

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 11		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Mar. 12	7:30am	Dorothy Ratermann
Wed. Mar. 13	<b>7:00pm</b>	Deacon Thomas Willbrand
Thu. Mar. 14	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Fri. Mar. 15	7:30am <b>7:00pm</b>	Odelia Ratermann <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 16	4:00pm	Ben Venhaus
Sun. Mar. 17	7:30am  9:30am  <b>3:00pm</b>	Kyle Horstmann Anthony & Bertha Wellen  L/D Frank & Joann Dall Family Sandy Strobl & Dylan Peek  <i>St. Francis Lenten Penance Service</i>

### 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



### MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Arabella Horstmann, Finlay Ratermann, James Strieker, & (2) *Volunteers*

Sun. 7:30am-Auggie & Della Block, Aiden & Caleb Deien, & (1) *Volunteer*

9:30am-Addy Budde, Noelle Castillo, Aliya Hollenkamp, Tyson Hollenkamp, & (1) *Volunteer*

### MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Avery Emig, Peyton Kapp, & (3) *Volunteers*

Sun. 7:30am-Adler Beer, Callen Strubhart, Emma Lappe, & (2) *Volunteers*

9:30am-Jack Buschmann, Ava Huegen, Madysen Korte, & (2) *Volunteers*

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

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** Today's Gospel speaks of Christ, the light that we behold within ourselves and that has the power to illuminate the wisdom and truth outside of us. In the light of God's Christ, we realize the good in ourselves that we often do not see; in the light of such unfathomable love, we find joy and reason to be grateful for the good that others bring to our lives; in the light of the Risen Christ, we experience hope - and we become the means for such hope - for those trapped in tombs of poverty, violence, and abuse. Jesus makes it clear to Nicodemus that our preference for the dark betrays God's vision for the humanity that God has loved into existence. God created us for the light - for joy and hope, for love and being loved, for seeing the good that we are capable of and the failings we can repair. Today we are called to take a small step out of the darkness of self-absorption and into the light of God's mercy and peace.

## OFFERINGS March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:

### General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,062.00  
 Loose: \$ 479.00  
 Online Giving: \$ 4,468.25  
**General Fund Total: \$ 8,009.25**



Your General Fund contribution enables

### FAITH IN ACTION



Confirmation Retreat

### Special Collections:

**Improvement Fund** \$ 2,170.00  
**Good Friday/Holy Land** \$ 5.00

### 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	Marge Thole	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Rosemary Venhaus	Judy Winchester

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Mar. 10 - 2:00am- CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS! Spring Forward  
 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class  
 - 12Noon-4:00pm- Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Rm  
 Mon. Mar. 11 - 6:30pm-RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese  
 Mon. Mar. 11-Wed. Mar. 13-9:00am-4:00pm-Quilting in Heritage Rm  
 Wed. Mar. 13 - after Lenten Mass-9:00pm-Bible Study in Primary Rm  
 Sun. Mar. 17- 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class  
**- 11:00am- LOTS OF LOOT DRAWING!**

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Wed. Mar 13 -6:00pm - St. Theresa, Salem  
 -7:00pm - St. Mary, Trenton  
 Thur. Mar 14 -7:00pm - St. Dominic, Breese  
 Fri. Mar 15 -6:00pm-9:00pm - St. Mary, Mt. Vernon  
**Sun. Mar 17 -3:00pm - St. Francis, Aviston**



**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. **Early deadline is Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>!**





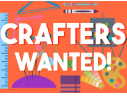
**SYMPATHIES:** Remember *Yvonne M. Ratermann* (sister of Dennis "Spank" [Mae] Strubhart) who died. Keep *Yvonne & her family* in your prayers.

**SR. JOAN MARKUS MEMORIAL MASS** will be on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, here at St. Francis Church in Aviston.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The first **PICNIC MEETING** for our August 3, 2024 parish picnic is on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Heritage Room. *It is important* that **ALL Chairs & Co-Chairs** attend!!



**ATTENTION CRAFTERS & DIYers:** We are hoping to upgrade our "Country Store" at the Picnic this year. 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, macramés, 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).



St. Francis Parish is hiring for the position of **Director of Religious Education (DRE)**. The position may include administrative assistant responsibilities and may be part time or full time. Interested candidates should drop off or send resume to the rectory (PO Box 93) or email to parish ([parish@stfrancisav.org](mailto:parish@stfrancisav.org)).

**NOW HIRING**  
APPLY TODAY

**LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:**

- Sun. Mar. 10 - 8:00am-12Noon - Cub Scout Breakfast
- Tues. Mar. 12 - 7:30pm- SAL Meeting
- Thurs. Mar. 14 - 7:00pm- Exec Board Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 15 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY
- Sat. Mar. 16 - Beef/ Pork Prep
- Sun. Mar. 17 - 10:30am-6:00pm- Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner

**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.*



**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.



**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.



**CANCER (HEALING) MASS** at St. Mary in Carlyle on Tue., March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses. *All are welcome to attend.*



**LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE**

**IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE!!! 1 WEEK AWAY!!! Who will be the lucky winner of the \$20,000 prize!?!? Do you want to join in on the fun!? Watch on Facebook LIVE at [www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith](http://www.facebook.com/embracing.ourfaith) to see if you are the big winner! Main Drawing is set for **St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2024 at 11:00am**. Thank you to everyone for your support to St. Francis Parish.**



**SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING** in the Heritage Room for the 2024 picnic will continue Sun., March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12Noon-4:00pm (No lunch). Quilting will be Mon., March 11<sup>th</sup> thru Thurs., March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm. A delicious lunch provided on every day except on Sunday. Reminder: we try to have our quilts measure a minimum of 90 x 108 inches.



**QUILT OF THE BI-MONTH** - The second drawing for the 2024 Quilt of the Bi-Month is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are found in church by all entrances. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any mass. Tell all your friends and family!

**Holy Name Society's Ham Bingo Benefit for PSR Program** at St. Mary Parish Center, Trenton, on Tues. March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Hot sandwiches, beverages, & dessert will be served from 6:00-7:00pm with refreshments available throughout the evening.

**PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEEF DINNER:** Carry-outs with dining space available. **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-6:00pm** at the **Aviston Legion**. Dinner includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce & dessert. The traditional pork and quilt raffles will be conducted.



**DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER:** Sunday, March 17, 11:00am-4:00pm. St. Teresa Church, Marydale, \$15 per meal. Meal includes: ½ fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw.

**SURRENDER ADORATION!** St. Dominic Parish is inviting you and your family to this moving prayer event on Mon., March 18th at 7:00pm in St. Dominic Church. The prayer service includes upbeat Christian music, prayers, Adoration and Benediction. Come bring yourself closer to the Lord this Lent!

**\*ST. AUGUSTINE LUNCHEON & QUILT BINGO:** Sun. March 17 luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo at 2:00pm  
**\*ST. CECILIA'S SPRING QUILT/CASH BINGO:** Thurs., March 21 @ 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. St. Cecilia Parish Center South Washington St, Bartelso, IL. Refreshments available.

