

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 22, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Feb. 21	4:00pm	Dora Beer
Sun. Feb. 22	7:30am	Paul & Dolores Horstmann Roy & Edna Mollet
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole Sandy Peek Strobl & Dylan Peek 8 th Grade Students
Mon. Feb. 23	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Feb. 24	7:30am	Herman J. Schonhoff
Wed. Feb. 25	7:00pm	Schonhoff Family
Thur. Feb. 26	7:30am	Jerome Markus Bob & Tim Athmer
	7:30am 7:00pm	Edmund & Alma "Sis" Rohling <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Feb. 28	4:00pm	L/D Joseph & Trudy Strieker Family
Sun. Mar. 01	7:30am	Jennifer Kalmer
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole

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'S NOTE: As we begin Lent, we hear of the original sin in our Sunday scriptural readings and are reminded of our own actual sins as well. Jesus, truly God and truly human, is able to avoid sinning when tempted by the devil after forty days in the desert. We hear from Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, that, through the obedience of Jesus, we can receive forgiveness of sins. Not only that, but we also receive the grace and help we need to overcome temptation and choose to do the good.

Yes, let us examine our consciences and repent of our sins. Let us ask God for forgiveness of our sins and thank him for this forgiveness and the grace, won for us by Jesus, to follow God's commandments of love.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von

SYMPATHY: Remember *MaryAnn "Mary" E. Strieker* (mother of



Phil Strieker; Roger [Lisa] Strieker); *Richard L. Faust* (brother of Robert [Phyllis] Faust); *Janice Straeter* (sister of James [Diane] Wellen) who passed away. Please keep *Mary, Richard, Janice and their families* in your prayers.



REMINDER: NO 7:30AM MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT. THERE WILL ONLY BE A 7:00PM MASS.

OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 14th & 15th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,335.00
Loose: \$ 449.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,898.00
General Fund Total: \$ 5,682.00



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Ladies of St. Francis Parish at the Mardi Gras Luncheon.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 860.00
Black & Native Americans \$ 40.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Feb. 22 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Mon. Feb. 23 - 7:00pm - Extrordinary Minister Training
Sun. Mar. 01 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for the



2026 picnic will continue Feb. 25th 9:00am-4:00pm & 6:30pm-8:30pm and then Sun. March 1, 12Noon - 4:00pm (No Lunch); Monday, Mar. 2nd thru Thursday, Mar. 5th from 9:00am-4:00pm & Mar. 4th 6:30pm - 8:30pm. A delicious lunch provided on every day except on Sunday.

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.



SECOND COLLECTION: *This weekend*, our parish will take up the 140th **Black & Indian Mission Collection**. Your support helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution.



EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: Donate to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s) to help decorate the altars during Easter. **The cost is \$10 per name. Your “Easter Flower Envelope” is in your envelope package!** Write the name(s) of those to be remembered **on the back of the envelope**. Drop your envelope into the collection basket, mail, or bring to the parish office. **Deadline: Sun., March 22nd!**



ENDING HUNGER WITH CRS RICE BOWL: This Lent, the PSR program and our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl. This year, 75% supports Catholic Relief Services’ work around the world, including the families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. The other 25% will go to our local hunger alleviation, which is for the families who are experiencing Food Insecurity at Aviston Grade School. Pick up a rice bowl or an envelope labeled “CRS Rice Bowl” and drop in the collection at anytime. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more!

LENTEN RICE BOWL RETURNS: Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday weekend. All weekend Masses: March 28th & 29th.

TRAINING OF NEW & EXISTING Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: There will be training for new & existing ExMs in the church on **Feb. 23rd** at 7:00pm. One must be a practicing Catholic in “good standing” to qualify for this ministry. Members of other parishes are welcome to attend.



SERVER TRAINING: Mike Dall will conduct server training for anyone in grades 4-12 on Thursday, March 5th, 6:00pm-8:00pm and again on Sat, March 7th, at 10:00am-12Noon. You only need to go to one training. Training is followed by on-the-job training (OJT) during PSR Masses. High School student and ASA students can make arrangements for OJT at weekend Masses. Current servers who would like a refresher are welcome to attend.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, DAY & NIGHT STARTS THIS WEEK: The Lenten series No Greater Love will begin on Tuesday, February 24 at 10:00am and also at 6:30pm in Primary Classroom #1 in the parish center near the Heritage Room. The door will open at 9:45am & 6:15pm. We will be using a Bible so please bring yours with you. (There will be some Bibles in case you forget yours.) There will also be sessions on March 3, 10, 17, and 24.



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 979-2689 or John Feldmann 363-6588 if you need help.

FAITH FOCUS

LENT IS HERE! Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, and preparing for what God wanted him to do. The 40 days of Lent are your opportunity for that same focus. Use the 40 days to fast, pray, and explore what God wants for you.



MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER: St. Francis parishioner, Cole Buschmann, will be traveling to Belize on a FOCUS mission trip with a group of college students from Missouri S&T. They will be serving the local community through construction and restoration projects while also accompanying families spiritually. They’ll have the opportunity to serve, grow in humility, and encounter Christ in those they meet. Each student is responsible for raising approximately \$3,000 to cover travel and mission expenses. The fundraising deadline is Feb. 27th. Support this mission through prayer or a financial gift. To donate: <https://tinyurl.com/3pstdbnx>

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Thur. Feb. 26 - 7:30pm K of C Meeting
Fri. Feb. 27 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON:

Thanks to everyone who supported our CFA event this year! Funds raised are given directly to our park for improvements.

2026 Citizens for Aviston Drawing Winners

- \$100 winners – Bryan & Brett Beer, Chris & Kristin Schlautman, Cindy & Mark Wiegmann, and David & Emily Litteken
- \$200 winners– Mike & Marjorie Poettker and Angie & Randy Rule
- \$300 – Jeff & Tara Sulcer
- \$500 – Denise & Eric Zurliene
- \$1,000 – Jayne & Neal Arentsen
- Grand Prize – \$2,000 –Alex & Justin Venhaus

Mark your calendars for January 30, 2027—it’s never too early to get your tickets! Contact us via Facebook or 618-513-3483 to purchase.

CRAM THE CARS! HSHS Home Care invites you to collect non-perishable food items for the Matthew 25 Ecumenical Food Pantry. On Feb. 24th, 10:00am-1:00pm, please drop off donations at the HSHS Home Care car parked near the Healing Garden gazebo in the specialty clinic lot at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

MATER DEI NEWS: Registration is still open please contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene to schedule an appointment (618-526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org). While there is no deadline for registration, the application for scholarships is due May 1st. Applications for memorial grants are accepted on a continual basis.

MD Jeans Drive Through February 26th : Mater Dei’s Theology Department is hosting a men's jeans drive for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society - Belleville Council! Deliver your donation of clean, gently-worn men’s jeans to the Mater Dei office (M - F, 7:30am-4:00pm). **MD Winter Concert: March 1st, 6:00pm.** Enjoy performances by Mater Dei’s concert band, wind & percussion chamber ensembles, and soloists.

BREAKFAST: Albers American Legion on Sun. March 1st 8:00am-11:00am. Adults \$15.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00 & under 5 free. Adult carryouts available. Sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, fried potatoes, biscuit & gravy, milk & orange juice.

DRIVE-THRU PORK CHOP DINNER: March 25th 4:30pm-6:30pm pickup @ Central High School. Preorder \$15. \$20 day of and limited availability. Dinner includes smoked butterfly pork chop, potato salad, corn & cookie. Purchase tickets from any Central FFA Alumni, student, Central's Main office or call/text Nicole (972-1627) or Jenny (971-5221).