

# St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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March 31, 2024  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Apr. 01		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue. Apr. 02	7:30am	Margaret Pautler
Wed. Apr. 03	7:30am	Fr. James Dougherty
Thur. Apr. 04	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Fri. Apr. 05	7:30am	Wilma J. Deien
Sat. Apr. 15	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>FIRST COMMUNION</b>
Sun. Apr. 16	7:30am	Jerome Rakers
	9:30am	L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family Norbert Hollenkamp

## 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



## HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER SUNDAY WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, Brennan Toennies & (5) *Volunteers*  
 Sun. 7:30am-Aiden & Caleb Deien, Mia Hoelscher, Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, & Emma Lappe  
 9:30am-Addy Budde, Jack Buschmann, Avery Emig, Myah Hilmes, Tyson Hollenkamp, & (1) *Volunteer*

## SEE Holy Week Schedule for Holy Thursday & Good Friday

## APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> (FIRST COMMUNION) & 7<sup>th</sup> WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Auggie & Della Block, Mia Hoelscher, Tyson Hollenkamp, & Taylor Linnemann  
 Sun. 7:30am-Aiden & Caleb Deien, Emma Lappe, & (2) *Volunteers*  
 9:30am-Addy Budde, Myah Hilmes, Aliya Hollenkamp, & (2) *Volunteers*

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

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Welcome to all of our visitors.*

**EASTER** begins with the rolling away of the stone, of eliminating the obstacles that trap us in tombs of hopelessness, anger, brokenness, despair, and cynicism. Easter calls us to "roll back" the stones that seal us and our hopes and dreams in tombs of despair and cynicism. In His resurrection, Christ unleashes the power of compassion and justice, of peace and reconciliation, to transform our life, our world into the life and love of God. May the spirit of the Easter Christ enable us to move the boulders of discouragement and to pry open the tombs of despair and so bring God's joy and peace into our homes and hearts, our schools and village. We, you and I, have the tool to move the stones and open our tombs. It "is" the presence of God living in each of us. It is the Eucharist we receive at each Mass! "Love one another as I have loved you!"

## OFFERINGS March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:

### General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,949.00  
 Loose: \$ 472.00  
 Easter Offering: \$ 420.00  
 Online Giving: \$ 2,557.25  
**General Fund Total: \$ 5,398.25**



*Your General Fund contribution enables*

## FAITH IN ACTION



*PSR Mass following Palm Sunday.*

## Special Collections:

**Improvement Fund** \$ 135.00  
**Holy Land/Good Friday** \$ 80.00



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Dora Beer	Mike Buscher	Nancy Brooks
Charlene Erlinger	David Foy	Kathy Friedman
Moe Goestenkors	June Hamilton	Aubrey Holtmann
Betty Huelsmann	Jim Huelsmann	Marie Jansen
Jennifer Kendall	Phyllis Kendall	Charles Markun
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. March 31 - 7:30am & 9:30am - HAPPY EASTER!!!**  
*- No Sunday School Classes*  
**Thur. April 04 - 7:00pm - PICNIC MEETING in Heritage Room**  
**Sat. April 06 - 4:00pm - FIRST COMMUNION**  
**Sun. April 07 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Classes**  
**-7:00pm-Incoming 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders Confirmation mtg in Her. Rm**



**The EASTER LILY MEMORIAL LISTS are available at all entrances of church.**

**THE EASTER EGG:** For centuries, the world has marked the Resurrection of the Lord with eggs, the harbor of new life. The Easter meaning of the egg is found in the struggle of the chick to free itself from its confines so as to take flight into the much bigger world beyond it. We, too, struggle to break out of our world that we perceive as going to pieces: we pick away at an existence that leaves us dissatisfied and unfulfilled. The promise of the Easter Christ is that we can break out of our self-contained little “shells” and take flight into a much bigger world; a world where peace and justice reign, a world illuminated by hope and warmed by love, a world that extends beyond time and place into the forever of God’s dwelling place. It’s up to you, the “chick”! **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL !!**



**ST. FRANCIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**  
 What: Save the date for SCUBA VBS!  
 When: July 8-12th from 9:00am – 12 noon  
 Where: St. Francis Parish Center  
 Who: Kids going into K-5th Grade as of Aug 2024

**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](mailto:parish@stfrancisav.org)).

**NOW  
HIRING**  
APPLY TODAY

**The Aviston Knights of Columbus** are hosting an NCAA bracket challenge again this year as a fund-raise for our many community and parish projects the organization supports. The cost is \$10 for a single bracket, with an additional \$5 for a second bracket. If you want more than 2 brackets then a third bracket would be another \$10 and fourth \$5 and so on. Payout will be at least 50% of the proceeds to the top 3 scoring brackets. Below is the link to join. The easiest form of payment is to the Venmo account @Aviston-KnightsofColumbus. If you enter and wish to pay in a different way, please contact me and I will help determine how to do so. If you have any issues with the link or filling out a bracket, let me know and I will try to help you. Thank you in advance to all people who participate!

Dear Friends in Christ,  
 As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of our diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly. I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ’s victory over sin & death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: “Happy Easter!” Like the first Christians who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem & encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God’s children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts & fill all of us with his most incredible gift of peace. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!  
 In the Risen Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern

**BLESSING OF THE FARM:** All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm** led by Bishop Michael McGovern on **Fri., April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables & garden produce in sealed, marked containers, along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.



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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!:**

**ST. FRANCIS QUILT SHOW** is on July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am-3:00pm at the St. Francis Parish Center. Cost: \$3. Includes refreshments, attendance prizes, craft items for sale & more!

**PICNIC QUILTS REMINDER:** All picnic quilts need to be turned in the weekend of July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure the names are on your quilt. If other arrangements need to be made, call Kathy Barkman at (618-973-2119).



**ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC** is the first Saturday in August every year. Save the date for Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Please call Amber at the rectory if you would like to volunteer for a couple hours to help out the Parish that day! Your help is needed!! (618-228-7219)



**FIRST PICNIC MEETING** is this **Thurs., April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the Heritage Rm. **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 cicut 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).



Getting ready for parish picnics? St. Anthony, Beckemeyer is having a quilt sale. Please call Rosemary at 618-444-1942, Florence at 618-526-4466, or Betsy at 618-978-2058 for quilt availability & pricing.

**NEW CONTACT INFO FOR DEACON STEVE:** New e-mail is [steveaub49@gmail.com](mailto:steveaub49@gmail.com). Phone number is (618) 593-8742. Leave a message & he’ll return your call as soon as he is available.

**LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:**

Fri. Apr. 05 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Aviston Legion-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Aviston Park on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 1:30 PM. It is intended for 2 Age groups: 4 years old & under and 5 years to 9 years old.



**The 2024 Citizens for Aviston** event raised \$14,730.00. The money raised from the event will go towards park improvements as well as towards the Kopff playground. A check in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented to the park board on March 25, 2024 at the Village Hall. In addition, a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 was presented to Emily Masching to put towards the Kopff Field Playground fundraiser. The committee would like to thank everyone for their donations & participation in raising money for the Aviston parks. We appreciate the community’s help in making this another successful year. Mark your calendars for next year’s event on **Sat., Feb. 1, 2025** that will include the Cheers Band for the entertainment.