

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Oct. 11	4:00pm	L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family L/D Lou & Trudy Luebbers Family Judy Markus
Sun. Oct. 12	7:30am	James & Emma Huelsmann William Schultz
	9:30am	Alvin "Cookie" Delores Seelbach Jim & Marilyn Rakers Family Charity Peek
Mon. Oct. 13		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 14	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Wed. Oct. 15	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thur. Oct. 16	7:30am	Karen & Art Braundmeier Family
Fri. Oct. 17	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Oct. 18	4:00pm	Ed & Gerrie Haukap Ruth Zeisset Deacon Jerry Stockmann August Daiber
Sun. Oct. 19	7:30am	Rosemary Venhaus
	9:30am	Olinda & Dick Kues Family

CONFESSIONS:

(also by appointment)

Sat. 3:15pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am

PASTOR'S NOTE:

Our Pastoral Council members have been talking with some of our parishioners of limited mobility, who attend Sunday Mass, regarding their needs for seating near the new south entrance of the church building. They and John Toennies, our maintenance manager, have developed the sketch, above, of proposed changes in the seating near the south entrance. This will accommodate two to three wheelchairs and provide chairs with armrests. Kneelers will be installed on the chairs for use by the person behind each chair.

The blue tape on the pews and floor in this area also shows the proposed modifications. There are also blue tape markings near the north entrance to show proposed changes there.

With the removal of the three 10-foot pews, we would lose seating for 18 people but regain seating for 6 people in the new chairs, plus the number of wheelchairs that are used.

Pastoral Council members will be noting how many people with wheelchairs and walkers are in church for the next few weekends and how they currently are using the pews and space available.

Please provide your questions and comments to our Pastoral Council members or myself by 12 November so we can decide how to act on these proposals. If you have written comments, please send them to our parish email address above or mail them to, or drop them by, the parish office. Any seating changes will also have to be approved by the diocese before proceeding. Thank you very much for your consideration of these proposals.

Let us pray for each other.

OFFERINGS OCTOBER 4th & 5th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,301.00

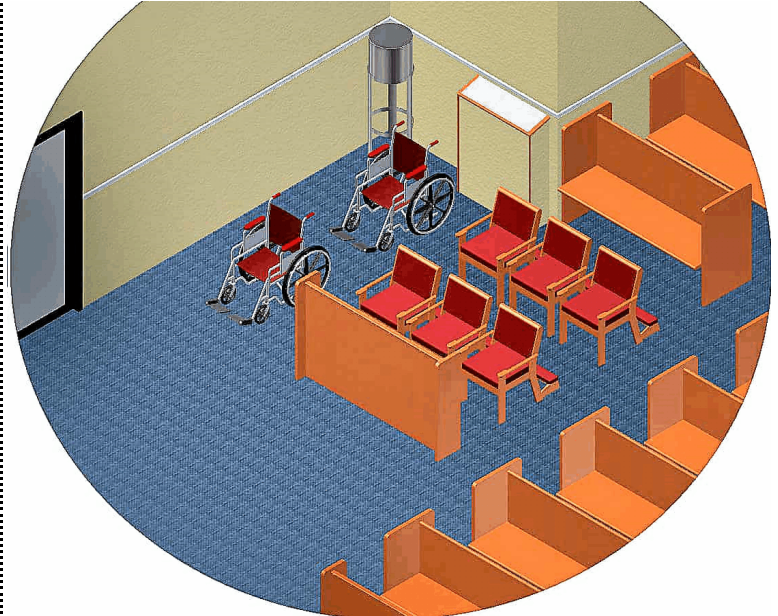
Loose: \$ 441.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,903.25

General Fund Total: \$ 6,645.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Proposed handicap seating on the south side of the church.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund

\$ 1,584.95

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Hudson Billhartz	Nancy Brooks	Karla Draper
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goesten Kors
Randy Haselhorst	Jessica Hudspeth	Betty Huelsmann
Scott Huelsmann	Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall
Dale Lampe	Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson
Don Rakers	Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders
Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage
Don Schulte	Mary Stricker	Pat Sudholt
Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies	Marge Thole
Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Oct. 12 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
-12Noon-4:00pm -Sewing & Quilting in Heritage Room
Mon. Oct. 13 - 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Sun. Oct. 19 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, is for World Mission

Sunday. The entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. Envelopes are available at every entrance.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Aaron & Tori (Dall) Buescher** upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



SYMPATHY: Remember **Diana M. Beck** (sister of Joseph [Ann] Munie) who passed away. Keep **Diana & her family** in your prayers.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE: OCIA has Begun *but YOU CAN STILL JOIN!* We gather on **Mondays, at St. Dominic Annex, Breese at 7:00pm**. Join us if you or someone you know is considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. Contact Fr. Von (214-6852), or the parish office (228-7219). Call today if you have questions or are not sure about joining with the group right now.



LOVE TO SING?: St Francis Choir is looking for new members. Practice starts **Oct. 16th** on Thurs. nights for about an hour for four weeks then **Nov. 12th to Dec. 17th** for the Christmas season. Questions? Contact Dan Fuehne.



CYM HALLOWEEN KIDS EVENT: Sunday, Oct. 26th 1:00pm-3:30pm. Play games, make crafts, and have a snack. Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes. \$15 per kid. Anyone welcome! Please look for the link to register on <http://forms.gle/dMcZRPS4iaWA7P7n9> or go to the St. Francis CYM FB page at www.facebook.com/stfrancisavistoncym/.



PICNIC WRAP MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th 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 **2026 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!*



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON

Sun. Oct. 12 - Pork Sausage & Roast Beef Dinner (10:30am - 6:00pm) & Rummage Sale (10:00am - 5:00pm)
Fri. Oct. 17 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEEF DINNER: Sunday, Oct. 12th, 10:30am-6:00pm at the Aviston Legion. Dinner includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce & dessert. The traditional pork & quilt raffles will also be conducted. It will be Carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining space available event. In conjunction with the dinner, the Auxiliary will have their annual **FALL/WINTER HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE** at the Aviston Legion on **Oct. 12th, 10:00am-5:00pm** (\$4 brown bag 3:00pm-5:00pm) Halloween, Thanksgiving, & Christmas items ONLY. Dates to bring donated items to the Legion are Oct. 9th -10th, 12Noon-6:00pm. Questions? Call Debi Luebbbers (618-581-1950).



RUMMAGE SALE: St. Anthony's, Beckemeyer, Thur. **Oct. 30th - Oct 31st** 9:00am - 8:00pm & Sun. **Nov 1st** 9:00am - 12noon. Donations are being accepted on Mon., **Oct 13th - 28th** (9:00am - 5:0pm) or until full. **NO** donations on Sundays. **NO** Tube TV's, Exercise equipment, car seats, or Encyclopedia will be accepted.

ROSARY RALLY - Oct. 13th at 12Noon in the Notre Dame Serenity Garden, St. Dominic Parish for a Rosary Rally marking the 108th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON - SAVE THE DATE! The **55th Annual Benefit Dinner** on **Saturday, January 31, 2026** at the Aviston American Legion. Doors open at **5:45pm**, with carry-outs available from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Dinner will be served from 6:00pm-7:30pm. A **\$90 donation admits two** and includes dinner, draft beer, a monthly drawing entry, and live entertainment by the **Cheers Band**, playing from **8:30pm-12:30am**. The evening will feature ten exciting cash prize drawings, with a **grand prize of \$2,000**. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Citizens for Aviston Facebook page or contacting a committee member at 618-513-3483. Payments are accepted via Venmo (@Citizens4Aviston), cash, or check. All proceeds will benefit Aviston Park, helping to support our community for years to come.

BELLEVILLE TEC RETREAT 2025/2026: TEC is a 3-day Catholic retreat weekend designed for young adults, juniors and seniors in high school. If you are looking for an opportunity to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ and/or fellow Christians, experience your Catholic faith in a dynamic and fun-filled setting, then a TEC retreat may be just what you are looking for. The TEC weekends are scheduled for **October 11-13** at Mater Dei High School in Breese and **January 17-19** at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia. To learn more, or attend a TEC weekend, please visit our website at bellevilletec.org. If you've attended a TEC weekend in the past and would like to attend one of the reunions, please visit bellevilletec.org for additional details.

BREAKFAST: at Albers American Legion. Sunday, Oct. 19th, 8:00am-11:00am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$14.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00, Under 5 Free.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

*Nominations will be accepted until **this SUNDAY** October 12, 2025.* The terms expiring are **Blake Feldmann, Coleen Klein, and Katelyn Timmermann**. 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, Adrian Hagen, Brad Halstead, Lynn Huegen, Darlene Timmermann** and **Nancy Woltering**.

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