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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Nov. 22	4:00pm	Judy Markus Dan & Martha Ribbing - 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun. Nov. 23	7:30am	Mr. Mrs. Alois Kuper Michael Wellen
	9:30am	Ed & Marcella Haukap Olinda & Dick Kues Family
Mon. Nov. 24		NO MASS
Tues. Nov. 25	7:30am	Rosemary Venhaus Joseph Frank Kujawa
Wed. Nov. 26	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. Nov. 27 Thanksgiving	8:00am	St. Francis Parish Family 
Fri. Nov. 28	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Nov. 29	4:00pm	Arnie Moss & Abby Robke James Rakers David Nettekmeier Otto & Henrietta & Jim Nettekmeier
Sun. Nov. 30	7:30am	Francis & Bertha Wilke William Shultz
	9:30am	Katie Siegmann Tony & Dolores Lampe

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

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS:

Help decorate the altars this Christmas Season by donating to the Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s). They will be remembered in our Christmas Liturgy celebration. Look for the **"Christmas Flower Offering Envelope"** in your envelope package

(make sure to include the name of your loved one(s)). Place your donation in the collection basket or send directly to the rectory, Attn: Secretary. **Cost is \$10. Deadline is Thurs., Dec. 11th!**

THE GIVING TREE — We will be donating gifts to families in need from Aviston Countryside Manor, Aviston Terrace, DCFS, and Hispanic Ministry families. Each gift goes to a specific individual. Important: Please attach the gift tag you take from the Giving Tree to your gift. No need to wrap, however placing in a gift bag is appreciated! December 14th is the last date for receiving gifts. Thank you so much for your generosity during the holiday season!



OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 15th & 16th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,870.00

Loose: \$ 515.00

Online Giving: \$ 5,963.25

General Fund Total: \$ 9,348.25



*Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



THANK YOU to all who came to the St. Francis Ladies Sodality Fall Feast! We had around 40 people attend! A big thank you to the PSR students who helped out! Thank you Evan, Dylan, Tyson, Fisher, and Mercer (not pictured above)!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 7,120.00

Gaza Relief \$ 100.00

Hurricane Melissa Victims \$ 145.00

Human Development \$ 1,874.25

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Karla Draper	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goesten Kors
Randy Haselhorst	Florence Hogg	Jessica Hudspeth
Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann	Marie Jansen
Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Don Rakers	Don Ripperda
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. 23 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

Wed. Nov. 26 - 7:00pm - **NO CHOIR PRACTICE**

Thurs. Nov. 27 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Fri. Nov. 28 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sun. Nov. 30 - 9:30am - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEKEND's BULLETIN IS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th AT 10:00AM!!**

SYMPATHY: Remember *Eugene A. "Gene" Loepker* (brother of Florence [Ralph] Lohman), *Lora T. "Lori" Benhoff* (sister of Maura Timmermann), *Fr. Dan Jurek* (pastor of several parishes in the Diocese of Belleville) who passed away. Please keep *Eugene, Lora, Fr. Dan Jurek and their families* in your prayers.



PSR NEWS: RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our 2nd Graders will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tues., Dec. 2nd at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to participate by also receiving the Sacrament.

ST. FRANCIS CYM CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS on Dec. 7th, 2:00pm-4:00pm. PreK - 4th grade. \$15 per kid. There will be snacks, games, & fun! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAFGAn_LMNcUQKgBJ9xTTm0juTsgnACD5LZ9Jdq7q9AjZRSA/viewform



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St Francis will be changing out the Breaking Bread hymnals in all the pews at the church after 7:30am Mass at about 8:10am on Tues., Nov 25th.

GREETERS & 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).

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!*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR NEEDY: Help fill the playpen in church! In November, the playpen will be used to collect new and gently used coats, gloves, scarves and hats for the needy.

Aviston Knights of Columbus are selling Vocation Raffle Tickets: are at all entrances for \$20 for 5 tickets or \$5 each. This is a Statewide program to support our seminarians including the 5 Belleville seminarians who have answered our prayers for religious vocation. You can also Venmo @Aviston-KnightsofColumbus with any dollar value and we will fill the tickets in for you. The drawing includes \$20,000 in prizes with \$10,000 as the top prize on Dec. 7th.

AVISTON KC BREAKFAST: would like to invite everyone to their fall fundraiser breakfast on next Sunday, Nov. 30th at the Aviston Legion dining room. Serving from 7:00am-11:30am. Sausage links, scrambled eggs, hash rounds, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, and fruit. Dine-in or Carry-out.

Knights of Columbus



Breakfast

ACIC CHRISTMAS KICKOFF!! Sunday, Nov. 30th, Santa's Stop at the Vintage Hall. 2:00pm-5:00pm pictures with Santa, food & activities. Go to ACIC - Aviston Community Improvement Club Facebook page for more info.



The North Central Vicariate *Advent Penance Services* schedules are at all entrances of church!!

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Sun. Nov. 30 - 1:00pm-2:30pm - St. Lawrence, Sandoval

ADVENT BOOKS are at all entrances. Feel free to grab one!



FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM There are baskets at each church entrance for your donated goods. The donated goods will be brought to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Germantown. Your support is needed!

NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE? St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 602 Church St., Germantown will be open on Mondays from 10:30am-1:00pm. Please call Shirley Eversgerd 523-4260 or John Feldmann 363-6588 if you need help.



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Nov. 28 - **NO FISH FRY**



A HEROES CHRISTMAS: at the Aviston American Legion, on Sun. Dec. 8th at 6:00pm. This is a military tribute and Christmas Sing-a-long. Free admission. Refreshments to follow. Cash bar open. All are welcome!

The Aviston Sons of American Legion **BLACK TIE 20-year**



REUNION TALENT SHOW is Sat. Nov. 29, at 5:00pm at the Aviston Legion. More than \$2,000 in scholarships will be given to eight organizations represents by past Black Tie Talent Show winners.. For tickets (\$50.00 each) which includes a 4-course meal, contact Jim Kues 973-5688.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS: Looking for special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display in the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' Visitors Center from **Nov. 21 - Dec. 31**. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6281.

MATER DEI MOTHERS & FRIENDS are selling raffle tickets for an all inclusive Kentucky Derby experience for 2 people. Tickets are 1 for \$40 or 3 for \$100. To purchase tickets online, visit <http://MDderby.givesmart.com>. To purchase with cash/check, contact Melissa Becker 401-3420.



CITIZENS FOR AVISTON **SAVE THE DATE** The next Citizens for Aviston Dinner & Dance will be held on **Jan. 31, 2026** at Aviston American Legion! A \$90.00 ticket admits two and includes monthly drawings that will continue up until the event, dinner for two, free draft beer & soda, live music from The Cheers Band, along with chances to win up to \$2,000 the night of the event. Only 500 tickets are sold! Get yours before they are gone! You do not need to be present to win any of the drawings & your name is thrown back in each month. Next drawing will be mid-December. **October Drawing Winners (\$90 each):** Cathy Markus, Luke & Rejina Tebbe, Keith & Brooke Langenhorst. **November Drawing Winners (\$90 each):** Randy & Kim Voss, Jason & Cassandra Deering, Brandon & Megan Holtmann. 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.