

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

December 20, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Dec. 21		NO MASS
Tue. Dec. 22	7:30am	Fr. Richard Mohr
Wed. Dec. 23	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thurs. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	3:30pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family (also Live-streamed)</i>
	5:30pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
	7:30pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
Fri. Dec. 25 Christmas Day	7:30am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
	9:30am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family (also Live-streamed)</i>
Sat. Dec. 26		NO MASS
Sun. Dec. 27	7:30am	Eugene & Cleo Lohman Larry & Vera Tonnies Carla Knackstedt
	9:30am	George Hollenkamp Henry Feldmann Herman Schonhoff <i>(also Live-streamed)</i>

OFFERINGS DECEMBER 13th:

Sunday Envelopes: (51)	\$ 1,880.00
Loose:	\$ 52.00
Improvement: (12)	\$ 865.00
Retired Religious: (20)	\$ 505.00
Christmas Collection for Needy:(1)	\$ 25.00
Christmas Offering: (4)	\$ 170.00
Online Giving:	
General:	\$ 2,284.25
Improvement:	\$ 200.00
Retired Religious	\$ 65.00

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
Brenda Nobles	David Nobles	Linda Nobles
Bernice Poettker	Maren Poettker	Fr. Joe Rascher
Patricia Rollings	Dayceon Spihlmann	Mary Strieker
Dan Thole	RaeAnne Toennies	Betty Usselman
Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles	Pauline Wilke

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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



CHANGES TO CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS EVE MASS NUMBERS need to be made through Lorie Kluemke by emailing stfrancisaviston@gmail.com or by going to www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ba5af2ba3fc1-stfrancis

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH!!**



CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY MASSES: Advance reservation is required by *each individual household* (indicate # attending) to ensure you will be able to attend! Seating will be assigned. Masks, social distancing, etc. are required! **Occupancy is limited to 100.** *Cancel or change your reservation if your plans change!* Make reservations on www.stfrancisav.org or www.facebook.com page by clicking on the registration link to reach our www.signupgenius.com link. **Be sure to indicate the number of people in your household that will attending.** For assistance or if you do not have access call (618) 228-7219.

PASTORS NOTE: It can be a hard word to say, especially in times of fear and anxiety like the present times: “Yes, OK God.” Compassion for the struggling and stumbling? Support for the grieving? Healing for the broken. Regardless of th cost, putting aside our own doubts and anxiety? “Yes, God, I’m in.” God calls every one of us to bring to birth His life and love, His compassion and healing into our small corners of the world. By God’s grace, we are able to say yes – a yes that is total and committed. A yes that is given fully aware of the obstacles but sees reasons for hope. A yes that is selfless and giving. Despite her understandable confusion and fear, Mary’s yes is offered in complete faith and trust in God. We are called to the same yes, the same faith, dedication, commitment, and trust so the world can be transformed and healed.

FYI...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.*



SYMPATHY: Remember *Annie L. Timmermann* (sister of Betty Usselman) and *Joyce A. Gilomen* who died. Keep *Annie, Joyce and their families* in your prayers.



WELCOME: St. Francis of Assisi Parish is glad to welcome Steven Leaders to our parish staff as our new Custodian. Steven began last Monday. He brings a lot of energy and spirit. We are pleased have him aboard.

CHRISTMAS MASS PRELUDES

	Christmas Eve, 3:10pm - Christmas Carols	
	Christmas Eve, 5:15pm - Christmas Carols	
	Christmas Day, 9:10am - Christmas Carols	



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!!!



The lucky winner of the **BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING** is **Marilyn Rakers** of Aviston.



A **RING** was found in the St. Francis Church girl's bathroom on Tuesday, December 15th. To claim the ring, call the church rectory at 228-7219.

GREETERS SCHEDULE for 7:30AM MASS

Dec 20 - Monica Schuetz & Michelle Kuhl
Dec 27 - Tony and Roseann Wellen

GREETERS SCHEDULE for 9:30AM MASS

Dec 20 - Duane and Lisa Niemeyer
Dec 27 - Dennis and Joanna Rakers

SANITIZERS SCHEDULE for 7:30AM MASS

Dec 20 - Tony and Roseann Wellen
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SANITIZERS SCHEDULE for 9:30AM MASS

Dec 20 - Mary AuBuchon & Carol Feldmann
Dec 27 - Gary and Sue Litteken

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:



Congratulations to the newly elected Pastoral Council Members: **Megan (Brandon) Holtmann, Dr. Jim (Peg) Millard, and Alexis Voyles**. A *special thanks* to all who accepted their nomination and to all who participated in the election.

Thanks to Ryan Faust, Marvin Ratermann, Amy Strubhart and Carrie Trame whose terms have expired, and for their years of service on the Pastoral Council. Your advice to the council has been greatly appreciated!



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS LISTS are available at all the entrances of church. We received many **Memorial Donations** this holiday season. *Thank you!*

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Mon. Dec. 21 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting

Fri. Dec. 25 - No Fish Fry

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 www.diobelle.org/vocations



DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The 43rd Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at *all Masses Christmas Eve & Christmas Day*. Parishes throughout the diocese request monies from this collection to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. **Please consider those in need and give as you are able...thank you!**

VOCATION CORNER

Today we hear of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. What a wonderful act of selflessness - turning her whole life over to the will of God. "May it be done to me according to your will." This is the call for each one of us - "according to your will" should be our daily mantra. Encourage everyone to follow their unique vocation to follow the Lord. Merry Christmas.

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.)

BISHOP MCGOVERN invites everyone in the diocese to follow him and share his pages.



The bishop's Facebook address is:

www.facebook.com/BishopMichaelMcGovern

The bishop's Instagram page is:

www.instagram.com/bishopmichaelmcgovern/

The bishop's YouTube page address is:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCXgMqXBYIM4r0_AbDQH2_8A

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS: invites you to view



"Christmas at Home", their 2020 holiday concert. It features your favorite Christmas songs by soloist and small ensembles from the Chorus. The program will run on YouTube until January 6th, 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.

PART ONE-- https://youtu.be/vgvFv_LEKy0

PART TWO-- <https://youtu.be/LzPbEWwlfAM>

PART THREE-- <https://youtu.be/1Xr0SIUKgT8>

PART FOUR-- <https://youtu.be/IP6M1Q21kas>



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FATHER DAN: With great



thankfulness the parishioners of St. Francis recognize Father Dan on his **25th anniversary** as our pastor. Father Dan has served tirelessly and been an example to us all of a caring and loving, faith-filled Christian. He has married us and buried us, baptized us and anointed us. He has led us sometimes where we did not think we wanted to go, but later realized was the right direction. His intent has always been the betterment of the parish and the well-being of his flock. We could not have asked for a better pastor. Here's to another 25 years!

