

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Oct. 25	4:00pm	Ken & Carla Haselhorst 50th Wedding Anniversary Rich Feldmann
Sun. Oct. 26	7:30am	Turk & Barb Kuper Family Ed Wellen
	9:30am	Irene Thole L/D Robert Von Bokel Family
Mon. Oct. 27		NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 28	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Wed. Oct. 29	7:30am	All Aviston Lumber Employees
Thur. Oct. 30	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Fri. Oct. 31	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Sat. Nov. 01 All Saints Day	4:00pm	Deceased of the Parish 
Sun. Nov. 02 All Souls' Day	7:30am	Deceased of the Parish 
	9:30am	Deceased of the Parish

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



SACRAMENTAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We have 23 students

this year who will be making their 1st Reconciliation before Christmas and receiving Communion for the first time in the spring. At each door there is a small basket with names of these students. We encourage you to take a name and pray for them on a regular basis. A nice reaching out to him or her would be a short note letting him or her know that you are praying for him or her this year. The note can be delivered to Sister Jeannette or the parish office and we will see that the family gets the note. This is a small way to let them know that they are a part of the parish family.

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



NOVEMBER 2025 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES are now available on the website at stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLAYPEN: 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. **In November, the playpen will then be used to collect coats for the needy.**

OFFERINGS OCTOBER 18th & 19th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,196.00

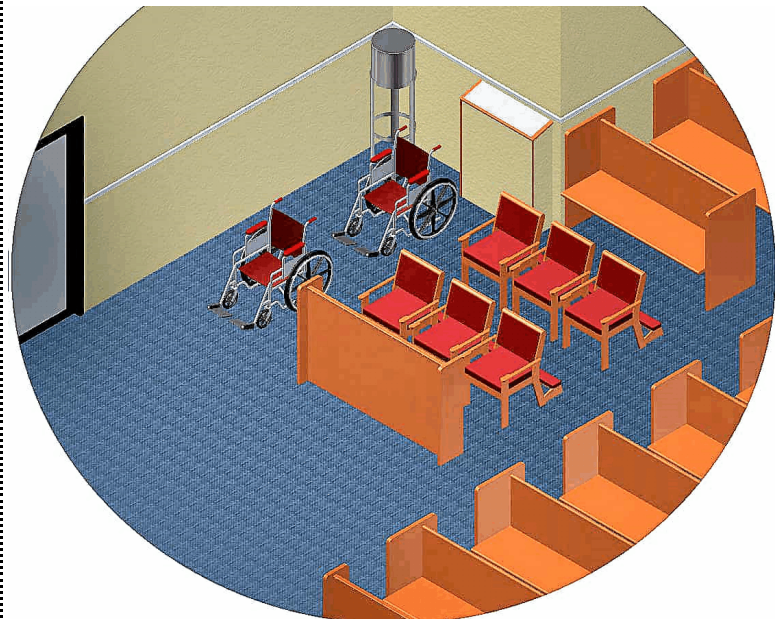
Loose: \$ 541.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,958.25

General Fund Total: \$ 5,695.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Proposed Handicap Seating; flyers are available at all church entrances. Feel free to take one home. Please let us know your comments/concerns.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 255.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 704.00

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	Tanya Shultz	Mary Stricker
Pat Sudholt	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Marge Thole	Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

Sun. Nov. 02 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Carter James Kuper** (son of Ryan & Kelly [Voss] Kuper) was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Carter** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Margaret A. "Marge" Range** (sister of Dolores [Jerome] Voss) & **Shawn M. Shrum** (wife of Ronald Boeser) who passed away. Keep **Marge, Shawn & 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 is on **Thursdays, 7:00pm-8:00pm**, every week now until **Nov. 6th** and then it will switch to **Wednesdays from 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!*

GREETERS AND GIFT BEARERS NEEDED!

What does a greeter do? Friendly men and women who welcome parishioners before Mass with a smile and "Hello". Must come 15 minutes before Mass to welcome people as they come in the door.

What does a gift bearer do? Parishioners carry the gifts of bread & wine to the priest. Gift bearers represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. Are you interested? Please email/call our parish secretary, Amber, at parish@stfrancisav.org or (618-228-7219).

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON

Fri. Oct. 31 -4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

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.



ST. FRANCIS PARISH SURVEY: A Faith Formation Team has been assembled consisting of St. Francis Parish members with the goal of identifying ways to better support you in your faith, community, and everyday life. Starting the weekend of November 1 & 2 and continuing through the weekend of Nov 8 & 9 this team will be distributing a short survey of ~ 3 minutes to give all parishioners a chance to share what matters most to you. This survey will be distributed via email, hard copies in Church, QR Code handouts at the weekend masses and in the bulletin, and through links on the Parish website and Parish Facebook page. Your voice will help shape the future of our Parish. The survey can be submitted anonymously, but including your name allows us to connect you with programs you may be interested in. Aggregate results will be shared with the Pastoral Council and the Parish community, with the intent of developing programs that meet your needs. Your perspective truly matters, and we are excited to hear from you. By completing this survey, you are helping us build a Parish that supports, welcomes, and inspires everyone in our faith family.



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, January 8th. (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 by November 20th. (We are trying to get this organized before the Christmas preparations happen.) Please put in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory by 4:00pm, November 21st, in an envelope clearly marked "Candle" along with the name of recipient and donor.



ST. FRANCIS 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!!**



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.

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).

