

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Oct. 18	4:00pm	Ed & Gerrie Haukap Ruth Zeisset Deacon Jerry Stockmann August Daiber
Sun. Oct. 19	7:30am 9:30am	Rosemary Venhaus CYM MASS Olinda & Dick Kues Family
Mon. Oct. 20		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 21	7:30am	Margaret "Peg" Millard
Wed. Oct. 22	7:30am	L/D Hank Feldmann Family
Thur. Oct. 23	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Oct. 24	7:30am	Don Boeser
Sat. Oct. 25	4:00pm	Ken & Carla Haselhorst 50th Wedding Anniversary Rich Feldmann
Sun. Oct. 26	7:30am 9:30am	Turk & Barb Kuper Family Ed Wellen Irene Thole L/D Robert Von Bokel 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:

Thank you in joining me in welcoming Deacon Brad Haar to ministry in our Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi. He has been appointed by Fr. Godfrey Mullen, Administrator of the Diocese of Belleville, to a three-year assignment to serve here. As Deacon Brad mentioned in his introductions, he and his family are members of Saint George Parish in New Baden. He and his wife work full-time and have three children. Deacon Brad will primarily be ministering here on the weekends by being the deacon at Masses, preaching monthly, baptizing outside of Mass, and visiting patients in care centers on Sundays. Thank you, Deacon Brad, for serving us here at Saint Francis!

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER:

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



OFFERINGS OCTOBER 11th & 12th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,821.00

Loose: \$ 750.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,693.25

General Fund Total: \$ 6,264.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Knights of Coloumbus Pro-Life Baby Shower Playpen.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 660.00

Human Development \$ 50.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 50.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Karla Draper	Lisa Eilers
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. 19 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
-CYM MASS

Mon. Oct. 20 - 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese

Sun. Oct. 26 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
1:00pm - 3:30pm - CYM Halloween Kids Event

Tues. Oct. 28 - 7:00pm - Picnic Wrap up Meeting - Parish Center

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.



SYMPATHY: Remember **David W. Jansen** (brother of Marilyn [Mike] Buscher) who passed away. Keep **David & his 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: NEXT Sunday, Oct. 26th 1:00pm-3:30pm. Play games, make crafts, and have a snack. Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes. \$15.00 per kid. Anyone welcome! 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

Mon. Oct. 20 -7:00pm - Legion Meeting
Tue. Oct. 21 -7:00pm - Auxiliary Meeting
Thur. Oct. 23 -7:30pm - K of C Meeting
Fri. Oct. 24 -4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

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 - 5:00pm) or until full. NO donations on Sundays. NO Tube TV's, Exercise equipment, car seats, or Encyclopedia will be accepted.



*****St. Dominic Parish**, Breese: Thur. **Oct. 23rd** (5:00pm - 8:00pm); Fri. **Oct. 24th** (9:00am - 8:00pm); Sat. **Oct. 25th** (9:00am - 3:00pm); Sun. **Oct. 26th** (9:00am - 12:00Noon).

INTERESTED IN BEING A KC MEMBER? Information papers are at all 3 church entrances. Call or text John Kohlen (618-420-9069) or Ryan Haukap (618-520-8427).

LADIES SODALITY FALL FEAST: The ladies sodality will be hosting a **Fall Feast (pre-Christmas event) on Sunday evening, November 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm!** Please bring a covered dish, as the meat will be supplied along with some punch. If you (& your guest or husband) care to join us, please bring a vegetable or jello salad if your last name begins with "A to L". If your last name is from "M to Z", please bring a dessert. After the meal, the men or guests can play cards in another room, and the ladies will have a brief meeting! Entertainment will follow with Nick Hollenkamp providing music! 5:30pm is Happy Hour, and 6:00pm will be the feast! **Please text or call Marge Thole at 618-604-0374 to RSVP**, as we want a good idea of how much meat to provide! Hope to see many **ladies (& guests) on Nov. 16, at 5:30pm!!**



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 **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.

DRIVE THRU FALL CHICKEN DINNER: Sunday, November 2, 11 a.m. -5:30 p.m. @ St. Cecilia Parish Center. ½ Chicken, Homemade Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw and Cake. Carryouts with sit down dining space available. Sponsored by St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality



MATER DEI OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, November 2. Explore the Mater Dei difference at their Open House on Sunday, November 2, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., for families with students in grades 5-8. Families may arrive at the time of their choice, visit the informational tables of their choice, and select the tour of their choice (12:00pm, 12:30pm, 1:00pm, 1:30pm) Visit Mater Dei's website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Announcements") for detailed information and the tour registration link. (To ensure small tour groups, online registration, which includes selecting a tour time, is strongly encouraged.) Families who cannot attend may contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Maria Zurliene for an informational folder (mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

