

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Oct. 12		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 13	7:30am	NO MASS - Communion Service with PSR
Wed. Oct. 14	6:00pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
	7:00pm	NO MASS
Thur. Oct. 15	7:30am	NO MASS - Communion service & Candle Prayer Service with PSR
Fri. Oct. 16	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Oct. 17	4:00pm	Jim & Marilyn Rakers Peggy Millard Pat Sudholt
Sun. Oct. 18	7:30am	Jennifer Kalmer
	9:30am	CYM MASS Charity Peek L/D Varel, Schrage & Strieker Families

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: Thank you to all who helped with and participated in our Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi celebration. From our beautiful Masses, our remembrance of the death of Saint Francis at the Transitus Service on Saturday evening, to the wonderful celebration, pet blessing, and planting of the new flower garden on Sunday afternoon, we had an inspiring remembrance of Saint Francis and a call to renew ourselves, by the grace of God, rededicating ourselves to following Jesus, as he is calling each one of us. Let us pray to Saint Francis to ask Jesus to help us to develop our parish to spread the Gospel ever more in our community and our world. Thank you for your kind letters of appreciation. Let's continue to work together. 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**.



OFFERINGS OCT. 3rd & 4th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,629.00
Loose:	\$ 500.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,050.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 7,179.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Thank you to everyone who attended the St. Francis Jubilee Celebration! The garden is now complete!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 2,164.75
Retired Belleville Dio Priests	\$ 100.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 82.25
Parish Center Fund	\$ 127.25

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. 11 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
-	12NOON - 4:00pm Quilting in Heritage Rm
Mon. Oct. 12 -	OFFICE CLOSED- Columbus Day
-	7:00pm -OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Tue. Oct. 13 -	10:00am - Bible Study in the Heritage Rm
-	6:30pm - Bible Study in the Heritage Rm
Sun. Oct. 18 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
-	1:00pm - 3:00pm CYM Halloween Kids Event

A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended the Transitus Service and the Jubilee celebration of St Francis on October 3rd and 4th!! What a lovely tribute to our Patron Saint!! If you were unable to attend, we have a small pamphlet at the entrances of our Church that is a synopsis of his life. Please take one!!



PROPOSALS NEEDED: St. Francis Parish is soliciting proposals from qualified architectural and design professionals to assist with the development of a conceptual design package for a proposed new Parish Center. Interested firms may request the RFP by contacting the Parish Office (228-7219 or parish@stfrancisav.org) or David Weis (781-8799 or davidweis8799@yahoo.com) no later than **Oct. 28 2026**.

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



PICNIC WRAP MEETING is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Booth Chairs and Co-chairs, please mark your calendars and plan on attending.



QUILT OF THE BI-MONTH - The first drawing for the **2027 Quilt of the Bi-Month is January 31st**. Tickets are found in church by all entrances. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any mass. Tell all your friends and family! Please be generous! *Thanks!*

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 othe pieces of beautiful olive wood art. For more information please visit www.BlestArt.com.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Sat.	Oct. 10 - Pork Sausage Dinner Prep
Sun.	Oct. 11 - Pork Sausage Dinner & Rummage Sale
Tue.	Oct. 13 - SAL Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs.	Oct. 15 - Exec. Board Meeting 7:00PM
Fri.	Oct. 16 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY AVISTON

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 3-5pm) Halloween, Thanksgiving, & Christmas items ONLY. Dates to bring donated items to the Aviston Legion are Oct. 8th & 9th, 12Noon-6:00pm. Questions? Call Debi Luebbbers (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:

CHRIS BERRY
Glennon College Seminary
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

UNDERSTANDING HOSPICE CARE: Get answers to questions and more on Wed., Oct. 14th, Breese Public Library at 2:00pm. Brought to you by Bond County Home Health and Hospice. Thank you.

FAITH FOCUS

Why Pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is much more than repeating prayers. As we pray, we contemplate the life of Jesus through the Gospel mysteries—His birth, ministry, suffering, death, and Resurrection. We pray with Mary, asking her intercession as we seek God's grace. The goal isn't simply to finish a Rosary, but to remain with Jesus through each mystery, spending time with Him and growing in virtues such as humility, faith, courage, forgiveness, and love.

This week: Pray one decade slowly. Picture the Gospel scene, ask what Jesus is showing you, and ask for the grace to live it.



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.

BREAKFAST: at Albers American Legion. Sunday, Oct. 18th, 8:00am-11:00am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$15.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00, Under 5 Free.

FARM BLESSING: All are invited to join Bishop Godfrey for the **Blessing of the Harvest** which will be held on **Fri., Oct. 23**, at 1:00pm at the Mike & Julie Dietz Farm, 9920 Reider Road, Lebanon, IL.

SAVE THE DATE: The Coping with Loss Team would like to sponsor a luncheon for those who lost a spouse or friend or anyone who would like to join some fun and fellowship. It will be held in the kitchenette /Heritage Room on Friday, November 13th at 11:30. Guest speaker Kris Fulkerson will join us with a brief talk. Please contact 618-623-8866 or Amber at the parish office if you are interested.

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.