

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 1, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Jan. 31	4:00pm	Don Boeser David Nettekmeier
Sun. Feb. 01	7:30am	Rosemary Venhaus Irwin & Trudy Luebbers
	9:30am	James Stroot
Mon. Feb. 09	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Feb. 03	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Wed. Feb. 04	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees Special Intention
Thur. Feb. 05	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Feb. 06	7:30am	Mary Lou Bowman
Sat. Feb. 07	4:00pm	Jenny Boshera
Sun. Feb. 08	7:30am	Jennifer Kalmer
	9:30am	Ed & Marcella Haukap

CONFESSIONS:

(Also by appointment)

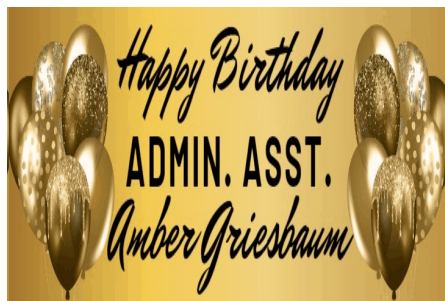
Sat. 2:00pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am



ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING? Did you know the blessing of the throats on the Feast of St. Blaise isn't just to heal throat ailments? The blessing asks God, through the intercession of St. Blaise, to deliver you not only from ailments of the throat, but from every other evil too! It is a beautiful invitation to healing. Come have your throat blessed after any Mass on February 7th or 8th and ask God to heal you!



SYMPATHY: Remember **Steve C. Frohn** (husband of Amy Frohn; father to Abby[Ben]Hahn, Cody[Makayla] Frohn; Zane Frohn; brother to Tom[Tonya]Frohn), who passed away. Please keep **Steve and his family** in your prayers.

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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.

OFFERINGS JANUARY 17th & 18th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 775.00
Loose:	\$ 107.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,753.25
General Fund Total:	\$ 3,635.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Congratulations to January quilt raffle winner Catherine Schroeder of Aviston!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund

\$ 500.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Darryl Gebhart
Moe Goestenors	Randy Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap
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	Marge Thole	Corey Toennies
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	
Carolyn Wilson		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Feb. 01 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- 12Noon-4:00pm- Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room
Mon. Feb. 02 - 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Mon. Feb. 02- Feb.05 -9:00am-4:00pm-Quilting in Heritage Rm
Wed. Feb. 04 -6:30pm - 8:30pm - Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Room
Fri. Jan 30 - Feb. 04 - CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Tues. Feb. 03 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMBER GRIESBAUM!
Sun. Feb. 08 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class



CEMETERY: PLEASE REMOVE grave blankets and other Christmas flower decorations by February 1, 2026. Thank you!



FEBRUARY 2026 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES are now available on the website at stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules

BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT: We often hear about Jesus'



passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are

going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way we will unpack the biblical background and most especially the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that will begin in the first week of Lent. It is important to register by February 8th as books need to be ordered. There are sign-up sheets at each door or contact the parish office 618-228-7219. Please mark which time works best for you, or mark both if either work.

SERVANTS OF ST FRANCIS: In a wonderful overwhelming response from the recent Faith Formation survey, we the parishioners are seeking to increase our outreach to families and the elderly in our Parish! Acts of giving and kindness, even once a month, make a difference! For anyone interested in giving a bit more time to those in need, contact Colleen Harper at caharp@charter.net 618 791-5302 or Kim Dickshot at candkd@sbcglobal.net 618 977-7161. You will be added to our contact list. We are looking to share great ideas for outreach at our first meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm at the parish center/Heritage Room. All are welcome!

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for the 2026 picnic will continue Feb. 1st quilting will be from 12Noon - 4:00pm(no lunch). Quilting will be Monday, Feb. 2nd thru Thursday, Feb. 5th from 9:00am-4:00pm & Feb. 4th 6:30pm - 8:30pm. A delicious lunch provided on every day except on Sunday. Reminder: we try to have our quilts measure a minimum of 90 x 108 inches.

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON-LADIES OF ST. FRANCIS PARISH:



The annual "*Fat Tuesday*" lunch will be held on Feb 17th at **Trenton House**. Registration begins at 11:00am. You will be able to order from a special lunch menu. We want you to come & enjoy good food, fellowship and a few laughs! Bring a friend. Hats, beads or just come as you please! To RSVP, call Rosanne Wellen (401-8618) or the Rectory (228-7219) **by Wed., Feb. 11th**.

AVISTON KC DRIVE THRU MARDI GRAS SOUP SUPPER:

Tues., Feb. 17th, 4:30pm-7:00pm. Curbside Pickup. Serving Gumbo, Chili, or Potato in a one pint container. **Order before end of day, Sun., Feb. 8th**. Prepay on Venmo. No Venmo? Contact Dave Smith 980-4229. Free will donation. (Suggested minimum donation - \$6 per container) Specify your soups & quantities when you order. We'll bring it to your car. Pick-up is at 161 South Clinton (the west entrance to the parish center) Venmo @Aviston-Knights of Columbus or scan the code.

MATER DEI MOTHERS AND FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION:

A Knight at the Derby - Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on March 21st, 2026 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is A Knight at the Derby, so come dressed for a night of derby fun! Tickets for the dinner auction and raffles can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Don't miss out on this special event and opportunity to support Mater Dei. Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets, please visit: MDDERBY.givesmart.com or use the qr code.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Immediately following 9:30am Mass on the Sundays of Lent, till 3:00pm, the Blessed Sacrament is publicly exposed on the Altar. It is an opportunity for all to spend time before Jesus in prayer. There must be **at least two adults present in the church at all times**. Come and pray for vocations, healing, peace or intentions of your own. **Sign-up sheets, with times, are at all entrances of church**. Consider committing to a time slot.



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!

CEMETERY: Looking for a Grass Service Company for the St. Francis Cemetery to provide weekly mowing and trimming. Please submit your bids & proof of insurance to the Parish by **March 15th**. Any questions please contact the Custodian, John Toennies.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS



St. Francis Parish is happy to announce that scholarships are available for high school seniors enrolling as full-time students in an accredited institution of higher education (College, Vocational or Technical). The funds have been made available via the Dorothy and Wilhelmine Ratermann Trusts for higher education scholarships and are awarded in their memory. Scholarship amounts are variable. Scholarships are based on need, satisfactory academic performance, community and Church involvement, letters of recommendation, a short essay and an interview. Find more information and application forms on the parish website at stfrancisav.org Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH". **Deadline is March 1, 2026.**

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Jan. 30 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY
Sat. Jan. 31 - Citizens for Aviston Dinner & Dance

AVISTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 11110: annual Free Throw competition on Sun. Feb. 8th at the Aviston Elementary gym. This event is open to all 9-14 year olds(as of 01/01/26) boys and girls in Aviston. Doors will open at 11:30am for registration & open shooting, registration will end by 12Noon. The competition will begin at 12:15pm. Contact Matt Netemeyer (608)550-9587 or Dustin Timmermann (618)977-1454 with questions.

Need help with your future? Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2026-2027**. **\$1,000** - for Veterans, Auxiliary, SAL or family members of Post 1239*. **\$1,000** - for an individual living within the Aviston CUSD 21*. Look for details and an application at:

avistonlegion.com or pick-up an application during open hours at the Aviston Legion. **You may apply for both scholarships if applicable.** **Deadline: April 1, 2026.**



RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: at Aviston American Legion. Hours are: Thurs. & Fri. Feb. 19-20, 9:00am-7:00pm (Full Price), Sat., Feb. 21: 9am-12Noon (Brown Bag). Dates to bring donations to legion are: Feb. 13 4-7pm, Feb. 14 9am-Noon, Feb. 15 Noon-4pm, & Feb. 16 Noon-6pm.



Chakota Therapeutic Riding Center : Annual Trivia Night on Friday, Feb. 6th at the Breese KC Hall. \$100 per team (up to 8 players per team). Call 224-4236 ext 9 or send an email to info@Chakota-trc.org to reserve your table. Doors open at 6pm & Trivia starts at 7pm. All drinks must be purchased at the bar but you are welcome to bring your own snacks.