

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Oct. 19		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 20	7:30am	Vince Rolves All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Oct. 21	7:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp Schonhoff Family
Thur. Oct. 22	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Fri. Oct. 23	7:30am	Sister Patricia Peters Henry & Mary Lou Feldmann Family
Sat. Oct. 24	1:00pm	Maxwell Kampwerth & Jordan Stiegman Wedding
	4:00pm	L/D Robert Von Bokel Family August Daiber Ed & Gerrie Haukap L/D Anthony & Mary Ann Strieker Family Maren Poettker
Sun. Oct. 25	7:30am	Turk & Barb Kuper Family Roy & Edna Mollet Special Intention
	9:30am	Rich Feldmann

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

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**.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Joyce Rinella** (mother of Bob [Lynn] Rinella) who passed away. Keep **Joyce** and her family in your prayers.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Decker Kent Thole** (son of Patrick & Casey(Etter) Thole who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Decker** to our faith family.

OFFERINGS OCT. 10th & 11th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,057.00
Loose:	\$ 802.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,788.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,647.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Congratulations to Dan Ribbing on receiving the Unsung Hero Award!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,179.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 61.50

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Phyllis Faust	David Foy
Tracy Frey	Carla Haselhorst	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. 18 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
	1:00pm - 3:00pm CYM Halloween Kids Event
Mon. Oct. 19 -	7:00pm -OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Tue. Oct. 20 -	10:00am - Bible Study in the Heritage Rm
	6:30pm - Bible Study in the Heritage Rm
Sun. Oct. 25 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

SECOND COLLECTION: *This 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



UNSUNG HERO: Last Sunday, October 11th, St. Francis Pastoral Council recognized **Dan Ribbing** as an **Unsung Hero**. *Thank you, Dan*, for your selfless service to our parish community, living your faith through action!† Copies of his award are available at all entrances of church listing his many contributions. Do you know of someone in the parish who is an “Unsung Hero”? Submit their name & reasons you are recommending them to a Pastoral Council member or on the St. Francis Website. A plaque of previous honorees is located in the church’s front foyer.



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)



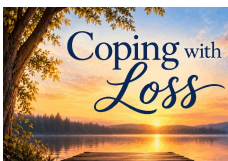
CYM HALLOWEEN KIDS EVENT: Oct. 18th 1:00pm-3:00pm, Please look for the link to register on the St. Francis home page at www.stfrancisav.org or go to the St. Francis CYM FB page at www.facebook.com/stfrancisavistoncym



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.



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, Nov. 13th at 11:30am. 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.



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!*



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Mon.	Oct. 19 - Legion Meeting 7:00pm
Tues.	Oct. 20 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
Thurs.	Oct. 22 - K of C Meeting 7:30pm
Fri.	Oct. 23 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY AVISTON

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:

GRANT FENDER

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



FAITH FOCUS

Why So Many Hail Marys?

Have you ever wondered why the Rosary contains so many Hail Marys? The answer begins with Scripture. Much of the prayer comes directly from the Gospel: “Hail Mary, full of grace” (Luke 1:28) and “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42).

Then we ask Mary to “pray for us.” We aren’t worshipping Mary—we’re asking her to intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son. Notice whose name is at the center of the prayer: Jesus.

This week: Pray one Hail Mary slowly and notice how much Scripture is contained in this familiar prayer.



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.



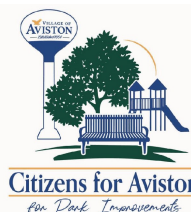
BREAKFAST: at Albers American Legion. Sunday, Oct. 18th, 8:00am-11:00am. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$15.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00, Under 5 Free.

DIOCESAN FALL BLESSING OF THE HARVEST on Fri., Oct 23



at 1:00pm at the Mike & Julie Dietz Farm, 9920 Reider Road, Lebanon, IL. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You’re encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON - SAVE THE DATE! The 56th Annual Benefit Dinner on Saturday, January 30, 2027 at the Aviston American Legion. A \$100 ticket admits two and includes dinner, free beer & soda, a monthly drawing entry, and live entertainment by the Cheers Band. 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.



RUMMAGE SALES:

****St. Dominic Parish, Breese:** Thur. **Oct. 22nd** (5:00pm-8:00pm); Fri. **Oct. 23rd** (9:00am - 6:00pm); Sat. **Oct. 24th** (9:00am - 2:00pm); Sun. **Oct. 25th** (9:00am - 12:00Noon).

****St. Anthony’s, Beckemeyer:** **Oct. 29th - Oct 30th** 9:00am - 8:00pm & Sat. **Oct. 31st** 9:00am - 12Noon. Donations are being accepted on Mon., **Oct. 24th** (9:00am-5:00pm) or until full. NO donations on Sundays. NO Tube TV’s, Exercise equipment, car seats, or Encyclopedias.

QUEST RETREAT: Freshmen & Sophomores grow your faith, friendships & relationship with God! Nov. 14th -15th at Mater Dei Breese. Price \$50.00. If interested please email bellevillequest@gmail.com for more information.