

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Aug. 26		NO MASS
Tue. Aug. 27	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Wed. Aug. 28	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Thu. Aug. 29	7:30am	Norbert Buehne
Fri. Aug. 30	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Sat. Aug. 31	7:30pm	Arnie & Shirley Moss Abby Robke
Sun. Sept. 01	7:30am 9:30am	Gene & Dorothy Horstmann Norbert & Estella Hollenkamp Family

AUGUST 24th & 25th SUNDAY SERVERS

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



AUGUST 31st & SEPTEMBER 1st SUNDAY SERVERS

- Sat. 7:30pm -Jake & Cecelia Richter, (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Alex Beckmann, Kaden & Kylie Rakers,
 (2) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Cole Buschmann, Chris Richter, Gabe Schlimme,
 Ayden Rakers, Karsyn Voss



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

PASTOR'S NOTE: In football it is called the "hole," a safe path to the goal. Anything worth devoting our time, energy, and resources to, every situation we want to change for the better, every dream and goal we want to realize in our lives can only happen through hard, dedicated, selfless work. The "narrow door" that Jesus speaks of is the demanding path of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness. It can only be entered by letting go of our fears, our control, our pride, our self-absorption. By struggling through the "narrow door," we move beyond easy answers and immediate gratification to discover the meaning and purpose of this life God has given us. And, more often than not, we can be the means for creating an "open door" for someone else to clear.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Bob & Marilyn Sudholt* who celebrated their **55th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, August 22nd at the 7:30am Mass.** May God grant them many more years of happiness together.



CONGRATULATION to *Stella Louise Thomsen* (daughter of Jack & Kelsey Thomsen) who was baptized on August 11th. We welcome *Stella* and her family to our faith family.



SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Joshua Dunning	Maggie Fix	Donna Hegger
Ken Kavanaugh	Steve Kleiboeker	Carla Knackstedt
Dennis Kuper	Ann Litteken	Jim Markus
Alan Netemeyer	Fr. Joe Rascher	Patricia Rollings
Dcn. Mike Rowland	Fr. Ken Schaefer	Dayceon Spihlmann
Dylan Sudholt	Josephine Timmermann	
RaeAnne Toennies	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. 28 -7:00pm -Bible Study @ Pre-K Classroom 2

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC or Just Learning

More about It? The program starts in a few weeks. *Don't put it off!* Need more information, contact Father Dan (228-7219), Deacon Steve (228-7936), or Deacon Charlie (604-0528) right away.



SYMPATHY: Remember *Fr. Albert Eugene Kreher* who died. Keep *Fr. Kreher and his family* in your prayers.

SPECIAL THANKS,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the folks who helped with the clean-up in the kitchen after our Parish Picnic & Dinner. The mountain of pots, pans, etc. that is generated from preparing & serving our meals is unfailingly tackled with a "git'er dun" attitude! Thanks to all!

Sincerely,
Larry Harper
Clean-up Team

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study continues each Wednesday evening through September 18th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the St. Francis, Aviston, Parish Center. It is covering 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 to pay \$10 for the cost of the book.



SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2019-2020 starts on September 8th. 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.



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.

FAITH IN ACTION INITIATIVE:

Soon you will receive a brochure detailing the *Faith In Action* initiative our parish will be participating in over the upcoming weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate how we, as a parish, want to advance our mission and how we are serving God's people in our community. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass for *Faith In Action* Commitment Weekend, September 7th & 8th. We will have one of our parishioners share her personal faith story. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on how you are able to help us. 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.

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.*) If you would like your home blessed, call Father Dan, Deacon Charlie, or Deacon Steve to arrange a time.



FOR MEN 18 - 29

An Invitation to young men, 18 to 29, interested in the priesthood. Join Fr. Nicholas Junker and Fr. Stanley Konieczny for a **Discernment Pilgrimage...Walking in the Footsteps of Saint Junipero Serra** January 2nd - 8th 2020. Contact Fr. Nick at 618-722-5035 or njunker08@hotmail.com for more information.

AVISTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Fri. Aug. 30 -11:45am -**Early Dismissal**-School Improvement Day
Mon. Sept. 02 -**No School - Labor Day Holiday**

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 ASAP at dlitteken@materdeiknights.org or call 526-7216.

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

AVISTON LEGION NEWS:

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

PICNICS/FESTIVALS:

Mon. Sept. 02 -11:00am - 9:00pm -**Parish Picnic** at Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia. **Fried Chicken Dinner** from 11:00am to 5:00pm; **Quilt/Cash Bingo** from 12:00pm to 6:00pm; \$500 cash drawing hourly from 12Noon - 9:00pm; Booths, Games, Live Music from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
Fri. & Sat. Sept. 06 & 07 -**Fall Festival** at St. Stephen Church, Caseyville. **Chicken Dinner** from 4:00pm - 8:00pm both nights; **Mass** at 4:00pm Sat; **Quilt Bingo** from 6:30pm - 9:30pm; DJ Music on Friday and Live Music on Saturday at 7:00pm; Silent Auction each night, Booths, Rides and Food.
Sat. Sept. 07 -4:00pm - 11:00pm -**Autumnfest** at St. Mary Church, Centralia. **Polka Mass** at 4:00pm; **Pork Steak Dinner** \$9.00; Adult & Kids Games; 50/50 Drawing; DJ Music 4:00pm - 7:00pm; Live Music 7:30pm - 11:00pm.
Sun. Sept. 08 -11:00am - 3:00pm -**Annual Grandparent's Day Picnic** at the Carlyle Healthcare Center. Mass at 1:00pm. Live Music, Vendor Fair, Silent Auction, Flag Ceremony, Cake Walk, Train Rides, Kids Games, Bounce House, Face Painting, Dip n Dots, Food & Beverages. **ALL are invited to come and enjoy the day!**

****SAVE THE DATE**** The next **CITIZENS FOR AVISTON**



DANCE is **February 8, 2020!** A \$70 ticket includes monthly drawings through February 8th, 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.

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 9th Street, Highland on these upcoming dates: Fri., Aug. 30th, 6:30-8:00pm, or Sat., Aug. 31st, 8:00-10:00am. For more information or to schedule a different audition time, contact Luanne Murphy at 618-791-8408.

JOB OPENINGS:

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 an leave a message or text to 618-799-8505.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our parish is to be a community that believes and proclaims the powerful and loving presence of Jesus Christ and extends His love to others. We are called and sent to instill the ideas of Christianity in our children by word and example; to preserve the deep rooted faith established by our ancestors; and not to dwell on our mistakes, but rather learn from them and move forward people of faith.