistic

Adoration, Rosary, Prayers and Benediction. We humbly invite ALL churches to come pray with us in Breese. 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.

CARRY-OUT ONLY BREAKFAST on Sun., Dec. 13th from 8:00am - 11:30am at the Albers Legion.

THE MICHAEL J. HAUKAP K OF C COUNCIL #11110 will be



recognizing the best outside Nativity Set displays within the Aviston Fire District this year. Two winners will be awarded \$25 each if they're judged to be the best reflection of the Christmas season. Judging will take place on December 19th & 20th. Must be residents of parish area. For more info call Ken Haselhorst at 971-8364.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS: invites you to view



"Christmas at Home", their 2020 holiday concert. The program will premiere on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) on Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 pm. It features your favorite Christmas songs by soloist and small ensembles from the Chorus. The program will run on youtube for one month, so you can enjoy it at your leisure, and even watch it multiple times. Heartland Community Chorus is glad to offer this to the public, free of charge, as a thank you to the community. They are grateful for your continuing support of their efforts to share beautiful music with neighbors near and far!

WAY OF LIGHTS: Open now through Thursday, December 31.



Due to COVID19 Restrictions - please wear a mask & follow social distancing. 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.)

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.

ST. ANDREW DINNER with Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr.



Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director is on **Monday, December 21st at King's House Retreat Center in Belleville at 9:00am - 3:00pm.** 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. Or go to diobelle.org/vocations.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP: There is a



desperate need for gently-used coats, blue jeans (all sizes) and blankets. Donations of cookies, fruit cups, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, pop tarts, bottled water, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in cups & luncheon meat/cheese for sandwiches are appreciated. Items can be dropped off at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 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.