

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. April 01		NO MASS
Tue. April 02	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Wed. April 03	7:00pm	Dorothy Ratermann
Thu. April 04	7:30am	Rich Feldmann
Fri. April 05	7:30am 7:00pm	Wilhelmine Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. April 06	7:30pm	L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Fam. Charles Frohn
Sun. April 07	7:30am 9:30am	Gene & Dorothy Horstmann L/D Joe & Viola Ottensmeier Norbert & Estella Hollenkamp Fam. Stanley & Marian Bossler

MARCH 30th & 31st WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Carissa & Caiden Litteken, (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Alex Beckmann,
 (3) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Josie Hamilton, Nolan Klumke, Elyse Strader,
 Kaden & Kylie Rakers



APRIL 6th & 7th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Brendan Strieker, Nolan Pruett, Melaina Rakers
 Keegan Kohlbrecher, (1) *Volunteer*
 Sun. 7:30am -Jade Gonet, Lydia Kuhn, Lily Lappe,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Melanie & Mason Hilmes, Chris Richter,
 Cole Buschmann, Gavin Nettemeier



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

Stations of the Cross

PASTORS NOTE: The word “forgiveness” comes from the Greek word meaning “to let go.” That is the heart of forgiveness: letting go – letting go of our desperate grasp of the past so that we can turn toward the future with hope. We all have those “pig-sty” realizations of the prodigal son when we finally face the mess our selfishness, our insensitivity, our dishonesty have made of our lives and the lives of those we love. Lent calls us to embrace God’s grace that enables us to let ourselves reconnect again with family and friends, grace that empowers us to jettison our demand for revenge, justice, an apology, or whatever is holding us in our own prison.

JOB OPENING: St. Francis Parish is looking for a part-time seasonal employee to assist our custodian with lawn care and maintenance during the summer months. To apply or for more information, contact Fr. Dan at 228-7219. The position is open for immediate hire.

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Fr. Donald Blaes	Norbert Buehne	Maggie Fix
Donna Hegger	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	Alfred Spihlmann	Dayceon Spihlmann
Floyd Sudholt	Matt Thole	RaeAnne Toennies
Kyle Uhring	Khara Vanderhyden	

CONFESSIONS:

Sat. Evening 6:30 - 7:10pm or by appointment
 Sun. Morning 8:45 - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Evening at 7:10pm (before mass)
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am (before mass)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Mar. 31 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 -Quilt of the Bi-month Drawing
Mon. - Fri. - Gym Walking at Parish Center Gym
 Mon. April 01 - 7:00pm -RCIA @ St. Dominic Annex Bldg.
 Fri. April 05 - -First Friday Calls
 - **7:00pm -Stations of the Cross**
 Sat. April 06 - 9:00am -Boy Scout Aluminum Can Drive
 Sun. April 07 -10:30am -Baptism Prep Class @ Parish Center
 -10:30am -St. Francis CYM Meeting



SYMPATHY: Remember **Bernard H. “Ben” Venhaus Jr.**



(husband of Rosemary Venhaus and father of Bob [Joannie] Venhaus) who died. Keep **Ben** and his family in your prayers.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:



Immediately following the 9:30am Mass on the Sundays of Lent, till 4:00pm, the “Blessed Sacrament” is publicly exposed on the High Altar. It is an opportunity for all to spend time before Jesus in prayer. There must be **at least two adults present in the church at all times.** Come and pray for vocations, healing, peace or intentions of your own. **Sign-up sheets, with times, are at all entrances of church.** Consider committing to a time slot. Adoration will end with Benediction at 4:00pm.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for the month of April is available online at www.stfrancisav.org.

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.

ST. FRANCIS CYM MEETING on Sunday, April 7th at 10:30am in the CYM room.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: Donate to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s) to help decorate the altars during Easter. The cost is \$10. **Your "Easter Flower Envelope" is in your envelope package!** Write the name(s) of those to be remembered **on the back of the envelope**. Drop your envelope into the collection basket, mail, or bring to the parish office. **Early deadline is Wednesday, April 10th!**



VOCATION CORNER:

I was born into a Catholic family, but it was not until the eighth grade, after I had received Confirmation, that the faith came alive for me...when (the) idea of priesthood first crossed my mind. During sophomore (year) at Franciscan University...I began a four-year wrestling match with God about my vocation. The moment of clarity came in prayer during a silent retreat. How could I resist it any longer? Steven DiMassimo, seminarian, Diocese of Raleigh; Columbia Feb. 2018

VBS DIRECTORS NEEDED: We are in need of VBS Directors to take over the planning process, beginning in 2020. Do to 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.

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 NEWS:
Fri. April 05 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY

BREAKFASTS
Sun. March 31 - 8:00am - 11:30am -**Pork Sausage Breakfast** at the Breese K of C Hall. Proceeds benefit council charities.
Sun. March 31 - 8:00am - 12Noon - **All You Can Eat OMELET Breakfast** at St. John UCC Breese, IL

DINNERS:
Sun. April 07 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -**CHICKEN DINNER** at the Albers Legion. All BINGO players eat for \$7. Carryouts are available.

Sun. April 07 -11:00am - 5:00pm -**CHICKEN DINNER** at St. Teresa Church, Marydale. \$11.00 adult/\$5.00 child; Quilt Raffle. Carryouts are available.

BINGO:
Sun. March 31 - 1:00pm **Quilt Bingo** at the American Legion Hall in St. Libory. Doors open at 11:00am.

TOURNAMENT EUCHRE TOURNEY on Sat., April 6th at the Albers Legion. Registration at 6:00pm. Play begins at 7:00pm. **Free fried chicken** after play.



HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD: St. James CCW presents An Afternoon in Hollywood on Wed., April 10th at 12Noon at St. James Parish Center, Millstadt. A delicious lunch, Bingo, basket raffle & attendance prizes. Advance tickets are encouraged by calling Christy Lehr at 618-210-0042.



The Aviston Aces Clinton County League baseball team is hosting a **TRIVIA NIGHT** on April 19th at the Aviston Legion. Doors open at 6:30pm and trivia begins at 7:30pm. Contact Ryan Kuper (618-420-8169) or Dakota Auer at (618-795-1638) for information.



RUN for RAE 5K RUN/WALK on Saturday, April 20th at Schoendienst Park in Germantown, IL. Check-in at 7:30am; Start at 9:00am Timed and Marked by Toolen's Running Start. Cost: Entry postmarked by April 5th \$25; April 6th through Race Day \$30. **Proceeds benefit Rally for Rae!**



The Clinton County Health Improvement Coalition is hosting a **FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE** through Mar. 31st, during National Nutrition Month. The campaign highlights the importance of a healthy diet and individuals making good food choices. ****See church bulletin board for drop off locations and non-perishable items.**** Contact a Steering Committee Member: Barb 526-5378, Galen 526-5628, Kris 594-4555, Stephanie 526-9236 or Cheryl 594-2723 for details.



SPRING CONCERT: Heartland Community Chorus invites you to a spring concert: "**Sing Me to Heaven**" on Sat., April 6th at 7:30pm at St. Paul UCC in Lebanon, IL **OR** Sun., April 7th at 3:00pm at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL. Tickets are \$15 and available at First Collinsville Bank in Highland, from chorus members, or online at www.heartlandcommunitychorus.org. *Free admission to age 16 & under.*



**HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese
2019 SPRING HEALTH FAIRS
6:00am - 10:00am**
Wed., Apr. 10 -Trenton 1st UMC;
Wed., Apr. 24 -Germantown Legion
****Registration forms are due one week prior to the Health Fair. Contact Judy at (526-5351) or sjb.healthfair@hshs.org for info.**

