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St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

February 8, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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| Sat. Feb. 07 | 4:00pm | Jenny Boshera |
| Sun. Feb. 08 | 7:30am | Jennifer Kalmer |
| | 9:30am | Ed & Marcella Haukap |
| Mon. Feb. 09 | 7:30am | NO MASS |
| Tues. Feb. 10 | 7:30am | Marie Brueggemann |
| Wed. Feb. 11 | 7:30am | Alexander Morrison |
| Thur. Feb. 12 | 7:30am | George & Rosina Hollenkamp |
| Fri. Feb. 13 | 7:30am | Jeffory Morrison |
| Sat. Feb. 14 | 4:00pm | Judy Markus Cindy & Gerry Zurliene Family Shirley & Arnie Moss Abby Robke |
| Sun. Feb. 15 | 7:30am | Daenerys Rose Koonce L/D Joseph Cicirello Family |
| | 9:30am | Dan & Marge Thole L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family Norbert & Stella Hollenkamp Family |

CONFESIONS:

(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 **Gertrude H. Holthaus** (mother of Ruthie [Jim] Markus; Marilyn [Joe Lampe] Holthaus); **Jeanne E. Heuberger** (sister of Deborah [Daniel] Athmer), who passed away. Please keep **Gertrude, Jeanne and their families** in your prayers.



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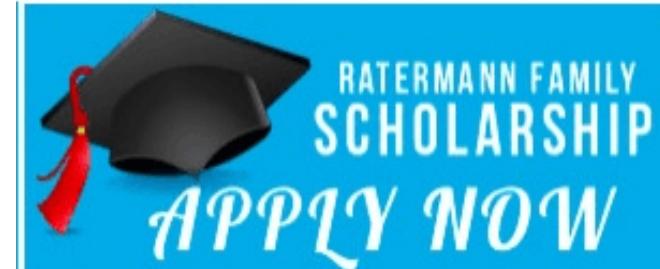
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OFFERINGS JANUARY 31st & FEBRUARY 1st:

General Fund

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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$ 3,056.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 511.00 |
| Online Giving: | \$ 2,910.25 |
| General Fund Total: | \$ 6,477.25 |

Your General Fund contribution enables
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIPS
 Find more information and application forms on the parish website

at www.stfrancisav.org

Click on "PARISH LIFE" then "YOUTH".
Deadline is March 1, 2026.

Special Collections:

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| Improvement Fund | \$ 1,462.00 |
| Black & Native Americans | \$ 30.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 25.00 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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| Nix & Tate Blaser | Nancy Brooks | Lisa Eilers |
| David Foy | Tracy Frey | Darryl Gebhart |
| Moe Goestenkors | 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:

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| Sun. Feb. 08 - 9:30am | - St. Francis Sunday School Class |
| Mon. Feb. 09 - 7:00pm | - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese |
| Tue. Feb. 10 - 7:00pm | - Servants of St. Francis Mtg., Heritage Rm. |
| Sun. Feb. 15 - 9:30am | - St. Francis Sunday School Class |

CONGRATULATIONS to **Joel Douglas Ratermann** (son of Jordan & Madeline [Hartke] Ratermann) was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Joel** to our faith family.

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.



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 Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 10:00am in the Parish Center. **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.

INTERESTED IN A NIGHT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY? (Same as above, "No Greater Love") Tuesday nights at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. If interested call or text Corey Huegen, 618-406-1104.

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!

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 Weller (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 Auction on **March 21st**, at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00pm. 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, use the qr code or please visit: MDDERBY.givesmart.com

QUEST - a 2 day faith experience for Freshmen and Sophomores. Learn about your relationships with yourself, others and God in fun ways - November 22-23 at St. Dominic Parish in Breese. Sign up at bellevilletec.org. Any questions, contact bellevillequest@gmail.com.



EUCARISTIC 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.

Training of NEW & EXISTING Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be training for new & existing ExMs in the church on Feb. 17th and Feb. 23rd both 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.

PSR NEWS: Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday. The PSR students will be going to mass on Wednesday &

Thursday that week and will have class on Tuesday and Friday. **There is NO SCHOOL on MONDAY.** If you have children who walk or other adults who bring them, please make them aware of the change. **Thank You!**



Feb. 22th 9:30am: 8th grade Rite of Election: Parishioners will be asked to pull a 2026 8th grade Confirmandi name(s) from a basket and pray for them. You can send cards of encouragement to the Confirmandi or you can drop them off at the rectory and the DRE will deliver to the Confirmandi. **Thank You!**

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Feb. 13 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

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 (618- 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. 13th 4-7pm, Feb. 14th 9am-Noon, Feb. 15th Noon-4pm, & Feb. 16th Noon-6pm.

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.

