

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Aug. 19		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Aug. 20	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Wed. Aug. 21 <i>Nursing Home</i>	7:30am <i>10:00am</i>	All Aviston Lumber Employees Viola Ratermann
Thu. Aug. 22	7:30am	Bob & Marilyn Sudholt <i>55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i>
Fri. Aug. 23	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Sat. Aug. 24	7:30pm	Marge Richter
Sun. Aug. 25	7:30am 9:30am	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Roy, Les & Eric Mollet Tom & Betty Huelsmann George Hollenkamp

### AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Nolan Pruett, Brendan Strieker, (3) *Volunteers*  
 Sun. 7:30am -John Koerkenmeier, Kaden & Kylie Rakers,  
 (2) *Volunteers*  
 9:30am -Ava Becker, Nolan Kluemke, Noah Koch,  
 Melaina Rakers, Ava Millard



### AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SERVERS

Sat. 7:30pm -Carissa & Caiden Litteken, Beckett Wade,  
 (3) *Volunteers*  
 Sun. 7:30am -Lydia Kuhn, Lily Lappe, Jayden Gonet,  
 (2) *Volunteers*  
 9:30am -Ava Becker, Elyse Strader, Reese Strubhart,  
 Avary & Reed Pingsterhaus



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

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** The vulnerability and fragileness of our lives are at the heart of today's Gospel passage. In the divisions we suffer, the contradictions we encounter, the disconnect between our faith and values, and the demands and expectations of our world and culture, the love of God is the one constant that brings us back to one another. It heals the rifts, bridges what divides us. The compassion, selflessness, humility and justice that Jesus demands of those who would be his disciples are the "fire" and "baptism" through which we transform our world in the sacredness of God. Balancing the Gospel's ethical and moral imperatives with the daily practical realities of our lives is difficult. The challenge of Jesus is not to let God's word of justice and mercy divide us but to realize how that word can bring humanity together as holy people. The reality is that the houses we create can burn and be destroyed. God alone is our constant we can rely on.



**SYMPATHY:** Remember *Kyle Uhring* (husband of Alicia Uhring and father of Braxton & Arlyn) and *Dale Robke* (brother of Kevin [Nancy] Robke) who died. Keep *Kyle and Dale and their families* in your prayers.

## SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Joshua Dunning	Maggie Fix	Donna Hegger
Ken Kavanaugh	Jennifer Kendall	Steve Kleiboeker
Carla Knackstedt	Dennis Kuper	Jim Markus
Alan Netemeyer	Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings
Dcn. Mike Rowland	Fr. Ken Schaefer	Dayceon Spihlmann
Dylan Sudholt	Josephine Timmermann	RaeAnne Toennies
Kyle Uhring	Khara Vanderhyden	Scott Voyles

## CONFESSIONS:

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

## WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Evening at 6:10pm (before mass)  
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am (before mass)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wed. Aug. 21 -7:00pm -Bible Study @ Pre-K Classroom 2  
 Thu. Aug. 22 -8:00pm -K of C Meeting @ the Legion

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!:

Sunday School for 2019-2020 starts Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held during 9:30am Mass on Sunday. Children ages 3-5 (Kindergarten) are eligible to join. Registration forms will be mailed over upcoming weeks. Please contact Amy Strubhart, 406-8597, if you have any questions.



## CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC

**or Just Learning More about It?** A preliminary information session will be this Monday, August 19, at 7:00pm in the rectory (Father's house). All interested people are invited. The program starts in one month. *Don't put it off!* Need more information, contact Father Dan (228-7219), Deacon Steve (228-7936), or Deacon Charlie (604-0528) right away. If you know someone who might be interested, this gathering is to get to know possible candidates and to orient them concerning the process.



**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study continues Wed. evenings through Sep. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the St. Francis, Aviston, Parish Center & will cover the last 8 chapters of *Revelation*. Please bring your own Bibles. You do not have to have attended previous sessions. Everyone (all ages) is welcome. Two hours diocesan catechist credit is given for each class. Cost is free for members of the partnership (St. Francis/St. Rose/St. Felicitas). We ask others for \$10.00 to pay for the book.



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OUTDOOR MASS:** Thank you to all the people who assisted at the outdoor Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. You made it a great success!

**DEEP GRATITUDE** to the donors who paid for the material to repair the hospital garage for Christmas storage. **THANKS** to Brian Beckmann, Al Faust and Ryan Faust for donating the labor.

**PICNIC FEEDBACK:** The chairmen would like to know of any concerns and/or suggestions in regards to the picnic. They can be dropped in the collection basket or emailed to [picnic@stfrancisav.org](mailto:picnic@stfrancisav.org).

**COUNTRY STORE THANK-YOU:**

We've had another successful year at the Country Store! Thanks to everyone who made this possible! Your time and talents are truly appreciated!

**FAITH IN ACTION INITIATIVE:**

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming *Faith In Action* initiative at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Francis Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass, especially during our special *Faith in Action* Commitment Weekend on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming *Faith in Action* initiative, please feel free to contact Father Dan at 228-7219 or [pastor@stfrancisav.org](mailto:pastor@stfrancisav.org).

**MATER DEI BUILDING TRADES HOUSE AVAILABLE:**

The 2019 - 2020 Mater Dei Building Trades house is available for design and purchase. If interested contact Mr. Dennis Litteken as soon as possible at [dlitteken@materdeiknights.org](mailto:dlitteken@materdeiknights.org) or call 526-7216.

**Mater Dei Class of 1969 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact Jane Zurliene at 618-304-4250.

**AVISTON LEGION NEWS:**

**Fri. Aug. 23 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm -FISH FRY**

**BUNCO & DESSERT:**

Mon. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm -**Bunco & Dessert Party** at St. Anthony Parish Ctr., Beckmeyer. \$5.00/person includes drink & dessert. Attendance Prizes.

**POLKA DANCE:**

Sat. Aug. 24 -6:30pm -**The Natural Talent** at DuBois KC Hall. Music 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Price: \$10. For advance tickets, phone Larry at 618-214-3097 or mail self-addressed, stamped envelope w/check made payable to Diamond Jubilee Club to Larry Spotanski, Box 104, DuBois, IL 62831.

**VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**

will present a program at the Breese American Legion Hall on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Veterans will learn how to sign up for a free flight to Washington, DC to visit monuments and memorials honoring their services. The public is invited and all are welcome.

**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS** is a performing ensemble for singers in the area and is based in Highland. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings in St. Paul Church. Auditions for the 2019-20 season will be held in the Choir Room at St. Paul Hall, 1412 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Highland on these upcoming dates: Fri., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm, or Sat., Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:00-10:00am. For more information or to schedule a different audition time, contact Luanne Murphy at 618-791-8408.

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*** The next **CITIZENS FOR AVISTON DANCE** is **February 8, 2020!** A \$70 ticket includes monthly drawings from August 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 8<sup>th</sup>, dinner for two, free beer and soda all evening, music from *Hair Syndicate*. Only 500 tickets are sold! You don't 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) to purchase a ticket.

**JOB OPENINGS:**

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time *Administrative Assistant for the Office of Worship*, a part of the Department of Pastoral Services. This position provides administrative support and assists with all liturgical celebrations, workshops and programs. To apply, send cover letter with resume and preferred salary range to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Belleville, IL 62220, FAX to 618-722-5020, or email to [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org). **Application deadline is August 19, 2019.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council, has a **part-time Bookkeeper/Accounting position** available at the Council Office. This experienced candidate must be proficient with Quick Books Pro, accounts receivable/ accounts payable, payroll/payroll taxes, financial reports, budget preparation and enjoy interacting with people. The position would be ideal for a retired individual. Please call 618-394-0126 or leave a message or text to 618-799-8505.

**The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal...**

**Blessed to receive, chosen to give**

The CSMA Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 27 grants were awarded in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through **your gift** to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

**RESILIENCY: BOUNCING FORWARD**

You are invited to attend the annual **When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference** on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am to 4:00pm at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. This conference is open to mental health professionals, family members and friends who journey with people struggling with mental illness. The keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Behrman, PhD, LCSW, will help attendees discover new strategies to help those in the recovery process. For more information or to register: Online at [snows.org/help](http://snows.org/help) or call 618-394-6281 or email at [programs@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org).



