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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Oct. 03	4:00pm	Dennis & Joanna Rakers Family
Sun. Oct. 04	7:30am	L/D Irwin & Trudy Luebbers Family
	9:30am	Ruth Mary Rakers Floyd & Pat Sudholt
Mon. Oct. 05		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 06	7:30am	Shirley Moss & Abby Robke L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family
Wed. Oct. 07	7:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Thur. Oct. 08	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Oct. 09	7:30am	Sister Patricia Peters
Sat. Oct. 10	4:00pm	Karen & Art Braundmeier Family
Sun. Oct. 11	7:30am	Olinda & Dick Kues Family
	9:30am	Alvin "Cookie" & Delores Seelbach Dave Jansen Rich Hacker

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

PASTOR'S NOTE:

We celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, today, October 4th. We also celebrate the 161st anniversary of our parish, Saint Francis of Assisi. We will remember his death, which occurred 800 years ago, at our Transitus Service at 6:40 PM Saturday. We will celebrate his life with a festival on the parking lot, starting at 11:30 AM, with a pet blessing at 12 Noon. We will also do some planting in the new Saint Francis garden in front of the rectory.

Next weekend, we will have artwork from the Holy Land available for purchase after the Masses. This helps support the Christians who are struggling there.

Let us pray for each other. Fr. Von

PRAYER 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, October 15th.**

(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, drop it off at the rectory, or send with your PSR student in an envelope clearly marked "Candle" along with the name of recipient and donor. Deadline will be **Monday, October 12th.**

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



OFFERINGS SEPT. 26th & 27th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,401.00

Loose: \$ 752.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,193.00

General Fund Total: \$ 5,346.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Congratulations to September quilt raffle winner Donna Kruep !

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 975.00

Retired Belleville Dio Priests \$ 100.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 25.00

Human Development \$ 25.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Phyllis Faust	David Foy
Tracy Frey	Carla Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap
Michael Hogg	Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann
Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe
Mary Litteken	Carol Markus	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Dale Rakers	Don Rakers
Patricia Rollings	Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage
Don Schulte	Marge Thole	Corey Toennies
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Darvin Zeisset

****For a parishioner in a local hospital who would like a visit from the Servants of St. Francis Patient Outreach program, please call/text Kim Dickshot 618-977-7161.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Oct. 04 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
-	12NOON - 4:00pm Quilting in Heritage Rm
Mon. Oct. 05 -	7:00pm -OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Mon-Thu Oct. 5-8 -	9:00am-4:00pm-Quilting in the Heritage Rm
Tue. Oct. 06 -	10:00am - Bible Study in the Heritage Rm
-	6:30pm - Bible Study in the Heritage Rm
Wed. Oct. 07 -	6:30pm-8:30pm- Quilting in the Heritage Rm
Sun. Oct. 11 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

ST. FRANCIS JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis (1226- 2026). Come join this family event on Sunday, **Oct. 4th** at 11:30am.

Flyers are available at all church entrances. Please spread the word!



PARISH CENTER FUND - AUGUST 2026

Balance on 8/1/2026:	\$ 331,456.18
Income:	\$ 850.89
-Donations:	\$ 250.00
-Interest:	\$ 600.89
Expenses (ISPD):	\$ 0.00
Balance on 8/31/2026:	\$ 332,307.07

2027 MASS INTENTIONS may now be scheduled. There are many dates available! Call the rectory anytime from 8:00am-2:30pm Monday - Friday to schedule Mass Intentions. (228-7219)



CYM HALLOWEEN KIDS EVENT: Oct. 18th 1:00pm-3:00pm. Please look for the link to register on the St. Francis home page at www.stfrancisav.org or go to the St. Francis CYM FB page at www.facebook.com/stfrancisavistoncym

BLEST ART: St. Francis will be hosting the Blest Arts on Oct. 10th & 11th on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. The mission is to support the families in the Holy Land. Blest Arts will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries and many more other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. For more information please visit www.BlestArt.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: BREAKFAST- THIS Sunday, Oct. 4th, 7:00am-11:00am at the New Baden Parish Center. Benefits Pro-Life activities.



PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER: October is Pro-Life month. Help fill the playpen near the north entrance of the church! Things needed are diapers, wipes, formula, baby clothes, lotion, shampoo, etc. All donations will benefit a local Pro-Life counseling center.



COATS FOR THE NEEDY: In November, the playpen will then be used to collect new and gently used coats, gloves, scarves and hats for the needy.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Thurs-Fri.	Oct 08-09 - Rummage Sale Prep
Fri.	Oct. 09 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY AVISTON
Sat.	Oct. 10 - Pork Sausage Dinner Prep
Sun.	Oct. 11 - Pork Sausage Dinner & Rummage Sale

PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEEF DINNER: Sunday, Oct. 11th, 10:30am-6:00pm at the Aviston Legion. Dinner includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, & dessert. The traditional pork & quilt raffles will also be conducted. It will be Carryout or dine in.

FALL/WINTER HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE on Oct. 11th, 10:00am-5:00pm (\$4 brown bag 3-5:00pm) Halloween, Thanksgiving, & Christmas items ONLY. Dates to bring donated items to the Aviston Legion are Oct. 8th & 9th, 12Noon-6:00pm. Questions? Call Debi Luebbers (618-581-1950).

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simply prayer would be helpful. For this week:
CLINTON RAUCH
Saint Meinrad Seminary
200 Hill Dr.
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

FAITH FOCUS

What Can St. Francis Teach Us?

Near the end of his life, St. Francis received the stigmata—the wounds of Christ—after years of seeking to follow Jesus more completely. His life was shaped by prayer, humility, service, love of the poor, and a desire to become more like Christ.

Today, 800 years after his death, we can ask the same question Francis's life asks us: How is Christ calling me to follow Him?

This week: Pray, "Jesus, show me one way I can become more like You." Then act on what He places on your heart.

Today, October 4: Come celebrate St. Francis with our Parish! Join us for prayer, fellowship, service, Franciscan spirituality, blessings, and more. Come discover something new about our patron saint—and perhaps discover something new about your own faith.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Layla Mae Kuhl** (daughter of Brandon & Brianna [Heckenkemper] Kuhl) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Layla** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Lyle E. Weems** (step-father of Michael [Lori] Dall); **Mary J. Pitt** (sister of Eleanor Markus) who passed away. Keep **Lyle, Mary** and their families in your prayers.

PSR has gotten off to a good start with 205 students. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are often in need of subs for two areas: 1. Teaching the students (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30-8:15 am). 2. Walking with the students from church after Mass to AGS Tuesday and Thursday (about 8:05-8:20 am). If you can help in either area or have any questions, please contact Sister Jeannette, SSND at the parish office. Thank you for giving it your prayerful consideration.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted until SUNDAY October 11, 2026. The terms expiring are **Adrian Hagen, Lynn Huegen, and Nancy Woltering**. Three new members are needed for a 3-year term of office. At least six candidates are needed. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, active practicing Catholics, and active members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Candidates must be able to attend all regular meetings held the 1st Thursday of each month. Please nominate individuals [or yourself] whom you think would make good members on the Council. Outgoing members may be re-nominated. All nominees will be contacted to obtain their consent to be on the ballot. Members remaining on the Council are **April Foutch, Brad Halstead, Colleen Harper, Michelle Kuhl, Darlene Timmermann, and Marilyn Zobrist**.

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Please put in the collection basket or nominations can also be submitted online at <https://www.stfrancisav.org> under the links and forms tab.