

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

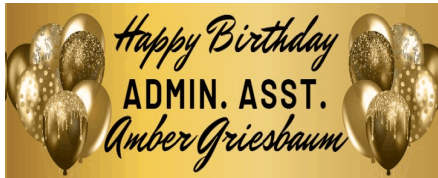
Mon. Feb. 05		NO MASS
Tue. Feb. 06	7:30am	Jennifer Boshera
Wed. Feb. 07	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Thu. Feb. 08	7:30am	Communion Service for the Sick
Fri. Feb. 09	7:30am	Florence Thole
Sat. Feb. 10	4:00pm	Ben & Doris Richter 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun. Feb. 11	7:30am 9:30am	Allan Horstmann & Daenerys Koonce Frank Dall

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 3rd & 4th – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Layna Albers, Arabella Horstmann, & (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Adler Beer, Emma Lappe, & (3) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Addy Budde, Aubrey Netemeyer, James Strieker,
 & (2) *Volunteers*

FEBRUARY 10th & 11th – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Arabella Horstmann, Peyton Kapp, James Strieker,
 & (3) *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*

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

PASTOR’S NOTE: We think of “casting out demons” as an ancient culture’s primitive approach of dealing with mental illness or emotional distress. We’ve come a long way medically and psychologically in dealing with such issues – but we can still find ourselves “possessed” by “demons” of self-centeredness, cynicism, and narrow-mindedness that leave us lost, isolated, and debilitated. Taking on our modern “demons” can also transform us into healers: by taking the “demons” that trap us in hopelessness and brokenness, we can help others cast out their “demons,” enabling them to move on to lives of meaning and fulfillment. Therefore, like Jesus, we all need a “deserted place” to reconnect with God and things of the heart to gain our connection with God that enables us to fight the “demons” of our modern world and it’s way of life.

IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: *This weekend*, there will be a second collection for the “*Parish Improvement Fund*” which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc.



OFFERINGS January 27th & 28th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,372.00
 Loose: \$ 435.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,684.25
General Fund Total: \$ 5,491.25



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



The BEAUTIFUL Quilt for January 2024 Bi-Month Quilt Raffle!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 555.00

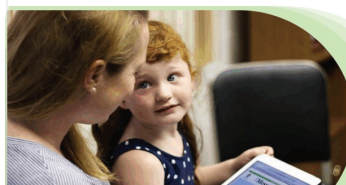
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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. 04 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class
 - 7:00pm- CYM MEETING
 Mon. Feb. 05 - 6:30pm- RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
 Tues. Feb. 06 - 7:00pm- Extraordinary Minister Training
 Wed. Feb. 07 - 9:00am-4:00pm -Sewing & Quilting in Heritage Rm
 Sun. Feb. 11 - 9:30am- **RITE OF CANDIDACY**
 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class
 -12Noon-4:00pm -Sewing & Quilting in Heritage Rm

Messenger Subscription Renewal Weekend is February 3-4, 2024



Please stay “connected” through a subscription to **The Messenger**. Payments can be made in The Messenger envelope or on-line at www.bellevillemessenger.org

SUBSCRIPTION COST: Print - \$30 | Electronic - \$25 | Both - \$35
 Make checks payable to the Messenger

2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA): Next 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. 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.

THIS WEEK! Training of NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: There will be training for new ExMs in the church on Feb. 6, at 7:00pm. This training is for those who are not currently an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. One must be a practicing Catholic in "good standing" to qualify for this ministry. Members of other parishes are welcome to attend.



BIBLE STUDY resumes in the St. Francis parish center on this Wednesday, Feb 7, for six weeks at the temporary **new time of 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. This will allow participants to attend Wednesday evening Lenten Masses which begin at 7:00 pm (Lent starts on February 14). We are continuing to study the Gospel of John. All ages are welcome. If you have not attended before, please RSVP to Deacon Steve (618-593-8742) to ensure we have enough books. Study materials are free to members of the St. Felicitas/St. Francis/St. Rose partnership and \$10 for others.



PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE SICK: Fr. Dan will conduct a Communion service this Thurs., Feb. 8th at 7:30am. The service will include a prayer service for the sick during the Prayers of the Faithful portion of the service. PSR students will be walking the candles up to Father to be placed on the Mary & Joseph altars for named sick persons. These 6-day candles may be purchased for \$3. If you would like to donate a candle, please place \$3 in an envelope labeled "Candle", along with the name of recipient & donor. Please put in the collection, or bring to the rectory by **4:00pm Mon., Feb. 5th**. Pictures will be posted on Facebook.



MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON-LADIES OF ST. FRANCIS PARISH: The annual "**Fat Tuesday**" lunch will be held at **Trenton House** on February 13th. Registration begins at 11:00am. You will be able to order from a special lunch menu. We want you to come & enjoy good food, fellowship and a few laughs! Bring a friend. Hats, beads or just come as you please! For reservations, call Rosanne Wellen (401-8618) or the Rectory (228-7219) **by Fri., Feb. 9th**.



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:
Sat. Feb. 03 -CITIZENS FOR AVISTON DINNER & DANCE
Fri. Feb. 09 - 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

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!!!



BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING: The *lucky winner* of the January 2024 Quilt Raffle is **Jay & Melissa Hoelscher** of Aviston, IL.



SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING for the 2024 picnic will continue on Wed., Feb. 7th from 9:00am-4:00pm & 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.**



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 information and application forms on the parish website at www.stfrancisav.org. Click on "**PARISH LIFE**" then "**YOUTH**". **Deadline is March 1, 2024.**



ATTENTION CRAFTERS AND 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 cricut? A 3d printer? Do you crochet? Do you love doing Dollar Tree or Pinterest DIYs? Do you make candles, soaps, scrubs, bath bombs, wreaths, etc? Do you make things out of fabric (soup bowl cozys, fabric pumpkins) yarn/beads (beanie hats, macramés, dream catchers, key chains, plant holders), wood (door hangers, door signs, home decor), etc. We would love to see your creations! Please call/text Lee Jansen (618-401-2953) or Darlene Timmermann (618-920-8188) 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).

