

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Oct. 24	1:00pm	Maxwel Kampwerth & Jordan Stiegman Wedding
	4:00pm	L/D Robert Von Bokel Family August Daiber Ed & Gerrie Haukap L/D Anthony & Mary Ann Stricker Family Maren Poettker
Sun. Oct. 25	7:30am	Turk & Barb Kuper Family Roy & Edna Mollet Special Intention
	9:30am	Rich Feldmann
Mon. Oct. 26		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 27	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Oct. 28	7:00pm	Herman Schonhoff Josie Timmermann
Thur. Oct. 29	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Oct. 30	7:30am	NO MASS
Sat. Oct. 31	4:00pm	Donald Boeser L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. Nov. 01 <i>All Saints Day</i>	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family 
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family

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 NOTE: As I quoted from the Order of Christian Funerals in the 27 September bulletin: "Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites."

Continuing from the Order of Christian Funerals: "The Church's teaching in regard to the human body as well as the Church's preference for burial of the body should be a regular part of catechesis on all levels and pastors should make particular efforts to preserve this important teaching." Let us pray for each other. Fr. Von

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**.

OFFERINGS OCT. 17th & 18th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,517.00
Loose:	\$ 534.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,798.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,647.00

Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



In a spirit of faith and Christian fellowship, members of St. Francis and St. Paul in Highland gather on Sept. 17 to pray for parishioner Todd Schultz as he prepares to deepen his relationship with Christ during the September Cursillo weekend, a short course in Christianity, in Quincy.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 220.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1,043.00
Servants of St. Francis	\$ 75.00

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. 25 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Mon. Oct. 26 -	7:00pm -OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Tue. Oct. 27 -	7:00pm - Picnic wrap up meeting
Sun. Nov. 01 -	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
-	ALL SAINTS DAY

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)





IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: *Next weekend*, there will be a second collection for the “*Parish Improvement Fund*” which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc

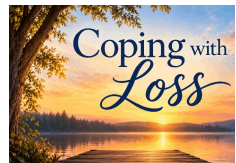


CONGRATULATIONS to **Maxwel & Jordan (Stiegman) Kampwerth** upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



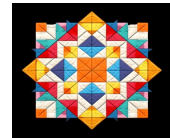
PICNIC WRAP MEETING is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Booth Chairs and Co-chairs, please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

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!*

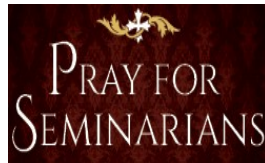


LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Oct. 30 - 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:

MATEO LEONELLI
Conception Seminary College
37174 State Hwy VV
P.O. Box 502
Conception, MO 64433



ETERNAL LIGHT CONCERT: Sunday, Nov. 1st at 2:00pm at Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. Music of Remembrance and Hope.

USHERS, GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS NEEDED! With the new scheduling program (Ministry Scheduler Pro), it gives the ministry volunteers the opportunity to be able to schedule themselves when they want to be scheduled, put in days off (days you know you can't make it to church), put in your preferences: Mass time, how many times a month you want to be scheduled, etc. Are you interested? Email/call our parish secretary, parish@stfrancisav.org or (228-7219).



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.

FAITH FOCUS

Repetition or Relationship?

Why repeat the same prayers over and over? Jesus warned against *vain* repetition—not meaningful repetition. Scripture itself gives us examples: the angels cry “Holy, Holy, Holy,” and Jesus repeatedly prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Rosary’s repeated prayers provide a rhythm that helps our minds and hearts remain with Jesus as we contemplate each mystery. Think about telling someone you love, “I love you.” Saying it again doesn’t make it meaningless—it renews the relationship. The Rosary isn’t a task to complete. It is a tool that helps us remain with Jesus.

This week: Pray one decade slowly. Don’t worry about finishing. Simply remain with Jesus.



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.



CANCER (HEALING) MASS at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Posen, IL on Wed., Nov. 11th at 6:00pm. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses. *All are welcome to attend*

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:** 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.



DRIVE THRU FALL CHICKEN DINNER:

ST. CECILIA, BARTELSON: Sun., Nov. 1, 11:00am - 5:00pm ½ Chicken, Homemade Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw and Cake. Carryouts available. \$15.00 Sponsored by St. Cecilia Ladies Sodality.

ST. GEORGE, NEW BADEN: Sun., Nov. 8, 4:00pm - 6:30pm. ½ Chicken, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw and Chocolate Texas Cake. \$15.00

