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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Jan. 07		NO MASS
Tue. Jan. 08	7:30am	William Ratermann
Wed. Jan. 09	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Thu. Jan. 10	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Fri. Jan. 11	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Sat. Jan. 12	7:30pm	Bernard VonHatten
Sun. Jan. 13	7:30am 9:30am	Andrew & Bernadine Markus Vince Poettker

JANUARY 5TH & 6TH WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Brendan Strieker, Keegan Kohlbrecher,
 Melania Rakers, (2) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Lydia Kuhn,
 Reese Strubhart, (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Melanie & Mason Hilmes, Brooke Trame,
 Cole Buschmann, Gavin Nettekmeier



JANUARY 12TH & 13TH WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Nolan Pruet, Jake & Cecelia Richter,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Kaden & Kylie Rakers, Jayden Gonet,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Ava & Mason Millard, Gabe Schlimme,
 Noah Koch, Luke Pingsterhaus
(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)



PASTORS NOTE: The story of the magi's search for the Christ child mirrors our own constant search for meaning and purpose in our lives. Every human life is a journey through that God has given us, a journey marked by signs of God's love in our midst. Mirroring our own journeys, the story of the magi challenges us to consider the "stars" we follow in the course of our lives. Do we navigate by the "stars" that lead us to wealth, to power to prestige - stars that will eventually flame out altogether? Or do we fix our lives on the great "star" of God's Christ: peace, compassion, mercy, justice, forgiveness? What "star" guides your life?

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Fr. Donald Blaes	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	Deacon Michael Rowland	
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. Jan. 06 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 -10:30am -St. Francis CYM Mtg.
Mon. - Fri. - Gym Walking at Parish Center Gym
 Mon. Jan. 07 - 7:00pm -RCIA @ St. Dominic Annex Bldg.
 Wed. Jan. 09 - 9:00am - 4:00pm -Quilt Tops in Heritage Room
 Thu. Jan. 10 - 7:00pm -Pastoral Council Meeting
 Sun. Jan. 13 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 - 9:00am - 4:00pm -Quilt Tops in Heritage Room

SYMPATHY: Remember *Allen E. Harem* (father of Ron Harem) who died. Keep *Allen* and his family in your prayers.



To the Members of St. Francis Parish,

Once again we would like to say "thank you" for your continued support of Aviston Countryside Manor by your generous donations at Christmas. This helps us to ensure each resident has a Merry Christmas. Your generosity is a blessing at Aviston Countryside Manor.

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.

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

The Pastoral Council awarded *Lynn Huegen* with an *Unsung Hero Award* last Sunday at the 9:30am mass. *Thank you Lynn* 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.



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.**



NATIVITY SET DISPLAY: St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese, invites the community to come view dozens of unique nativity sets on Sunday, January 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.



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



BLOOD DRIVE: HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center are hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 10th at 12Noon until 4:30pm in the hospital's Heritage Room. For an appointment, call the Blood Center at 866-448-3253 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org - sponsor code 102293. Eat & hydrate well before donating. Must bring photo ID to donate.



"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!



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 NEWS:

Wed. Jan. 09 - 7:30pm -SAL Meeting at the Winery
Fri. Jan. 11 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY
 Sat. Jan. 12 - 5:00pm -**2019 Black Tie Talent Show** at Hidden Lake Winery. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. 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.



In search of **HOST FAMILIES:** Looking for families to host International students who will attend Mater Dei for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a rewarding experience for both the families and students. For more information contact Tracy



Mensing by phone, text or email. 618-830-4816 or tracymensing@gmail.com.

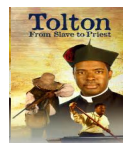
CHICKEN DINNER on Sun., Jan. 20th from 4:30pm - 7:00pm at the Albers Legion. All Bingo Players eat for \$5.

TEC WEEKEND: Calling all high school juniors & seniors!

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends are January 19th - 21st at Althoff Catholic High School, Belleville, IL and February 16th - 18th at Sacred Heart School, Du Quoin, IL. TEC is a 3-day retreat for young adults of Southern Illinois; a place to reflect (through talks, skits, art, music, sacraments, fellowship and fun) on where they are in life and where they're going, where God fits in, where their faith is leading them, and how they can live their faith with love, joy and courage. TEC is also open to adult observers. To learn more and/or apply, visit www.bellevilletec.org.



The Cathedral invites you to a live theatrical performance --



Tolton: From Slave to Priest, an original one-man drama. This professional production is **FREE** and will be presented in the **Cathedral of St. Peter on Friday, February 1st at 7:00pm**. Audiences encounter the life and message of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest -- who has roots in our own area! Fr. Tolton faced prejudice in his life; however, he felt that the Catholic Church was the antidote to discrimination. "It was the priests of the Church who taught me to pray and to forgive my persecutors," he said. "We should welcome all people into the Church, not send them away." Fr. Tolton's canonization cause is at the Vatican.

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