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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Dec. 03		NO MASS
Tue. Dec. 04	7:30am 6:30pm	Dorothy Ratermann First Reconciliation
Wed. Dec. 05	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thu. Dec. 06	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Fri. Dec. 07	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Sat. Dec. 08	7:30pm	Juanita M. Lanter
Sun. Dec. 09	7:30am 9:30am	Lucille Feldmann John Mueller Mary Ann Schmitz

DECEMBER 1st & 2nd WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Nolan Pruett, Brendan Strieker, (*I*) *Volunteer*
 Sun. 7:30am -Kaden & Kylie Rakers, Ava Becker
 9:30am -Kylie Stockmann, Evan Schlueter, Easton Rakers,
 Melanie & Mason Hilmes

DECEMBER 8th & 9th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Jake & Cecelia Richter, Kylie Detmer
 Sun. 7:30am -Alex Beckmann, John Koerkenmeier,
 Reese Strubhart
 9:30am -Ava & Mason Millard, Luke Pingsterhaus,
 Chris Richter, Cole Buschmann, Gavin Nettekmeier
(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)



PASTORS NOTE: 'TIS (almost) THE SEASON: We prepare for everything we consider important in life, and that includes Christmas. Again this year, I invite you to join our parish for the "Best Advent Ever," a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way! Each day you'll receive an email with: a short inspirational video, practical tips for your everyday life, real-life stories of hope. To sign up, visit www.BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope, a program of Dynamic Catholic. Many of you gave last years program high marks. Give it a try. *It is free!*

The North Central Vicariate Advent *Reconciliation Services* schedules are at all entrances of church!!

IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: *This weekend,* there will be a second collection for the "*Parish Improvement Fund*" which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc.

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Ruth Bruns	Maggie Fix	Jane Gebhart
Donna Hegger	Rosina Hollenkamp	Ken Kavanaugh
Carla Knackstedt	Dominic Kuhl	Dennis Kuper
Martha Litteken	Jim Markus	Fr. Joe Rascher
Abby Robke	Patricia Rollings	Fr. Ken Schaefer
Fallon Schlautmann	Dayceon Spihlmann	Floyd Sudholt
Nick Tebbe	Kyle Uhring	

CONFESSIONS:

Sat. Evening 6:30 - 7:10pm or by appointment

WEEKLY ROSARY:

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Dec. 02 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 -10:30am -St. Francis CYM Meeting in CYM Rm.
 - **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Mon. Dec. 03 - 7:00pm -RCIA at St. Dominic Annex Bldg.
Tue. Dec. 04 - 6:30pm -First Reconciliation at St. Francis
 Wed. Dec. 05 - 7:00pm -Bible Class in Pre-K Room 2
 Fri. Dec. 07 - -First Friday Calls
 Sat. Dec. 08 - 9:00am -**KIDS HOLIDAY** at the Parish Center.



SECOND COLLECTION: Support Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart...seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today 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 next week's second collection.**

The lucky winner of the **BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING** is **Ruth Bruns** of Aviston.

ST. FRANCIS CYM MEETING on Sunday, December 2nd at 10:30am in the CYM room.



RCIA on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00pm at St. Dominic Annex Building "located at 307 North Cherry Street" (behind the Clintonian Plaza) in Breese.

PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES: The candidates for this years Pastoral Council Election are: **Jamie Block** (*Eric*), **Holden Fuehne**, **Beth Hollenkamp** (*Nick*), **Lori Klumke** (*Kevin*), **Diana Koch** (*Adam*), **Chris Korte** (*Mallory*), **Emily Masching** (*Kurt*) and **Troy Pingsterhaus** (*Stephanie*). 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 8th & 9th at all weekend masses.**



RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our Second Graders will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on **Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30pm**. Everyone is invited to participate by also receiving the Sacrament. **[Note time changed to 6:30pm!]**



BIBLE STUDY continues each Wednesday evening through December 9th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the St. Francis, Aviston, Parish Center. It is covering the last eight chapters of the Book of Daniel. Please bring your own Bibles. You do not have to have attended previous sessions. Everyone (all ages) is welcome at any time. Two hours diocesan catechist credit is given for each of these classes. The cost is free for members of the partnership (St. Francis/St. Rose/St. Felicitas). We ask others to pay \$12 for the cost of the book, which is used for Daniel Parts I and II.



The **GIVING TREE:** All gifts are due the weekend of December 9th. **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! If anyone would like to stay after the 9:30am mass on December 9th to help sort gifts, your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!



GYM WALKING in the Parish Center will begin Mon., Dec. 3rd. **The hours will be 6:15am thru 2:00pm. Please use the main entrance of the gym.**



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 Monday, December 10th!!**



AVISTON LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY on Friday, December 7th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

BREAKFAST IS ON US! This time of year is about giving and sharing. We are kicking off the season with a **FREE breakfast for the community on Thursday, December 6th from 7:30am - 9:30am in the cafeteria at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Breese.**



While you’re there, pick a tag from our Giving Tree to help fulfill the needs in our community food pantries this holiday season. **The food pantries include the House of Manna, Green Bean, Matthew 25, St. Vincent de Paul, New Baden and New Baden Baptist.** Items purchased for the food pantry can be brought to the hospital. Participation in the Giving Tree is optional and not required to enjoy breakfast with us.

“A Musical Gift to the City”, Webster University **CHORALE AT CHRISTMAS** on Sat., Dec. 8th at 7:00pm. This “free gift” is open to all! The sounds of the University Chorale will fill St. Peter’s Cathedral in Belleville.



The Aviston Sons of American Legion **2019 BLACK TIE AND TALENT SHOW** will be on **Saturday, January 12, 2019** at 5:00pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets for the event are \$40 each and include: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. **Interested contestants can tryout at a downselect competition on Friday, December 21st at 6:00pm at Aviston Legion.** A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2019 can enter the contest. For tickets or entry info call: Jim Kues 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.



MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
Sun. Dec. 09 - 7:00pm -Christmas Concert in the MD Gym.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal... using your gifts to serve one another

The ministries and programs that rely on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ensure the healing, teaching and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ for the people of our Belleville Diocese. **Yet, their work cannot continue without your help and support.** We ask for your continued prayers for the success of The Appeal and, if you are able, please consider making a gift. **No amount is too large or small and donations are accepted throughout the year.** Thank you and God bless!

St. Vincent de Paul Needs **BLANKETS AND COATS!**

Cold winter weather has arrived earlier than usual and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council** desperately needs blankets and coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) and blankets of all types/sizes – are being requested.** Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at #13 Vieux Carre Drive, Suite 2, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area, immediately off Route 157 across from the Save-A-Lot grocery) or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm – check your closets and donate a coat or blanket today!



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our parish is to be a community that believes and proclaims the powerful and loving presence of Jesus Christ and extends His love to others. We are called and sent to instill the ideas of Christianity in our children by word and example; to preserve the deep rooted faith established by our ancestors; and not to dwell on our mistakes, but rather learn from them and move forward people of faith.