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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00pm 7:30pm	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i> <i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
CHRISTMAS DAY	7:30am 9:30am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i> <i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
Wed. Dec. 26	7:30am	NO MASS
Thu. Dec. 27	7:30am	NO MASS
Fri. Dec. 28	7:30am	NO MASS
Sat. Dec. 29	7:30pm	Frank & Vernieda Wolters Family Marvin Hollenkamp
Sun. Dec. 30	7:30am 9:30am	Fr. Louis A. Koehr L/D Clem Peters Family Andrew & Bertha Thole

DECEMBER 22nd & 23rd WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Nolan Pruet, Brendan Strieker, (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Kaden & Kylie Rakers, (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Melanie & Mason Hilmes, Reese Strubhart, Cole Buschmann, Chris Richter



CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24th SERVERS

Mon. **4:00pm** -Kylie Stockmann, Avary Pingsterhaus, Easton Rakers, Gavin Nettekmeier, Brooke Trame
7:30pm -Jake & Cecelia Richter, Kylie Detmer, (2) *Volunteers*



CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25th SERVERS

Tue. **7:30am** -Alex Beckmann, John Koerkenmeier, Connor Toennies, (2) *Volunteers*
9:30am -Melanie Hilmes, Josie Hamilton, Gabe Schlimme, Noah Koch, (1) *Volunteer*



DECEMBER 29th & 30th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm - Carissa Litteken, Elyse Strader, Kylie Detmer, (2) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Alex Beckmann, Jayden Gonet, Ava Becker, (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Ava & Mason Millard, Luke Pingsterhaus, Nolan Kluemke, Ayden Rakers



PASTORS NOTE: In Mary and Elizabeth’s meeting and in our own similar “visitations,” the spirit of God is present in the healing, comfort and support we extend to one another in such moments. In the light and hope of this holy season, may we “make haste” to bring such reconciling peace and healing justice in our own “visits” to others, in our own encounters in which the grace of God enables us to see one another in God’s eyes. *Merry Christmas!*

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. 23 -**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!!**
 Mon. - Fri. - **NO GYM WALKING THIS WEEK!**
 Mon. Dec. 24 - **-NO RCIA**
 Thu. Dec. 27 - 8:00pm -Aviston KC’s Meeting
 Sun. Dec. 30 -**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!!**



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.*

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

The 41st DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be taken up at *all Masses Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Please consider those in need and give as you are able...thank you!*



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH!!

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



Thank You so very much for the outpouring of support that you showed again this year...for our families who you embraced on your Giving Tree! Your kindness and generosity truly make a huge difference in the lives of so many women and children who are facing so many challenges at this Christmas season! The number and the beauty of the gifts...so overwhelming and so deeply appreciated! *Thank you* for reaching out and embracing God's People and making their coming Christmas celebration a bit more brilliant with both the gifts and the prayers that accompanies those gifts. Your kindness will be remembered long after the trees and the tinsel have given their glow. Your love is received with great gratitude!

*Paulyn Snyder, MSW
Social Worker/Director
Holy Angels Shelter*

SAVE THE DATE: PIECING will be on Wed., Jan. 9th from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Heritage Room. Quilters are always welcome on piecing days. *The quilting ministry needs your help!* It's not necessary to stay the entire time...come and go as you please. There's no time clock to punch...every stitch counts. **QUILTING the week of January 13th - 17th from 9:00am to 4:00pm.**



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Francis Parish is happy to announce that scholarships are available for high school seniors enrolling as full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education (College, Vocational or Technical). The funds have been made available via the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Trusts for higher education scholarships and are awarded in their memory. Scholarships are intended to benefit students in "financial limbo". By this we mean students whose families have mid-level incomes and thus earn too little to pay for college outright, but earn too much to qualify for need-based grants or scholarships. Amounts are variable, but a scholarship of \$2,000 is not an unreasonable expectation. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Are you up for the challenge? Find more information and application forms on the parish web site at <http://www.stfrancisav.org/> Click on "Teen Space". **Deadline is March 1, 2019.**

AVISTON LEGION FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY on Friday, December 28th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

WAY OF LIGHTS 5K RUN & FUN WALK on Sat., Jan. 5, 2019 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. Check in Time is 5:00pm - 6:15pm. Race Starting Time is at 6:30pm. Packet pick-up times at the Shrine Visitor Center, Info Desk is Thu., Jan. 3rd from 9:00am - 6:00pm.



"Fr. Dominic Garramore, the Bread Monk," will be at St. George Parish, New Baden on Saturday, January 19th at 1:00pm in the Community Life Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at the St. George Parish office Tuesday - Thursday (588-4323) or after the weekend Masses at St. George Church, New Baden. Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of laughs, baking, and reflection!



CITIZENS FOR AVISTON NEWS:

****SAVE THE DATE**** The next Citizens for Aviston Dance will be held on **February 9th, 2019!** A \$60 ticket includes monthly drawings through February 9th, dinner for two, free beer and soda all evening, music from Blacktop Boulevard, 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! Call Kim (Kurt) Rakers (604-6100), Anna (Chad) Kuhn (304-7725), Karrie (Mark) Rakers (420-0330), Leslie (Brad) Eversgerd (978-6103), Tracy (Deej) Session (972-0854) or Julie (Brandon) Wade (616-4633) if you would like to purchase a ticket.

December Monthly Drawing Winners (\$60/each): Joe & Pam Becker, Steve & Nancy Koelz and Jeff & Shelly Schiefer.

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. 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!

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

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