

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 12		NO MASS
Tue. Feb. 13	7:30am	Fr. Daniel L. Friedman
Wed. Feb. 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:30am 7:00pm	All Aviston Lumber Employees Shirley & Arnie Moss & Abby Robke Fr. Jose Ancheril Mathai
Thu. Feb. 15	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Fri. Feb. 16	7:30am 7:00pm	Henry Feldmann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Feb. 17	4:00pm	Joe Strieker L/D of the Anthony & Mary Strieker & Thole Family
Sun. Feb. 18 RITE OF ELECTION	7:30am 9:30am	Jerome Rakers Frank & Pauline Goestenkers Estella Hollenkamp

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 10th & 11th – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Arabella Horstmann, Peyton Kapp, James Strieker, & (2) Volunteers
 Sun. 7:30am -Auggie & Della Block, Aiden & Caleb Deien, & Brennan Toennies
 9:30am -7th grade servers if possible- Rite of Candidacy- Jack Buschmann, Avery Emig, Myah Hilmes, Dane Kohlbrecher, & (1) Volunteer

FEBRUARY 14th ASH WEDNESDAY SERVERS

Wed. 7:30am -PSR SERVERS
 7:00pm -ADULT SERVERS



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 show up) & (3) Volunteers

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

PASTOR'S NOTE: In many ways, we “brand” people, we “tattoo” them with indelible markings identifying them as failures and misfits, as unfit or unworthy, consigning them to the peripheries of society. Our attitudes and perceptions reduce them to “lepers” who we avoid for fear of being caught up in their problems, who don’t “fit” our image of class and decorum, whose politics or religion or race seem to threaten our own. But we can make them “clean” by confronting our own prejudices, misunderstandings, and fears, reaching out to them as God reaches out to us, making them respected and valued members of our community and church. The leper’s challenge to Jesus is

OFFERINGS February 3rd & 4th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 4,057.00
 Loose: \$ 464.00
 Online Giving: \$ 4,030.25
General Fund Total: \$ 8,551.25



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



PSR students made Valentine's Day cards for the residents at the Aviston Nursing Home!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,722.00
Black & Indian Missions \$ 10.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Feb. 11 - 9:30am- **RITE OF CANDIDACY**
 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class
 -12Noon-4:00pm -Sewing & Quilting in Heritage Rm
 Mon. Feb. 12 - 6:30pm- RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
 Tues. Feb. 13 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. DAN FRIEDMAN!**
 Wed. Feb. 22 - after Lenten Mass-9:00pm-Bible Study in Primary Rm
 Sun. Feb. 11 - 9:30am- **RITE OF ELECTION**
 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class

a challenge to us, as well: *If we wish*, can welcome them into our midst as God welcomes us. *If we wish*, we can free them. *If we wish*, we can restore them to the dignity and grace of being God’s sons and daughters by first transforming our own attitudes and perspective. A good task / penance for the coming season of Lent!
Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! See you in church? Lent begins!

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are

obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, *Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence*. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, **the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59**.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. *The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards*. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be held all Fridays during Lent



beginning Fri., Feb. 16th at 7:00pm in church. This is a wonderful way to introduce our young people to a time-honored Catholic tradition. Please bring them. It is also an appropriate devotion for non-Catholic Christians. All are welcome. The service lasts about 25 minutes. Enter through the parking lot (south) door.

PSR NEWS: Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday. The



PSR students will be going to mass on Wednesday & Thursday that week and will have class on Monday and Tuesday. **There is NO SCHOOL on Friday**. If you have children who walk or other adults who bring them, please make them aware of the change. **Thank You!**

Feb. 11th 9:30am: 7th Grade Rite of Candidacy- Announcing names of Students formally beginning their Confirmation Preparation.

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.

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON on "Fat Tuesday", Feb 13th at Trenton House. Registration begins at 11:00am.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM begins on *Ash Wednesday, February 14th*. There are baskets at the church entrances and on the rectory back porch for your donated goods. Your support is needed!

A HUGE HEARTFELT THANK YOU: to the PSR students and teachers for singing "Happy Birthday" to me after Mass on Tuesday. I was truly not expecting that and it brought tears to my eyes! I am so thankful to be the secretary of this amazing church, which is filled with so many amazing people! Thank you! -Mrs. Amber Griesbaum, Admin. Asst.



SYMPATHIES: Remember **Donald R. "Don" Thole** (son of Irene Thole, father of Mitchell [Sydney] Thole & Connor [Brooke] Thole & brother of Myron [Doris] Thole & Mary [Matt] Rakers) & **Robert "Bob" Athmer** (husband of Linda Athmer & father of Jeremy Athmer) who died. Keep **Don, Bob & their families** in your prayers.



SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, our parish will take up the 140th **Black & Indian Mission Collection**.



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MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

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.

2023 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL:

116 parishioners of St. Francis have collected **\$16,264.00**. The parish's goal was **\$22,666.00**. 2024 CSMA starts this weekend.

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA): This

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL weekend, every parish in the diocese will be participating in CSMA. This annual collection supports the ministries & agencies in our



diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. **Our financial target is \$23,132**.

You will have an opportunity to make your pledge or gift at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail or forget to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that will be available.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Tues. Feb. 13 -7:30pm - SAL Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 14 -4:30pm - 7:00pm -ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY
- Thurs. Feb. 15 -7:00pm Exec Board Meeting
- Fri. Feb 16-19 -Auxiliary Rummage Sale Drop-off (see times below)
- Fri. Feb. 16 - 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.



LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

It's not too late to get your tickets in! 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. **YOUR ODDS ARE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR!** Last year the maximum tickets sold was 2,000 tickets. 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!!!

WATCH PARTY
FB LIVE ON MARCH 17, 2024

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING for the 2024 picnic will continue on Sun., Feb. 11th from 12Noon-4:00pm (No lunch). Quilting will be Mon., Feb. 12th thru Thurs., Feb. 15th from 9:00am-4:00pm. **Tues., Feb. 13th the quilting lunch will be the Fat Tuesday lunch in Trenton.**

