

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Nov. 01 <i>All Saints Day</i>	4:00pm	Deceased of the Parish 
Sun. Nov. 02 <i>All Souls' Day</i>	7:30am 9:30am	Deceased of the Parish 
Mon. Nov.03		NO MASS
Tues. Nov.04	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Wed. Nov.05	7:30am	Genevieve Lueke
Thur. Nov.06	7:30am	Nick & Marita Strubhart
Fri. Nov. 07	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Nov. 08	4:00pm	Judy Markus
Sun. Nov. 09	7:30am 9:30am	Dolores Wellen Jerome Rakers Paul Lager Frank Dall L/D Marcellus & Rita Poettker 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

Celebrating
**ALL SAINTS' DAY
& ALL SOULS' DAY**

PASTOR'S NOTE:

PICNIC REPORT: The final report for the 2025 picnic revealed net proceeds of \$91,568.45. This is AMAZING! *Job well done by all!!!* Thank you everyone for all of your prayers and hard work to make this possible! These proceeds help us continue to spread God's Word. Let us pray.

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

COAT DRIVE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR

NEEDY: Help fill the playpen near the north entrance of church! In November, the playpen will then be used to collect new and gently used coats, gloves, scarves and hats for the needy.



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).

OFFERINGS OCTOBER 25th & 26th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,141.00

Loose: \$ 839.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,238.25

General Fund Total: \$ 5,218.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION

Hostmeyer, Angela S. – November 11, 2024

Ratermann, Sarah J. – November 23, 2024

Rakers, James H. "Jim" – December 5, 2024

Kalmer, Jennifer A. – December 9, 2024

Markus, Judith A. – December 15, 2024

Millard, Margaret M. "Peg" – January 17, 2025

Shultz, Sr., William D. "Bill" – January 30, 2025

Boeser, Donald O. – March 3, 2025

Habermehl, Robert J. "Bob" – March 21, 2025

Venhous, Rosemary A. – April 8, 2025

Ottensmeier, Margaret J. "Margie" – April 9, 2025

Hollenkamp, Rosina J. – May 27, 2025

Wilke, Pauline M. – August 16, 2025

Hostmeyer, Ralph L. "LeRoy" – August 29, 2025

Mollet, Edna A. – October 14, 2025

May they all rest in peace.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 135.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 56.00

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
Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

Thurs. Nov. 06 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Choir Practice

Fri. Nov. 07 - FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Sun. Nov. 09 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class



CONGRATULATIONS to **Hudson August Billhartz** (son of Branden & Katherine [Krausz] Billhartz) was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Hudson** to our faith family.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE: OCIA has Begun *but YOU CAN STILL JOIN!* We gather on **Mondays, at St. Dominic Annex, Breesee 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.

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 & GIFT BEARERS NEEDED at 4:00pm & 7:30am! 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. Nov. 07 -4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

DRIVE THRU FALL CHICKEN DINNER:

ST. CECILIA, BARTELSON: Sun., Nov. 2, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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. GEORGE, NEW BADEN Sun., Nov. 9th

4:00pm- 6:30pm. ½ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Gravy Green Beans, Coleslaw, & Chocolate Texas Cake. \$15.00 per meal.

DRIVE THRU PORK CHOP DINNER: Sun. Nov. 9th 11:00am - 5:00pm. Sponsored by Wheatfield Twp. Fire Dept. At the Church Hall in Beaver Prairie(13322 Church Rd., Carlyle). \$15.00 per meal. Pork Chop, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, gravy, corn & applesauce

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: There will be a "Soup and Song" benefit on Sunday, November 2nd, 11:00am—4:00pm, at Schoendienst's Park in Germantown for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Soup, bread, beverages, and good music all for a donation. Music by The Prairie Travelers, The Buzzards, and friends. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the day. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry serves those in need in Albers, Aviston, Bartelso, Damiansville, and Germantown.



ST. FRANCIS PARISH SURVEY: Want to help shape the future of our



Parish family? We'd love to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to fill out the Parish Survey using the QR code or one of the other available methods. If you have any questions, additional input, or would like to be involved in developing or participating in any of the survey initiatives, feel free to reach out to one of our team members: Fr. Von, Sister Jeannette, Denise Castillo, Milissa Faust, Corey Huegen, Lynn

Huegen, Kevin Kohlbrecher, Dan Ribbing, Terry Thole, and Dave Weis. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jLvgKXNvudOWy1H1nsFWbBmLfL7dpYWe/view?usp=drivesdk>

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.



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 altars 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!!**

MATER DEI NEWS: Open House: November 2nd, 12Noon to 2:00pm.



Families with students in grades 5 – 8 are invited to explore the Mater Dei difference at their Open House for prospective families. Visit the Mater Dei website for details. "Walk-ins" are welcome! **Grandparents Mass:** Nov. 6th, 9:40am, Following Mass, grandparents will have the opportunity to spend time with their grandchildren filling our halls with smiles and love! **Fall Play: November 7th, 8th, and 9th** : Enjoy a performance of the Agatha Christie mystery And Then There Were None at 7:00pm. or November 9th at 2:00pm. Tickets will be sold at the door - \$6 adults, \$4 students k-12. (Knight Club members receive two free tickets.)