

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Mar. 04		NO MASS
Tue. Mar. 05	7:30am	Abby Robke
Wed. Mar. 06	7:00pm	Alan Netemeyer
Thu. Mar. 07	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Fri. Mar. 08	7:30am 7:00pm	Wilma J. Deien <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 09	4:00pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Rich Feldmann
Sun. Mar. 10	7:30am	L/D Cicirello Families Francis Wilke Lucy Wellen & Jaisen Wellen
	9:30am	James Stroot

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 2nd & 3rd – 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*

MARCH 9th & 10th – 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*

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

PASTOR'S NOTE: Jesus' "cleansing of the temple" is a key moment in the Gospel: he seeks to restore the temple as a house of prayer for all by casting out the vendors and moneylenders who have distorted the vision of the temple as a place of prayer. Jesus' action is the tipping point in His confrontation with the Jewish leadership. We accumulate so many "things" that distract us from the important and meaningful things of life – not only amassing possessions, but storing up overwhelming feelings of fear, intimidation, powerless, exhaustion disappointment. Lent is the season for a "spring cleaning" of our spirits and souls: to "drive out" of our lives what distracts us from living in the spirit of Jesus – it's the care for one another that makes a community a church worthy of the name. To create that connection requires "driving out" the fears and cynicism, the self-centered agendas and the debilitating judgments (gossip) we make of others to realize the presence of God in the midst of our community, the church.

OFFERINGS February 24th & 25th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,392.00
 Loose: \$ 476.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,462.25
General Fund Total: \$ 5,330.25



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



Join the Quilters on March 6, 10-14!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 555.00
Black & Indian Missions \$ 115.00



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. Mar. 03 - 9:30am- St. Francis Sunday School Class
 - 7:00pm- CYM Meeting in the CYM Room
 Mon. Mar. 04 - 6:30pm- RCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
 Wed. Mar. 06 - 9:00am-4:00pm- Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room
 - after Lenten Mass-9:00pm-Bible Study in Primary Rm
 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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Mon. March 04 -6:00pm-7:00pm - St. Mary, Centralia
 Tues. Mar 05 -7:00pm - St. Rose, St. Rose
 Thur. Mar 07 -12:30pm-2:00pm - St. Mary, Centralia, School
 Sun. Mar 10 -1:00pm- St. Bernard, Albers
 -3:00pm- St. Mary, Carlyle
 -5:00pm- St. Cecilia, Bartelso



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.



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 17th!**



SYMPATHIES: Remember **Jerome B "Blackie" Kuhl** (brother of Edward J. [Mary] Kuhl, Jr.) and **Sister Joan Markes, SSND** (Sr. Theresa Markus, Ann [Joe] Munie, and Julie Stockmann) who died. Keep **Jerome, Sr. Joan, their families & Sr. 's fellow SSND sisters** in your prayers.



LOTS OF LOOT RAFFLE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO ST. FRANCIS PARISH. Want to join in on the fun!? Watch on Facebook LIVE at 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.



Thanks for Your Support!

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, 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).



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO APPLIED FOR THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS



RATERMANN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW

THANK YOU, to everyone who helped with the Aviston Auxiliary Rummage Sale. Whether it was working, setting up, tearing down, buying, bringing baked goods or donating items we couldn't have made it without your help. A BIG thank you to the Legion, SAL, Boy Scouts, CYM and the ladies & gentlemen (you know who you are) who are not members of a Legion organization but chose to lend a hand. Because of your generosity, this year's Rummage sale was once again a huge success and we owe it all to you! We are blessed to be part of this amazing community.



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 & conversation. This is an opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; RSVP by Mar 5: Judy Hoffmann 722-5003 or email: jhoffmann@diobelle.org

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.



SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for the 2024 picnic will continue Wed., March 6th from 9:00am-4:00pm and again Sun., March 10th from 12Noon-4:00pm (No lunch). Quilting will be Mon., March 11th thru Thurs., March 14th 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.



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Mon.	Mar. 04	- 1:00pm-6:00pm -Blood Drive
Fri.	Mar. 08	- 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY
Sun.	Mar. 10	- 8:00am-12Noon - Cub Scout Breakfast

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.**



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 & 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.



CARRY OUT CHICKEN DINNER: hosted by Breese Lions on Sunday, March 3 from 11:00am-6:00pm. Presale tickets \$13. At door \$15. Tickets available from any Breese Lions Club Member or call 618-806-0787. Proceeds to Benefit Sight and Hearing Impaired.

DRIVE THRU PORK CHOP DINNER: hosted by Breese-Central FFA Alumni & Supporters on 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

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.



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.

