

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Feb. 26		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Feb. 27	7:30am	Bob & Tim Athmer
Wed. Feb. 28	<b>7:00pm</b>	Herman Schonhoff
Thu. Feb. 29	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees Jerome Markus
Fri. Mar. 01	7:30am <b>7:00pm</b>	William Friedman <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 02	4:00pm	Alan Netemeyer, CFL6
Sun. Mar. 03	7:30am 9:30am	Jerome Rakers Mark Schomaker

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – 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*

## MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Layna Albers, Avery Emig, Mia Hoelscher & (2) *Volunteers*  
 Sun. 7:30am -Adler Beer, Peyton, Kapp, Brennan Toennies & (2) *Volunteers*  
 9:30am- Jack Buschmann, Myah Hilmes, James Strieker & (2) *Volunteers*

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

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** In today’s Gospel, Peter, James, and John see in Jesus the very life and love of God that dwelled within Him, His transfiguration. A “transfiguration” is when the empathy and grace we possess manages to push through our fears and feelings of inadequacy, making us the means for another to feel loved, supported and cared for, revealing God’s love in and through us. This Lenten season challenges us to discover within ourselves that same kind of “transfiguring” compassion and care that transforms the darkest situations in the light of hope. Christ calls us, who would be His disciples, to allow His love within us to “transfigure,” in our own lives, despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community. Let His light and love shine through you revealing His presence in our world today.

**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.



## OFFERINGS February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>:

### General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,961.00  
 Loose: \$ 463.00  
 Online Giving: \$ 2,542.25  
**General Fund Total: \$ 4,966.25**



Your General Fund contribution enables  
**FAITH IN ACTION**



## Rite of Election

### Special Collections:

**Improvement Fund** \$ 90.00  
**Black & Indian Missions** \$ 767.00



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Dora Beer	Mike Buscher	Nancy Brooks
Charlene Erlinger	David Foy	Moe Goestenkors
June Hamilton	Aubrey Holtmann	Betty Huelsmann
Jim Huelsmann	Marie Jansen	Jennifer Kendall
Phyllis Kendall	Charles Markus	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Connor Nicklin	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. 24 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class  
 Mon. Feb. 26 - 6:30pm- RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese  
 Wed. Feb. 28 - after Lenten Mass-9:00pm-Bible Study in Primary Rm  
 Thur. Feb. 29 - LAST DAY TO TURN IN LOTS OF LOOT TICKETS  
 Sun. Mar. 03 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class  
 - 7:00pm- CYM Meeting in the CYM Room

**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.**



**MARCH 2024 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES** are now available on the website at [stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules](http://stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules)

### 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.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>!**



**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!

### 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 & Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Find more info & application forms on the parish website at [www.stfrancisav.org](http://www.stfrancisav.org) Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH". **Deadline is March 1, 2024.**

### CLINTON COUNTY EXTENSION FOUNDATION is offering scholarship opportunities to local 4-H members & alumni.

Applicants must have been in 4-H for at least 6 years with 4 of those being in Clinton County (CC) 4-H; they must have exhibited one 4-H project per year at a CC Show; must be a senior in a CC High School, undergraduate, or graduate in a community college, 4 year college, or Trade School. Applications available at [go.illinois.edu/CCFoundationScholarship](http://go.illinois.edu/CCFoundationScholarship) & must be turned in to the CC Extension Office in Breese by 4:00pm on March 15. For info, call 526-4551 or Vivian Luebbers 623-7890.

### 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](http://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.**

### LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Mar. 01 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY

**DRIVE THRU PORK CHOP DINNER:** hosted by Breese-Central FFA Alumni & Supporters. Wednesday, March 13. Meal Includes Smoked Butterfly Pork Chop, potato Salad, Corn, & Cookie. Presale dinners \$12. Limited same day dinners \$15. All dinners raise funds for the Central FFA program. For tickets text 618-977-3832 Venmo: @CENTRAL-BREESEFFAALUMNI-ANDSUP

### LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

### THURSDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR TICKETS!

Are you feeling lucky?



For a \$50 donation, you will have a chance to win the **1<sup>st</sup> Prize= \$20,000** + multiple smaller prizes. Maximum 1,250 tickets sold. Please buy, sell or return your tickets to the rectory by Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 for crafts! Do you have a cricut or a 3d printer? Do you love doing Pinterest DIYs, make candles, soaps, scrubs, or bath bombs? Do you crochet or make things out of fabric (bowl cozy, fabric pumpkins) yarn/beads (beanie hats, plant holders, macrames, dream catchers), wood (door hangers, door signs, home decor), mesh wreaths, etc. 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. Chair duties include: contact newspapers, radio stations, & local churches for the Quilt Show & Picnic, take Quilt Show & Picnic flyers to businesses, take notes at the picnic meetings, etc. If interested, email [parish@stfrancisav.org](mailto:parish@stfrancisav.org) or call the rectory (228-7219).



### MEN (AGES 14-32): Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew

Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sun., March 10 at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men & parents/guardians are invited to attend. The event will begin at 4:30pm with gathering, introductions and Prayer, followed by dinner and conversation. This is an opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. Please contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: [jhoffmann@diobelle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@diobelle.org) by **March 5** to RSVP.

### 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](mailto: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.



### DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, March 17, 11:00am-

4:00pm. St. Teresa Church, Marydale, \$15 per meal. Meal includes: 1/2 fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw.