

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 17, 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 18		NO MASS
Tue. Feb. 19	7:30am	NO MASS
Wed. Feb. 20	7:30am	NO MASS
Thu. Feb. 21	7:30am	NO MASS
Fri. Feb. 22	7:30am	NO MASS
Sat. Feb. 23	7:30pm	Hubert & Rose Markus Craig Huels
Sun. Feb. 24	7:30am 9:30am	Paul "Grumpy" Lager Wib & Loretta Koch Eileen Detmer

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Fr. Donald Blaes	Norbert Buehne	Rich Feldmann
Maggie Fix	Donna Hegger	Rosina Hollenkamp
Ken Kavanaugh	Carla Knackstedt	Dominic Kuhl
Dennis Kuper	Martha Litteken	Jim Markus
Shirley Moss	Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings
Dcn. Michael Rowland		Fr. Ken Schaefer
Fallon Schlautmann	Alfred Spihlmann	Dayceon Spihlmann
Floyd Sudholt	RaeAnne Toennies	Kyle Uhring
Khara Vanderhyden		

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. Feb. 17 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes
Mon. - Fri. - Gym Walking at Parish Center Gym
 Mon. Feb. 18 - 7:00pm -RCIA @ St. Dominic Annex Bldg.
 Wed. Feb. 20 - 7:00pm -Bible Study, Pre-K Classroom #2



FEBRUARY 16th & 17th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Carissa & Caiden Litteken, Keegan Kohlbrecher,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Alex Beckmann,
 Ayden Rakers, (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Ava & Mason Millard, Karsyn Voss,
 Josie Hamilton, Noah Koch



FEBRUARY 23rd & 24th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Brendan Strieker, Ava Becker, Melaina Rakers,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Nolan Kluemke, Kaden & Kylie Rakers,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Gavin Nettekmeier, Chris Richter, Brooke Trame,
 Gabe Schlimme, Luke Pingsterhaus,

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

PASTORS NOTE: Life's meaning is not something to be fulfilled at some future point but is realized now. Hope is to be found in the present, in every day joys that suddenly become miracles. In Luke's version of the Beatitudes (today's Gospel), Jesus turns upside down our own understanding of power and wealth, of joy and fulfillment. Jesus challenges everything our "me-first," "bottom-line-centered" culture holds dear. He proclaims a new vision, a new attitude in approaching life: the treasure of life and time itself, the hope that can be realized in compassion and generosity, the fulfillment that is experienced in freeing ourselves from the pursuit of things of this world so as to embrace the small but lasting "miracles" of the kingdom of God. God calls us to a life of love, a life that is focused outward toward the well being and love of others, especially the forgotten, abused, suffering.

WELCOME and THANKS to Fr. John Eaton, OFM for filling in for Fr. Dan this weekend. Fr. Mike Hussey, OMI will be here next weekend. In the event of an emergency, call Fr. Pat Peter at St. Dominic, Breese.

PARISH CENTER RESERVATIONS: St. Francis Parish, as well as the diocese, has encountered some serious issues in regards to the use of parish properties throughout the diocese. The Finance Council and I are currently evaluating and studying the issues. For the time being, we are no longer accepting any new reservations for the use of the Parish Center, Gym or Heritage Room. *We will honor those that have already been made; but, we are not accepting any new reservations until the Finance Council has addressed all the issues. We will also be implementing any new "diocesan policies" resulting from the various issues it is currently addressing. When decisions are finalized, I will advise the parish. Fr. Dan*



SYMPATHY: Remember *Alvin C. "Al" Mourlam* (father of Susan [Gary] Litteken) who died. Keep *Al* and his family in your prayers.



CONGRATULATION to Dylan Ray Schulte (son of Jeffrey & Kara Schulte) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Dylan** to our faith family.

THANKS to all who participated in the quilting of quilts last week for the picnic. If we want to continue to have beautiful quilts for the picnic, additional help is needed. **Final quilting week is March 10th - 14th.**

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.**

SIPS, SNACKS AND STITCHES..... Picnic quilt quilting on Wednesday, February 27th from 1:00pm until 8:00pm. The Heritage Room at the Parish Center has plenty of space for anyone wanting to learn to quilt.



VOCATION CORNER:

"Life is about saying "yes" to the things that help you to grow in holiness and no to the things that don't. Life is about searching for the best version of yourself. Today's culture doesn't have a vision for the human person. The goal of today's culture is consumption as we no longer are the consumers---we are being consumed. It is time for us to start thinking about where our lives are leading and to where God is calling us. The ways of the world lead to confusion. God's way leads to clarity, order and to a meaningful living with joy. Life is a choice we all have to make. So, fulfill God's vision for you and answer his call with a "yes"." *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic, Pg. 79-81.*



BIBLE STUDY on Wed., Feb. 20th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the St. Francis Parish Center. **(No class on Ash Wednesday, March 6th).** We will cover the first twelve chapters of *Revelation*. Please bring your own Bibles. **All ages are welcome** at any time. Two hours diocesan catechist credit is given for each class. The cost is free for members of the partnership (St. Francis/St. Rose/St. Felicitas). We ask others to pay \$10 for the cost of the book, which is used for both *Revelation* Parts I and II."



VBS DIRECTORS NEEDED: We are in need of VBS Directors to take over the planning process, beginning in 2020. Do not let commitment conflicts Shelly Zeisset and Coleen Klein are no longer able to fulfill these positions. They are looking for a few people to sit in on some of the VBS planning meetings for 2019, and learn the planning process. If you are interested or have questions about what's involved, please call Coleen 618-304-9337 or Shelly 618-520- 6791.



MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON- LADIES OF ST. FRANCIS



PARISH: The annual "Fat Tuesday" lunch will be held at **Trenton House** on Tue., March 5th. Registration begins at 11:00am. For reservations, call Rosanne Wellen (228-7702) or Carolyn Kampwerth @ Rectory (228-7219) **by Friday, March 1st.**

AVISTON LEGION NEWS:

Mon. Feb. 18 - 7:00pm -Legion Meeting
Fri. Feb. 22 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY

THE AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION RUMMAGE SALE



will be Thursday, February 21st thru Saturday, February 23rd. Dates for Aviston residents to bring donations: Sun., Feb. 17th from 12Noon – 4:00pm and Mon., Feb. 18th from 12Noon – 7:00pm. Please no TVs or mattresses.

MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

Mater Dei Hall of Honor Nominations Sought. The MD Hall of Honor serves to recognize members of the Mater Dei community whose lifetime achievements or service to Mater Dei exemplify the Mission of Mater Dei. **Nominations will be accepted until February 20th.** Please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken for a nomination form at dllitteken@materdeiknights.org.

BREAKFAST:

Sun. Feb. 17 - 8:00am - 11:30am -**Breakfast** at the Albers Legion. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes & Biscuits & Gravy. *Proceeds for Legion Youth Programs.*

DINNERS:

Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:00am - 5:00pm - **Fried Chicken/Roast Beef Dinner** at St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso. *Sponsored by Bartelso Knights of Columbus.*
 Sun. Feb. 17 - 11:30am - 2:00pm - **Chicken Fried Steak Dinner** at St. Lawrence Hall, Sandoval. *Sponsored by St. Lawrence K of C Council #11758.*

BINGO'S:

Sun. Feb. 17 - 2:00pm -**Quilt/Cash Bingo** at St. Augustine, Breese. Fried Chicken Luncheon from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Questions regarding bad weather? Call Curt at 618-830-5792.
 Sun. Feb. 24 - 1:00pm -**Quilt/Cash Bingo** at St. John the Baptist Parish Center, Red Bud. Lunch available at 11:00am. *Proceeds support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.*



BUNCO & DESSERT PARTY on Mon., Feb. 18th at 1:00pm at St. Anthony Parish Center, Beckemeyer. \$5 per person includes drink & dessert. *Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.*

MARIAN PRAYER SERVICE: The Bartelso K of C will host a



Marian Prayer Service on Wed., Feb. 20th, 7:00pm, at St. Cecilia Church, Bartelso. A traveling icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians will be present. Refreshments will follow at Bartelso Bowl KC Lounge.