

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Dec. 17		NO MASS
Tue. Dec. 18	7:30am	William Ratermann
Wed. Dec. 19	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees Edna Wellen
Nursing Home	10:00am	Paul "Grumpy" Lager
Thu. Dec. 20	7:30am	Joseph Kujawa
Fri. Dec. 21	7:30am	Gene & Cleo Lohman
Sat. Dec. 22	7:30pm	Anthony & Brian Strieker L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family
Sun. Dec. 23	7:30am	Samantha Kuper Tony Rakers Family
	9:30am	Ralph Pingsterhaus Edmund Rohling

DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Carissa Litteken, Elyse Strader, (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Jayden Gonet, Nolan Kluemke, Ayden Rakers,
 (3) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Avary Pingsterhaus, Brooke Trame,
 Josie Hamilton, Gabe Schlimme, Noah Koch



DECEMBER 22ND & 23RD WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Nolan Pruett, Brendan Strieker, (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Kaden & Kylie Rakers,
 (3) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Melanie & Mason Hilmes, Reese Strubhart,
 Cole Buschmann, Chris Richter

(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)

PASTORS NOTE: As John preached at the Jordan, we can only welcome the Messiah into our lives when we move beyond ourselves to embrace the hurt and brokenness, the needs and hopes of others. We can only realize the "best" of humanity by taking on greed and arrogance and bigotry that diminish our humanity. We are all called, like John the Baptizer, to be witnesses of God's love by the love we extend to others. We are called to be precursors of his justice by our unflinching commitment to what is right and good for others; called to take up Jesus' work of forgiveness, mercy and compassion.

The Pastoral Council awarded **Julia Stockmann** with an *Unsung Hero Award* last Sunday at 9:30am mass. **Thank you Julia** for your many years of generously giving of your time and talent for the betterment of our Parish and the lives you have positively impacted.



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
Patricia Rollings	Fr. Ken Schaefer	Fallon Schlautmann
Alfred Spihlmann	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. 16 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 - 3:00pm -St. Francis, Aviston & St. Mary,
 Trenton Advent Penance Service here at St.
 Francis Church.

Mon. - Fri. - 6:15am - 2:00pm -Gym Walking @ Parish Ctr

Mon. Dec. 17 - -NO RCIA

Wed. Dec. 19 - 7:00pm -Bible Class in Pre-K Room #2

Sun. Dec. 23 -NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!!

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:



Congratulations to the newly elected Pastoral Council Members: **Beth (Nick) Hollenkamp, Diana (Adam) Koch, and Troy (Stephanie)**. A **special thanks** to all who accepted their nomination and to all who participated in the election.

Thanks to Irma Deimeke, Lori Kampwerth, and Brad Richter, whose terms have expired, and for their years of service on the Pastoral Council. Your advice to the council has been greatly appreciated!

FYI...ST. FRANCIS CONTRIBUTIONS: *All Contributions for 2018 payable to St. Francis Church must be received by Sunday, December 30th in order to be included in your 2018 statement for tax purposes. Everything received after that date will be reported in 2019.*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sun. Dec. 16 - 3:00pm -at St. Francis, Aviston...St. Francis, Aviston and St. Mary, Trenton.
Thu. Dec. 20 -7:00pm -at St. Anthony, Beckemeyer [St. Anthony, St. Augustine & St. Dominic]

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The *41st 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!*

BIBLE STUDY...Wednesday, December 19th 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 class. 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.

BLESSING OF HOMES: Blessing of homes is an ancient Catholic custom in which we pray that God's blessing and protection will abide in the home and the family who live there. The family must be present for the home to be blessed. It is appropriate to bless a home whenever there is a new beginning, for example when the family first moves into a home or after a couple is married. (But if your home has never been blessed, it is never too late.) To have your home blessed, call Fr. Dan, Deacon Charlie, or Deacon Steve to arrange a time.

AVISTON LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY on Friday, December 21st from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BUNCO & DESSERT PARTY on Mon., Dec. 17th at 1:00pm at St. Anthony Parish Center, Beckemeyer. \$5 per person. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund. Must be 18!*

\$13,000 GIVEAWAY on February 9, 2019. St. Michael Church in Radom, IL. (2) **\$5,000 Grand Prizes**, (2) **\$1,000 Prizes** and (2) **\$500 Prizes. Only 800 Tickets suggested donation \$50.** (3) Early Bird ticket drawings December 18th for \$100 Gift Cards [Choice of Target, Menards, Kohls, Lowes]. (5) Early Bird ticket drawings on January 30, 2019 for Free Raffle Ticket or \$50 [Winners Choice]. Winning tickets will be re-entered for the February 9, 2019 drawing. Contact Beverly (618)485-6455, Bernadine (618)485-2265 or (618) 279-3466, Marvin (618)485-2748 or Jerry (618)485-2299.

AVISTON LEGION NEWS:

Mon. Dec. 17 - 5:30pm -Legion, Auxiliary & SAL Christmas Party / Meetings
Fri. Dec. 21 - 6:00pm -SAL Black Tie Interviews

2019 BLACK TIE TALENT SHOW: The Aviston Sons of the 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.

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!

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Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the **Office of Faith Formation** to impact the lives of over 11,000 students at 27 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2018 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

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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.

CHRISTMAS MASS PRELUDES



Christmas Eve, 3:25pm -Christmas Carols
Christmas Day, 9:05am -Christmas Carols

