

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Apr. 08		NO MASS
Tue. Apr. 09	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Wed. Apr. 10	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thur. Apr. 11	7:30am	William Ratermann
Fri. Apr. 12	7:30am	Fr. Jose Ancheril Mathai
Sat. Apr. 13	1:00pm 4:00pm	Wedding: Peyton Kreke & Lauren Kampwerth David Nettekmeier Nicholas Strubhart Jr. & Family Deacon Charlie Litteken L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family
Sun. Apr. 14	7:30am 9:30am	Frank & Florence Hogg 73rd Wedding Anniversary Janet Willmann

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



APRIL 6th (FIRST COMMUNION) & 7th 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**

APRIL 13th & 14th WEEKEND 0SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm-Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, Aubrey Netemeyer, James Strieker, & (1) **Volunteer**
 Sun. 7:30am-Adler Beer, Aiden & Caleb Deien, Peyton Kapp, & Brennan Toennies
 9:30am-Jack Buschmann, Noelle Castillo, Avery Emig, Myah Hilmes & (2) **Volunteers**

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

PASTOR'S NOTE: "Congratulations First Communicates!"

The power of resurrection: brings back to "life" someone given up for dead and consigned to the abyss, restoring another to life of belonging, of purpose, of hope. What God has done in raising His Son from the dead we can do, as well, when we seek to imitate Christ's Gospel of justice, reconciliation and peace. Our lives are filled with scratches, bruises, and tears - nailmarks. Those scars teach us and define us: they teach us how to cope & conquer life's biggest challenges and changes; they remind us of what is of value and of worth in life, they reveal to us every day what is truly worth "sacrificing" and "bleeding" for. Our nailmarks assure us that in God's love and peace we can transform pain and grief, ridicule and suffering into experience of resurrection. Our "scratches and scars are lasting signs of God's compassion, forgiveness and justice in our lives, "nailmarks" of the healing & resurrection we have experienced and have made possible for others by the crosses we have taken up in the spirit of Jesus.

OFFERINGS March 30th & 31st:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 385.00
 Loose: \$ 1,475.00
 Easter Offering: \$ 10,471.00
 Online Giving: \$ 4,015.25
General Fund Total: \$ 16,346.25



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



Washing of the feet.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 628.00
Holy Land/Good Friday \$ 958.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Dora Beer	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 Markus	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	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:

Sat. April 06 - 4:00pm - FIRST COMMUNION
Sun. April 07 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Classes
 - 7:00pm - CYM Meeting
Mon. April 08 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tues. April 09 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Sun. April 14 - 9:30am -St. Francis Sunday School Classes



CONGRATULATIONS: To the 2nd Grade Class who received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time this weekend. They are: *Louie Ades, Annika Arnold, Andrew Babinski, Kolby Billhartz, Cadyn Boeckman, William Bowdern, Kameron Deering, Cali Eilers, Braxton Fischer, August Futhey, Ava Gonzalez, Mason Gonzalez, Jax Griffith, Nate Hollenkamp, Zoey Holtmann, Collins Kampwerth, Hudson Kampwerth, Ellie Langenhorst, Mason Linnemann, Jillian Moncada, Dawson Poetker, Elliot Schulte, Leo Schwierjohn, Kannon Session, Lincoln Spihlmann, Blakelyn Stiebel, Oliver Stratmann, Weston Sudholt, Brecken Tebbe, Braxton Uhring, Cohen Venhaus, Hayes VonBokel, & Alden Voss.*

Special thanks to Tammy Kampwerth, Diane Wellen, Krissy Venturini, Terry Thole, Fr. Daniel Friedman, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Connie Robben, our parents, relatives, organist, choir and all who helped with the ministries at the Mass to help make this a special day for us to remember always.



BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING: The *lucky winner* of the March 2024 Quilt Raffle is **Teresa Campbell** of Rochester, MN.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!:

ST. FRANCIS QUILT SHOW is on July 20th & 21st 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 13th & 14th. 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 3rd, 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)



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).



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).



The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (NCVCCW) and the ladies of St. Mary of Immaculate Conception Parish in Mt. Vernon welcome all ladies to the NCV CCW Spring Meeting & Day of Spiritual Reflection. This event will be on Wed., April 24 from 8:00am–2:30pm in St. Mary’s Parish Center. The day includes presentations on How to Live Your Best Life as a Catholic Woman, How to Enhance Your Home Prayer Life, Mass and parish sharing. Cost is \$15 includes lunch. Plan to join your sisters in Christ for a joyful, inspiring and spiritual day. The registration form is available from your parish office. Looking forward to seeing you.

BLESSING OF THE FARM: All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm** led by Bishop Michael McGovern on **Fri., April 26th** 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.



DRIVE THRU PORK STEAK DINNER: Friday, April 12th, 4:00pm- 6:30pm. St. Mary Church, Carlyle, \$13 per meal.

BECKEMEYER SONS OF THE LEGION BREAKFAST: Drive thru or Dine In. April 14th, 7:30am-12Noon. Breakfast include Sausage, Pancakes, Biscuit & Gravy, Eggs, Hash Browns & Fruit.

ALBERS LEGION CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, April 21st, 4:30pm-7:00pm. Fried chicken, mash potatoes &/or gravy, green beans, slaw, and dessert. Adults \$14, Kids (5-12) \$6, under 5 Free. **Bingo** Players will receive \$2 off their meal. Adult Carry outs Available.



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.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. Apr. 09 -7:30pm - SAL Meeting
 Thurs. Apr. 11 -7:00pm - Exec Board Meeting
 Fri. Apr. 12 - 4:30pm-7:30pm - FISH FRY

PEDALING 4 PARKINSON'S will be hosting a fundraiser at Applebee's in Breese on Wed., April 10th from 4:00-8:00pm. They will be donating a portion of the gross sales that evening. Come out and support a great cause and enjoy dinner out with your family.



Mater Dei Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction: Sat., April 13th Gather your family and friends and enjoy an evening of fine food and fellowship on April 13 at It's a Glitz & Glam Knight, the Mater Dei Mothers & Friends dinner auction! Detailed information, including the invitation and reservation form, are available on Mater Dei’s website. Take a chance to win one of the following raffles while supporting the Mater Dei Mothers & Friends dinner auction: The Fabulous Fox package, a \$1,000 Becker Jewelers gift card, an MD-logged beverage refrigerator, a clean car package, a lottery ticket basket, cash (limited raffle), and one semester of tuition. The raffle order form – printable and online – is available on Mater Dei’s website: www.materdeiknights.org/mothers-and-friends-dinner-auction. (Attendance is not required to win.)