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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Jan. 17	4:00pm	Judy Markus Peggy Millard
Sun. Jan. 18	7:30am 9:30am	Larry & Vera Tonnies Robert & Florence Thole John & Joan Tredennick
Mon. Jan. 19	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Jan. 20	7:30am	George Becker Jerome Markus
Wed. Jan. 21	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. Jan. 22	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Jan. 23	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family Donna Kopsic
Sat. Jan. 24	4:00pm	Karla Draper
Sun. Jan. 25	7:30am 9:30am	L/D Aloys & Mary Strubhart Family Jaisen Wellen & Lucy Wellen Roy & Edna Mollet Jerome Rakers L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family

CONFESSIONS:

(also by appointment)

Sat. 2:00pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am

YOUTH: ONE WEEKEND ETERNAL IMPACT:



Youth from our diocese will be attending The Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, MO, 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!

SYMPATHY: Remember **Daniel J. "Dan" Nicklin** (husband of Mary Nicklin; Father to Corey [Michelle] Nicklin); **Ralph Petermeyer** (father to Jeff [Michelle] Petermeyer); **Jerome B. Rakers** (brother to Cecilia Markus); **Joan Dickshot** (mother to Chris [Kim] Dickshot); **Florence Hogg** (mother to Michael & Frank Hogg) who passed away. Please keep **Daniel, Ralph, Jerome, Joan, Florence and their families** 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.

OFFERINGS JANUARY 10th & 11th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,240.00
Loose:	\$ 530.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,619.25
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,389.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Amy Strubhart received the Unsung Hero award on November 30, 2025 at the 7:30am Mass. Thank you Amy for all you do!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 904.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers	David Foy
Tracy Frey	Darryl Gebhart	Moe Goesten Kors
Randy Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap	Jessica Hudspeth
Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann	Marie Jansen
Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Matt Netemeyer	Don Rakers
Don Ripperda	Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders
Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage
Don Schulte	Tanya Shultz	Mary Strieker
Pat Sudholt	Marge Thole	Corey Toennies
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Jan. 18 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Mon. Jan. 19 - 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Sun. Jan. 25 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

70 ½ OR OLDER?? Did you know if you are age 70 ½ 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 your Financial Advisor first. Then you may contact the church office (618-228-7219) for more information.

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for the 2026 picnic will continue Wed., Jan. 28th from 9:00am - 4:00pm & 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Then on Feb. 1st quilting will be from 12Noon - 4:00pm(no lunch). Quilting will be Monday, Feb. 2nd thru Thursday, Feb. 5th from 9:00am-4:00pm & Feb. 4th 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.

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.

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.

AVISTON KC DRIVE THRU MARDI GRAS SOUP SUPPER: Tues., Feb. 17th, 4:30pm-7:00pm. Curbside Pickup. Serving Gumbo, Chili, and Potato in a one pint container. Order before end of day, Sun., Feb. 8th. Prepay on Venmo. No venmo? Contact Dave Smith 618-980-4229. Free will donation. (Suggested minimum donation - \$6 per container) Specify your soups & quantities when you order. We'll bring it to your car. Pick-up is at 161 South Clinton (the west entrance to the parish center) Venmo @Aviston-Knights of Columbus or scan the code.

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 979-2689 or John Feldmann 363-6588 if you need help.

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.*

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

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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



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:

Mon.	Jan. 19	- 7:00pm Legion Meeting
Tue.	Jan. 20	- 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting
Thur.	Jan. 22	- 7:30pm K of C Meeting
Fri.	Jan. 23	- 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.**



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



MATER DEI MOTHERS AND FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION: A Knight at the Derby - Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on March 21st, 2026 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is A Knight at the Derby, so come dressed for a night of derby fun! Tickets for the dinner auction and raffles can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Don't miss out on this special event and opportunity to support Mater Dei. Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets, please visit: MDDERBY.givesmart.com or use the qr code.

