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St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

January 04, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Jan. 03	4:00pm	Jennifer Kalmer L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. Jan. 04	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole
Mon. Jan. 05	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Jan. 06	7:30am	Tim & Bob Athmer
Wed. Jan. 07	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees Anna & William Alberternst
Thur. Jan. 08	7:30am	Healing Prayer Communion Service
Fri. Jan. 09	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Jan. 10	4:00pm	Jim & Marilyn Rakers Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart
Sun. Jan. 11	7:30am	George and Rosina Hollenkamp
	9:30am	Anthony & Dawn Lohman Anna & William Alberternst

CONFESIONS:

(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



PASTOR'S NOTE:

Thank you for your prayers and work and support of our Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi over this past year. I look forward to continuing to work together in the new year of 2026. Also, I am looking forward to our meeting this Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm to review the results of our recent parish survey. It will be in the Heritage Room of the Parish Center. Snacks will be served at 12:30pm. Thank you also for your Christmas cards and gifts. May this be a Happy New Year for all!

Let us pray for each other. -Fr. Von

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.

SYMPATHY: Remember **Mary Louise Kuhl** (parishioner of St. Francis) who passed away. Please keep **Mary and her family** in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Harper Kay Mense** (daughter of Lucas & Andrea (Markus) Mense was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Harper** to our faith family.

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OFFERINGS DECEMBER 24th, 25th, 27th & 28th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,680.00
Loose:	\$ 695.00
Christmas Offering:	\$ 19,092.50
Online Giving:	\$ 4,797.25
General Fund Total:	\$ 26,265.75



*Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



*First grade students dressed as Mary, Joseph, angels & shepherds
celebrating baby Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve*

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 2,518.00
Retired Religious	\$ 50.00
Christmas Needy	\$ 3,709.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers	David Foy
Tracy Frey	Darryl Gebhart	Moe Goestenkors
Randy Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap	Florence Hogg
Jessica Hudspeth	Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann
Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe
Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson	Don Rakers
Brianna Ratermann-Blaser and her unborn twins		
Don Ripperda	Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders
Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage
Don Schulte	Tanya Shultz	Mary Stricker
Pat Sudholt	Marge Thole	Corey Toennies
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Jan. 04	- 9:30am - No Sunday School
	- 7:00pm- CYM Meeting
Mon. Jan. 05	- 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Wed. Jan. 07	- 9:00am - 4:00pm - Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room
	- 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room
Sun. Jan. 11	- 9:30am - Sunday School
	- 12Noon-4:00pm- Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room

PRAAYER SERVICE FOR THE SICK: For the past couple years the PSR students have had a Healing Prayer Service. We will have the Healing Service within a Communion Service on Thursday, January 8th. (7:30 am). During the Prayer of the Faithful, PSR students will carry a candle to be placed on the Mary and Joseph altar as the name is read. If you wish to purchase a candle, please send in \$4 and the name of the recipient and donor. Please put in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory in an envelope clearly marked "Candle" along with the name of recipient and donor.

KEY FOUND: A key was found in the south parking lot with a M & E Auto Body key ring attached. Please contact the rectory.

70 1/2 OR OLDER????? Did you know if you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may qualify to exclude up to \$105,000 from your adjusted gross income by donating to a qualified charity (such as St. Francis parish) directly from your IRA? Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can satisfy some or all of your current annual IRA RMD (if applicable). Please contact the church office (618-228-7219) for more information.

JOIN THE ST. FRANCIS FAITH FORMATION TEAM

 **THIS WEEKEND, January 4th at 1:00pm** in the Heritage Room to reflect on the recent parish survey. Fellowship begins at 12:30pm with light snacks and drinks. We will share what we learned, listen to one another, and discern together ways to grow our faith and strengthen our parish family. All are welcome!

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for the 2026 picnic will continue Wednesday, January 7th from 9:00am-4:00pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm and again Sunday, January 11th from 12Noon-4:00pm (No lunch). Quilting will be Monday, Jan. 12th thru Thursday, Jan. 15th from 9:00am-4:00pm & Jan 14th 6:30pm - 8:30pm. 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.

2025 MASS INTENTIONS may now be scheduled. There are many dates available in January! Call the rectory anytime from 8:00am-2:30pm Monday - Friday to schedule Mass Intentions. (228-7219) or email parish@stfrancisav.org

 **NEW QUIET BAGS** for our Youngest Parishioners during Masses! We were awarded a grant from CSMA to provide quiet bags for young children to enjoy during Mass. They are located at the main & south entrances and are filled with a children's missalette and quiet activities. Every bag is different so please borrow one, use it during Mass, and return so the next little friend can enjoy.

 **FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM** There are baskets at each church entrance for your donated goods. The donated goods will be brought to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Germantown. Your support is needed!

 **NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?** St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 602 Church St., Germantown will be open on Mondays from 10:30am-1:00pm. Please call Shirley Eversgerd 523-4260 or John Feldmann 363-6588 if you need help.

 **QUILT OF THE BI-MONTH** - The first drawing for the 2026 Quilt of the Bi-Month is January 31st. Tickets are found at all church entrances. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any mass.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS



St. Francis Parish is happy to announce that scholarships are available for high school seniors enrolling as full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education (College, Vocational or Technical). The funds have been made available via the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Trusts for higher education scholarships and are awarded in their memory. Scholarship amounts are variable. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Find more information and application forms on the parish website at www.stfrancisav.org Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH". **Deadline is March 1, 2026.**

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tue. Jan. 06 - 7:30pm SAL Meeting
Fri. Jan. 09 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY
Sat. Jan. 10 - 5:00pm Black tie Event

Need help with your future? Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239

is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2026-2027**.  **\$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 during open hours at the Aviston Legion. See Guidance Counselors at Central or Mater Dei. **You may apply for both scholarships if applicable.**

Deadline: April 1, 2026.

 **MATER DEI MOTHERS & FRIENDS** are selling raffle tickets for an all inclusive Kentucky Derby experience for 2 people. Tickets are \$40 ea or 3 for \$100. To purchase tickets go to <http://MDderby.givesmart.com>. To purchase with cash/check, contact Melissa Becker 401-3420.

 **CANCER (HEALING) MASS** at St. Mary in Mt. Vernon on Tue., January 20th 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*

 **Bibles & Brews:** Young Adult Ages 21-35 years old. Sunday, Jan. 4th at 6:30pm at 7 West Bar & Grill, 7 W. Broadway, Trenton, IL. Come join the fun with Father Thomas Lugue.

BLOOD DRIVE - St. Mary Parish Center, Friday, January 9, 2026, 12:00pm to 5:00pm. For apt call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org, Sponsor code Carlyle. Give blood January 1-25 for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX. rcblood.org/SuperBow

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 **BINGO:** ST. AUGUSTINE in Breese, is having their 3rd Sunday, January 18th with lunch being served in the gym starting at 11:30am, & Bingo commencing at 2:00pm.

****DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER:****Carlyle Columbian Club at the Carlyle KC Hall 1471 Fairfax St. Carlyle Knights of Columbus, Sunday, January 25th, 11:00am-1:30pm. **DRIVE-THRU ONLY.**