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January 25, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Jan. 24	4:00pm	Karla Draper
Sun. Jan. 25	7:30am	L/D Aloys & Mary Strubhart Family Jaisen Wellen & Lucy Wellen Roy & Edna Mollet Jerome Rakers
	9:30am	L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family L/D Members of the Aviston Knights of Columbus
Mon. Jan. 26	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Jan. 27	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Wed. Jan. 28	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Thur. Jan. 29	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Jan. 30	7:30am	Claudette Wiehardt
Sat. Jan. 31	4:00pm	Don Boeser David Bettemeier
Sun. Feb. 01	7:30am	Rosemary Venhaus Irwin & Trudy Luebbers James Stroot
	9:30am	

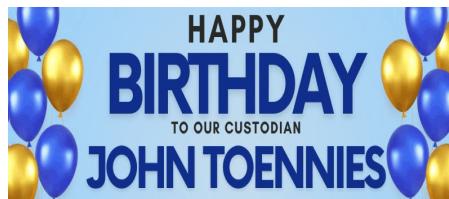
CONFESIONS:

(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

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT: We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way we will unpack the biblical background and most especially the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that will begin on the first week of Lent. It is important to register by February 2nd as books need to be ordered. There are sign-up sheets at each door or contact the parish office 618-228-7219. Please mark which time works best for you, or mark both if either work.



SYMPATHY: Remember *Dolores Von Bokel* (mother of Diane Von Bokel) who passed away. Please keep *Dolores and her family* in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Scottie Kate Kampwerth* (daughter of Andrew & Taylor [Buehne] Kampwerth) was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Scottie* to our faith family.

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OFFERINGS JANUARY 17th & 18th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,455.00
Loose:	\$ 547.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 3,114.25</u>
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,116.25

Your General Fund contribution enables FAITH IN ACTION



GO GREEN THIS YEAR! Donate through online giving instead of getting paper envelopes. Forgot your envelope this week? Don't want to have to remember it next week? You can make One time gifts or Recurring gifts through Online Giving! Check the front of the missalette! This QR code is now available at every Mass!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 125.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Darryl Gebhart
Moe Goestenkors	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 Stricker	Pat Sudholt	Marge Thole
Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Carolyn Wilson		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Jan. 25 - 9:30am - ~~St. Francis Sunday School~~ CANCELLED
 Mon. Jan. 26 - 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Tues. Jan. 27 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN TOENNIES!
 Sun. Feb. 01 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class



IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: *Next weekend*, there will be a second collection for the "Parish Improvement Fund" which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc.



CEMETERY: PLEASE REMOVE grave blankets and other Christmas flower decorations by February 1, 2026. Thank you!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING? Did you know the blessing of the throats on the Feast of St. Blaise, isn't just to heal throat ailments? The blessing asks God, through the intercession of St. Blaise, to deliver you not only from ailments of the throat, but from every other evil too! It is a beautiful invitation to healing. Come have your throat blessed after any Mass on February 7th or 8th and ask God to heal you!

SERVANTS OF ST FRANCIS: In a wonderful overwhelming response from the recent Faith Formation survey, we the parishioners are seeking to increase our outreach to families and the elderly in our Parish! Acts of giving and kindness, even once a month, make a difference! For anyone interested in giving a bit more time to those in need, contact Colleen Harper at caharp@charter.net 618 791-5302 or Kim Dickshot at candkd@sbcglobal.net 618 977-7161. You will be added to our contact list. We are looking to share great ideas for outreach at our first meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm at the parish center/ Heritage Room. All are welcome!

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.

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON-LADIES OF ST. FRANCIS PARISH: The annual "Fat Tuesday" lunch will be held on Feb 17th at **Trenton House**. Registration begins at 11:00am. You will be able to order from a special lunch menu. We want you to come & enjoy good food, fellowship and a few laughs! Bring a friend. Hats, beads or just come as you please! To RSVP, call Rosanne Wellen (401-8618) or the Rectory (228-7219) **by Wed., Feb. 11th**.

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 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.

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.

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

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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:

Fri. Jan. 30 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY
Sat. Jan. 31 - Citizens for Aviston Dinner & Dance

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.**

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: at Aviston American Legion. Hours are: Thurs. & Fri. Feb. 19-20, 9:00am-7:00pm (Full Price), Sat., Feb. 21: 9am-12Noon (Brown Bag). Dates to bring donations to legion are: Feb. 13 4-7pm, Feb. 14 9am-Noon, Feb. 15 Noon-4pm, & Feb. 16 Noon-6pm.

****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.**

Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center will be hosting their annual Trivia Night on Friday, Feb 6, 2026 at the Breese KC Hall. \$100 per team (up to 8 players per team). Call 224-4236 ext 9 or send an email to info@Chakota-trc.org to reserve your table. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7:00pm. All drinks must be purchased at the bar but you are welcome to bring your own snacks. We welcome businesses to sponsor a round of trivia. For a \$50 donation, your name and/or logo will appear on the answer sheet and on the projector screen for that round, receive a verbal mention, and a shoutout on Facebook. Thanks for your support!



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