

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 18		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 19	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Wed. Mar. 20	7:00pm	Viola Ratermann
Thu. Mar. 21	7:30am	Fr. James Dougherty
Fri. Mar. 22	7:30am 7:00pm	Alice Hellmann, CFL6 <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 23	4:00pm	Marvin Wiegmann Otha Daiber L/D Charlie & Dorothy Schrage Family
Sun. Mar. 24	7:30am 9:30am	Hannah Berndsen <i>Palm Sunday</i> 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



MARCH 16th & 17th – 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, Madyson Korte, & (2) *Volunteers*

MARCH 23rd & 24th – PALM SUNDAY – SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Noelle Castillo, Mia Hoelscher, Arabella Horstmann, Peyton Kapp, & (1) *Volunteer*

Sun. 7:30am-Auggie & Della Block, Emma Lappe, & (2) *Volunteers*

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

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

PASTOR'S NOTE: Every life is a series of experiences of death and birth, of change and discovery - some difficult and painful. In the image of the "grain of wheat" Jesus teaches us that life demands "dying" to our fears, despair and sense of self - but if we're willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Jesus promises us the "harvest" of the Gospel wheat. Only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out beyond ourselves do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life. In dying to our own needs and wants, we bring the new life of Christ's resurrection into the lives of others - and into our own lives as well. The Gospel of the grain of wheat is Christ's assurance to us of the great things we can do and the powerful miracles we can work by letting go of our prejudices, fears and ambitions in order to imitate the compassion of the Crucified Jesus.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Sun. Mar 17 -3:00pm - St. Francis, Aviston



OFFERINGS March 9th & 10th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,776.00
 Loose: \$ 528.00
 Easter Offering: \$ 75.00
 Online Giving: \$ 3,217.25
General Fund Total: \$ 6,596.25



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



6th grade PSR made 16 blankets for Children's Hospital in STL.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 570.00
Good Friday/Holy Land \$ 50.00



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	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. 17 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class
 - **11:00am- LOTS OF LOOT DRAWING!**
 - **3:00pm - Lenten Penance Service at St. Francis**
 Mon. Mar. 18 - 6:30pm-RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
 Wed. Mar. 20 - after Lenten Mass-9:00pm-Bible Study in Primary Rm
 Sun. Mar. 24 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class

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.
DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17th!



CONGRATULATIONS to *Sophia Ruth Stroot* (daughter of Michael & Kate Stroot) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Sophia* to our faith family.



SYMPATHIES: Remember **Julia A. Tebbe** (sister of Martha [Dan] Ribbing) who died. Keep **Julia & her family** in your prayers.

IN NEED OF 2 parishioners to receive the sacred oils on Tuesday, March 26. Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11:30am in the Cathedral of St. Peter. If interested, please call or email the rectory, or talk to Father Dan.

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA): Thank you to the **67 households** that have pledged to support CSMA. So far **\$6,787.00** has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. **Thank you!**

NEW CONTACT INFO FOR DEACON STEVE: His new e-mail address is steveaub49@gmail.com. His phone number is (618) 593-8742. The phone is turned off during meetings, Masses, classes, hospital visits, etc., so leave a message and he'll return your call as soon as he is available. The landline number (228-XXXX) is no longer in service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The first **PICNIC MEETING** for our August 3, 2024 parish picnic is on **Thursday, April 4th** 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) or call the rectory (228-7219).



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Sun. Mar. 17 - 10:30am-6:00pm- Pork Sausage & Beef Dinner
- Mon. Mar. 18 - 7:00pm - Legion Meeting
- Tues. Mar. 19 - 7:00pm- Auxiliary Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 22 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY

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.**



PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEEF DINNER: Carry-outs with dining space available. **Sunday, March 17th**, 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.



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

NOW HIRING
APPLY TODAY

LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR THE LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE!!! 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 facebook.com/embracingourfaith 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.



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 19th 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.*



QUILT OF THE BI-MONTH - The second drawing for the **2024** Quilt of the Bi-Month is March 31st. 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!

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



Mater Dei Fathers & Friends Breakfast: Enjoy a family breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24, from 8:00am-12Noon in the cafeteria. The menu includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, corn bread, coffee, juice, and milk. Meals are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children age 6-13, and free for children age 5 and under. Dine-in and carry-out options are available.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST sponsored by Clinton County Chapter 269 Vietnam Veterans of America on Sunday, April 7, from 8:00am-11:30am at Germantown American Legion. All you can eat sausage, pancakes, egg, fried potatoes, biscuits & gravy. Wheelchair accessible dine in and carry outs available. All proceeds to the Food Pantry and Veterans in Need.