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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Jan. 10	4:00pm	Jim & Marilyn Rakers Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart
Sun. Jan. 11	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
	9:30am	Anthony & Dawn Lohman Anna & William Alberternst
Mon. Jan. 12	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Jan. 13	7:30am	Rosie Becker
Wed. Jan. 14	7:30am	Jeffory Morrison
Thur. Jan. 15	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Jan. 16	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Jan. 17	4:00pm	Judy Markus Peggy Millard
Sun. Jan. 18	7:30am	Larry & Vera Tonnies
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole John & Joan Tredennick

CONFESIONS:

(also by appointment)

Sat. 2:00pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am



*THE
Baptism
OF THE
Lord*

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am

PASTOR'S NOTE:

1. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will now be offered on Saturday afternoons from 2 PM until 3:45 PM, except when there are weddings or other ceremonies in church.

2. Youth from our diocese will be attending The Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, MO, for 2026 on July 17-19, 2026. This event is for Catholic teens in grades 8-12 to experience faith, speakers, music, and sacraments, with a theme of "Worthy," emphasizing God's love, with registration through our parish youth group leaders and requiring deposits by early 2026 for spots on the Missouri State University campus. Parish youth from our area will be traveling with the Saint Mary youth group from Mount Vernon. The cost will be about \$300 per person for the event, but our North Central Vicariate (Clinton County parishes plus more) has money available to help defray the cost. Please contact Kevin or Angie Kolhbrecher if you are interested by January 20th, so that we have an idea of how many students will be going, so that the financial aid can be distributed fairly. Thanks!

FAITH FORMATION: About 40 parishioners gathered on Sunday, January 4, for fellowship, a presentation of the parish survey results, and a thoughtful discussion. The Faith Formation Team will prayerfully review the feedback and begin implementing ideas. The presentation and full list of survey comments are available on the St. Francis website homepage: www.stfrancisav.org.

OFFERINGS JANUARY 3rd & 4th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,020.00
Loose:	\$ 542.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,054.25</u>
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,616.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



The parish was able to put 60 candles on the altars during the healing prayer service on January 8, 2025. We are praying for you!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 1,710.00
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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
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. 11 - 9:30am - Sunday School

- 12Noon-4:00pm- Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room
- 7:00pm - CYM Meeting - Join us!

Mon. Jan. 12 - 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese

Mon. Jan. 12 - Wed. Jan. 15 - 9:00am-4:00pm-Quilting in Heritage Rm

Wed. Jan. 14 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room

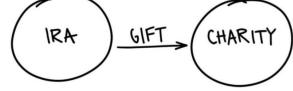
Sun. Jan. 18 - 9:30am - Sunday School



SYMPATHY: Remember **Florence M. Frohn** (mother of Marvin [Jeannie] Frohn) who passed away. Please keep **Florence and her family** in your prayers.

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, **QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS** 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.

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for


the 2026 picnic will continue 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.

2026 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.

JOB OPENING: Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Parish Staff Accountant to support the diocesan parishes serving as the primary resource, managing parish assessments, conducting audits and compliance reviews, and providing training. Visit <https://www.diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities-for-the-full-advertisement>. Deadline: January 23

PORK SAUSAGE BREAKFAST: Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 will be having a Pork Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 11th, 8:00am - 11:00am. Adults \$15.00, \$8.00 Kids 5-12, under 4 free. Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to local PSR programs.

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:

Thur. Jan. 15 - 7:030pm Exec. Board Meeting
Fri. Jan. 16 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

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

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BINGO: ST. AUGUSTINE in Breese, is having their 3rd Sunday Bingo on 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.

ALBERS LEGION: Chicken Dinner at Albers Legion, Sunday January 18th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Adults \$15.00, \$7.00 Kids 5-12, under 5 free. Adults carry outs available. Serving 1/2 fried chicken, mash potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, bread & butter and dessert.



ST. ROSE YOUTH LEAGUE BREAKFAST: Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Sun., Jan. 11th, 7:30am - 11:30am at St. Rose Park. **Drive-thru ONLY.** Adults \$14.00, Children \$7.00. Proceeds to benefit St. Rose Youth League activities.

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