

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Dec. 31		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 01	9:00am	<i>St. Francis Parish Family</i>
Wed. Jan. 02	7:30am	Deacon Richard E. Bagby
Thu. Jan. 03	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Fri. Jan. 04	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Sat. Jan. 05	7:30pm	Juanita M. Lanter
Sun. Jan. 06	7:30am 9:30am	Odelia Ratermann Anthony & Don Lohman Jerry Lampe

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



JANUARY 1ST - NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVERS

Tue. 9:00am - *Adult Volunteer Servers*



JANUARY 5TH & 6TH WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm - Brendan Strieker, Keegan Kohlbrecher,
 Melania Rakers, (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am - John Koerkenmeier, Lydia Kuhn,
 Reese Strubhart, (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am - Melanie & Mason Hilmes, Brooke Trame,
 Cole Buschmann, Gavin Nettekmeier
 (If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)



SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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. 30 - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES!**
 Mon. - Fri. - **NO GYM WALKING THIS WEEK!**
 Mon. & Tue. - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED!!**
 Mon. Dec. 31 - **-NO RCIA**
 Thu. Jan. 03 - 6:30pm - Finance Council Meeting
 Fri. Jan. 04 - -First Friday Calls
 Sat. Jan. 05 - 9:00am - Boy Scout Aluminum Drive
 Sun. Jan. 06 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 -10:30am - St. Francis CYM Mtg.
 -10:30am - Baptismal Prep Class in Pre-K Rm. #1



PASTORS NOTE: The unimaginable experience of losing a child happens to Mary & Joseph in today's Gospel. Although St. Luke includes this story as a sign of what is to come in Jesus' life, it is also a story of the challenges and struggles of family life. Many people have lived the pains, doubts and despair that are part of every marriage and family. May we give thanks this Christmas Sunday for the gift of family and, in the New Year, take on the hard, Christ-like work of being family to one another out of love and care for those around us. *Wishing you a Blessed and Happy New Year!*

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.

SYMPATHY: Remember *Maurice E. Timmermann* (father of Jay [Sharon] Timmermann) and *Margaret Richter* (mother of Tricia [Dave] Weis, Brad [Jami] Richter) who died. Keep *Maurice & Margaret* and their families in your prayers.



GIVING TREE THANK YOU!:

"Thank you for your generosity and taking the time to reach out and help ninety individuals in need. Each of your gifts goes to an individual in need. Your gifts will be enjoyed by individuals from Aviston Countryside Manor, Aviston Terrace, DCFS Carlyle, Hispanic families and the Holy Angels Shelter. Also, thank you to the volunteers who helped sort through the gifts, your help is very much appreciated. Every time a hand reaches out to help another...that is Christmas."

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST & TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

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



SERVERS SCHEDULE for the month of January is available online at www.stfrancisav.org [If you are unable to serve at the assigned time, please get a sub!]

ST. FRANCIS CYM MEETING on Sunday, January 6th at 10:30am in the CYM room.

The next BAPTISM PREP CLASS is Sunday, January 6th in



Pre-K Classroom #1 at the parish center. Church regulations require parents of children being baptized to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Expecting parents will receive a special blessing for the birth of a healthy child.

Baptisms will not be scheduled until after you have taken this class. Godparents are encouraged to attend. **Reservations are required** by calling the Parish office at 228-7219.

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, January 4th 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.

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.



Mark your calendars for January 19, 2019, the 6th Annual



KNIGHT AT THE RACES to benefit Mater Dei Music. Knight at the Races is an "adult only" event featuring recorded horse races. There are 10 races with 10 horses in each race. Reservations are \$35/person, which includes heavy appetizers all night, open bar, funny money for wagering, and chances to win **Big Prizes**. Those who come early will be treated to the MD Jazz band's performance that begins at 6:00pm. Horse & Jockey Sponsorship \$20. Come out for a night of fun and support the MD Music Program. Reservations and Horse/Jockey Sponsorship forms available from any MD Band student. For more information email mdknightsmusic@gmail.com.

NATIVITY SET DISPLAY: St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese, invites the community to come view dozens of unique nativity sets on Sun., Jan. 6th from 12Noon – 2:00pm in the Heritage Room. Information on the Franciscan heritage of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, founders of the Hospital Sisters Health System, will also be on display at this Franciscan Sunday event hosted by the hospital's Living the Mission Team. For information, call Sue Darr, St. Joseph's Co-Mission Director, at 618-526-5451.



SPIRITUALITY AND COPING WITH DIABETES on Mon., Jan. 7th at 6:00pm in the hospitals Heritage Room. Register with Megan Stanley at (618) 526-5743 or megan.stanley@hshs.org.

