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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 19		NO MASS
Tue. Feb. 20	7:30am	William Ratermann
Wed. Feb. 21	7:00pm	Genevieve Lueke
Thu. Feb. 22	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Fri. Feb. 23	7:30am 7:00pm	Margaret Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Feb. 24	4:00pm	Alan Netemeyer, CFL6
Sun. Feb. 25	7:30am 9:30am	Paul & Dolores Horstmann L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family

CONFESSIONS: (also by appointment)

Sat. 3:15pm - 3:40pm
 Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am



FEBRUARY 17th & 18th – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Kynley Detmer, Finlay Ratermann, & (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Emma Lappe, Peyton Kapp, & (3) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -**8th grade servers if possible- Rite of Election-**
 Addy Budde & Ava Huegen (if no 8th graders) & (3) *Volunteers*

FEBRUARY 24th & 25th – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Kynley Detmer, Avery Emig, Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, & (1) *Volunteer*
 Sun. 7:30am -Adler Beer, Auggie & Della Block, Callen Strubhart & (1) *Volunteer*
 9:30am- Jack Buschmann, Noelle Castillo, Myah Hilmes, Aubrey Netemeyer, & (1) *Volunteer*

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

PASTOR'S NOTE: Today's brief Gospel poses an important challenge to us on this First Sunday of lent: Are we able and willing to be "ministering angels" to those wondering through "deserts" of fear, isolation and prejudice, whose lives are threatened by "wild beasts" of abuse, poverty and violence? Lent calls us to walk with Jesus in the desert of our hearts to find the courage and faith to imitate His example of service and compassion, dedicating ourselves to the "ministry" of "angels" to those lost and threatened in the deserts through which we all struggle to make our way.

Looking for Lenten ideas, or resources, to use for spiritual enrichment. Check out Franciscan At Home on the parish web site under the Faith Formation tab and click on User Registration to see step by step instructions. - **IT'S FREE!**

A few of the possible options:

- 1) Personal spirituality and the Call to Holiness
- 2) Christ: His Person and works
- 3) Following Jesus: The Challenge of Discipleship
- 4) Sacred Scripture: The Big picture
- 5) Introduction to the Old testament
- 6) Introduction to the New Testament

And much more. **It is free via the Parish & Diocese.**

OFFERINGS February 10th & 11th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,306.00
 Loose: \$ 676.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,717.25
General Fund Total: \$ 6,699.25



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



*Pews filled during Ash Wednesday morning Mass!
 "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 575.00
Black & Indian Missions \$ 105.00
Good Friday/ Holy Land \$ 25.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Dora Beer	Mike Buscher	Nancy Brooks
Charlene Erlinger	David Foy	Moe Goesten Kors
June Hamilton	Aubrey Holtmann	Betty Huelsmann
Jim Huelsmann	Marie Jansen	Jennifer Kendall
Phyllis Kendall	Charles Markus	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Rachel Rehkemper	Patricia Rollings
Kathy Schaar	Don Schulte	Bill Schultz
Mary Strieker	Pat Sudholt	Marita Strubhart
Marge Thole	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Rosemary Venhaus	Judy Winchester	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Feb. 18 -9:30am- **RITE OF ELECTION**
 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class
 Mon. Feb. 19 - 6:30pm- RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
 Wed. Feb. 21 - after Lenten Mass-9:00pm-Bible Study in Primary Rm
 Sun. Feb. 24 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Immediately following 9:30am

Mass on the Sundays of Lent, till 3:00pm, 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.



The North Central Vicariate Lenten Reconciliation Services schedules are at all entrances of church!!



REMINDER: NO 7:30AM MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT. THERE WILL ONLY BE A 7:00PM MASS.

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 Sunday, March 17th!**



SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, our parish will take up the 140th **Black & Indian Mission Collection.** Your support helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.



Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution.

SYMPATHIES: Remember **Keith A. Nordike** (husband of Becky Nordike, father of Kaitlyn Burton), **Andrew Rakers** (father of David [Cheryl] Rakers), **Francis "Frank" Hilmes** (brother of Mark [Geraldyn] Hilmes), **Father James R. Dougherty** (retired priest, formally pastor at St. Mary, Trenton) who died. Keep **Keith, Andrew, Frank, Fr. Dougherty, & their families** in your prayers.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Liam Michael Sopiars** (son of Aleksandr & Katrina Sopiars) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Liam** to our faith family.



PSR NEWS: Feb. 18th 9:30am: 8th grade Rite of Election: Parishioners will be asked to pull a 2024 8th grade Confirmandi name(s) from a basket and pray for them. They can also mail them cards/gifts of encouragement. Feel free to drop off at the rectory and the DRE will deliver to the child at PSR class.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM There are baskets at the church entrances and on the rectory back porch for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Mon. Feb. 19 -7:00pm - Legion Meeting
- Tues. Feb. 20 -7:00pm - Auxiliary Meeting
- Thurs. Feb. 22 -8:00pm - K of C Meeting
- Thurs. Feb 22-24 -Auxiliary Rummage Sale (see times below)
- Fri. Feb. 23 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: at Aviston American Legion.

Hours are: Thurs. & Fri. Feb. 22-23, 9am-7pm (Full Price), Sat., Feb. 24: 9am-12Noon (Brown Bag). Dates to bring donations to legion are: Feb. 16 4-7pm, Feb. 17 9am-Noon, Feb. 18 Noon-4pm, & Feb. 19 Noon-6pm.



Need help with your future? Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2024-2025. \$1,000** - for Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239*. **\$1,000** - for an individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21*. Look for details and an application at: avistonlegion.com or pick-up an application at the Aviston Legion during open hours. See Guidance Counselors at Central or Mater Dei. **You may apply for both scholarships if applicable. Deadline: April 1, 2024.**



LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

2 weeks left to get your tickets in!!! **1 month** away from the drawing! For a \$50 donation, you will have a chance to win the **1st Prize= \$20,000** + multiple smaller prizes. (OVER \$25,000 given away) Maximum 1,250 tickets sold. Please buy, sell or return your tickets to the rectory by Feb. 29th. For info or for more tickets, contact Karen Kolmer 292-7348, Mary Litteken 491-1748, Peg Millard 228-5051, Matt Netemeyer 550-9587, Diane Wellen 623-8866, Milissa Faust 973-7728. **Main Drawing is set for St. Patrick's Day (March 17, 2024).** Thanks in advance for your support of the St. Francis Parish!!!

ATTENTION CRAFTERS & DIYers: We are hoping to upgrade our "Country Store" at the Picnic this year. We are looking for donations! Winter is a great time to do crafts and DIYs. Do you have a croch or a 3d printer? Do you crochet, love doing Pinterest DIYs, make candles, soaps, scrubs, or bath bombs? Do you make things out of fabric (soup bowl cozy, fabric pumpkins) yarn/ beads (beanie hats, macrames, dream catchers, key chains, plant holders), wood (door hangers, door signs, home decor), mesh wreaths, etc. We would love to see your creations! Please call/text Lee Jansen (401-2953) or Darlene Timmermann (920-8188) to drop off any items.



URGENTLY NEEDED! We need you! We have an urgent need for a new **chair for ADVERTISING.** The Admin Assistant, Amber Griesbaum, will help train. A few things the Advertising chair will do is: contact newspapers, radio stations, and local churches for the Quilt Show and Picnic, take Quilt Show & Picnic flyers to businesses, take notes at the picnic meetings, etc. If interested, please email (parish@stfrancisav.org) or call Amber at the rectory (618-228-7219).



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. Scholarship amounts are variable. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Find more info & application forms on the parish website at www.stfrancisav.org Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH". **Deadline is March 1, 2024.**

The Auxiliary at HSHS St. Joseph-Breese will host their annual Used Book Fair & Bake Sale Feb. 29-March 2 at the Breese KC Hall. Feb. 29 & March 1: 10:00am-7:00pm. March 2: 10:00am-5:00pm. Admission is \$6 from 10:00am-11:00am and \$3 from 11:00am to 7:00pm Feb. 29 only. Specials include everything half price March 1: 3:00pm-7:00pm & March 2: 10:00am-2:00pm with \$3 fill-a-bag 2:00pm-4:00pm & all items free March 2: 4:00pm-5:00pm. Call (618) 526-5351 or Christine.gebke@hshs.org for details.

ST. DOMINIC GOLDEN EGG RAFFLE: Get your tickets for a chance to win the grand prize of **\$20,000!!!** We are offering (5) \$1,000 prizes & (2) \$500 consolation prizes. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. Drawing on Easter Sunday, March 31. To be entered in the raffle, send your name, address & phone number along with \$50 to St. Dominic Church, 493 North Second St., Breese, IL 62230. For more info, call St. Dominic Office 526-7746, M-F, 9:00am-3:00pm.

