

**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL**

**March 01, 2026**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sat. Feb. 28	4:00pm	L/D Joseph & Trudy Strieker Family L/D Charlie & Dorothy Schrage Family
Sun. Mar. 01	7:30am	Jennifer Kalmer
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole
Mon. Mar. 02	7:30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues. Mar. 03	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Mar. 04	<b>7:00pm</b>	Abby Robke
Thur. Mar. 05	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Mar. 06	7:30am	Margaret Ottensmeier
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat. Mar. 07	4:00pm	Don Boeser Jim & Marilyn Rakers Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart
Sun. Mar. 08	7:30am	Francis Wilke Donny Ripperda
	9:30am	Rich Feldmann

**CONFESSIONS:**

(Also by appointment)

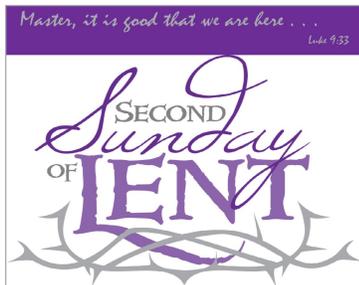
Sat. 2:00pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

**WEEKLY ROSARY:**

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am



**PASTOR'S NOTE:**

Let's look at the Mass over the next several weeks. The two major parts of the Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear God's word proclaimed from the Old Testament, a New Testament letter, and a Gospel. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Jesus changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Jesus makes present his one self-offering on the cross for our sins. We then receive Jesus, his Body and his Blood, in Holy Communion. Jesus is the food of our souls. Let us pray for each other. -Fr. Von Deeke

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Scheyer Curtis Rule* (son of Mitchel & Madison [Oltmann] Rule); *Oakley Elizabeth Fuhler* (daughter of Adam & Alison [Varel] Fuhler); *Hollyn Bradlee Allen* (daughter of Nathan & Maisie [Kampwerth] Allen) who were baptized last weekend. We welcome *Scheyer, Oakley & Hollyn* to our faith family.



**SYMPATHY:** Remember *Donald F. "Donny" Ripperda* (brother of Charles [Tina] Ripperda & Theresa Richter); *Philip Crouch* (brother of Rosemary McIntire); *Cecilia "CC" Valdez-Ortiz* (sister of Ari Valdez-Ortiz) who passed away. Please keep *Donald, Philip, Cecilia and their families* in your prayers.



**OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**General Fund**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,874.00  
Loose: \$ 784.00  
Online Giving: \$ 2,258.00  
General Fund Total: \$ 5,916.00



*Your General Fund contribution enables  
**FAITH IN ACTION***



**Rite of Election 2026**

Special Collections:

**Improvement Fund** \$ 135.00  
**Black & Native Americans** \$ 971.50

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:**

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Darryl Gebhart
Moe Goestenkers	Randy Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap
Michael Hogg	Jessica Hudspeth	Betty Huelsmann
Scott Huelsmann	Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall
Dale Lampe	Carol Markus	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Don Rakers	Don Ripperda
Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders	Seona Sanders
Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage	Don Schulte
Tanya Shultz	Colton Snow	Pat Sudholt
Brayden Thole	Marge Thole	Corey Toennies
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Sun. Mar. 01 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class  
- 12Noon-4:00pm- Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Rm  
- **St. Francis Parish Ratermann Scholarship Deadline**  
Mon. Mar. 02-Thurs. Mar. 05-9:00am-4:00pm-Quilting in Heritage Rm  
Wed. Mar. 04 -6:30pm - 8:30pm - Sewing/Quilting in Heritage Rm  
Tues. Mar. 03 - 10:00am - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1  
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Thurs. Mar. 05 - 6:00pm-8:00pm - Server Training in Church  
Sat. Mar. 07 - 10:00am-12Noon - Server Training in Church  
Sun. Mar. 08 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions please contact the Custodian, John Toennies.



## 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

**CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL** Next weekend our Parish along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the reply envelopes that are available. Please be as generous as you are able.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>!**



**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](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more!

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

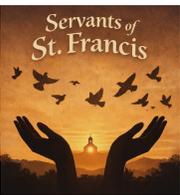
**SERVER TRAINING:** Mike Dall will conduct server training for anyone in grades 4-12 on Thurs., March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm and again on Sat, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am-12Noon. You only need to go to one training. Training is followed by on-the-job training (OJT) during PSR Masses. High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



**SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING** in the Heritage Room for the 2026 picnic will continue Sun. Mar. 1, 12Noon - 4:00pm (No Lunch); Mon., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Thurs., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-4:00pm & Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - 8:30pm. A delicious lunch provided on every day except on Sunday.



**SERVANTS OF ST FRANCIS UPDATE:** We are very excited by the parishioner response! Are you feeling a calling to become involved in any of the listed forms of outreach from the Feb 22 flyer? We have information to help get you rolling! For outreach ideas that are not presently in place, be assured there will be a kick off meeting so volunteers can share ideas and parameters. Just to clarify, The HSHS Parishioner Patient outreach entails dropping by to visit a Parishioner who is at Breese HSHS. This is coordinated by the hospital with patient approval. Kim Dickshot is the contact person for this outreach at 977-7161. Update: Barb Haselhorst has offered to be the contact for the young adult Fueled by Faith event! Her contact info: 806-2948/ [jbhasel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbhasel@sbcglobal.net). Thank you to all our outreach contacts! Please contact Colleen Harper [caharp@charter.net](mailto:caharp@charter.net) / 791-5302 or Kim Dickshot [candkd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:candkd@sbcglobal.net) / 977-7161 so we share your contact info to like-minded parishioners.



## FAITH FOCUS

**GROW IN YOUR WALK WITH JESUS.** Eucharistic Adoration is a great way to grow in your walk with Jesus. Don't know what to do? Don't worry about it. There are no specific rules about what you should do during Eucharistic Adoration. Just come! You can read scripture, write in a prayer journal, pray as the Holy Spirit leads you, or just "be there" in Jesus' presence. Reflect on His sacrifice on the cross and adore Him for all He has done for you. Come and spend time with Jesus in personal prayer and adoration and discover the Lord's gift of himself!



**MARCH 2026 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES** are now available on the website at [stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules](http://stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules)



**PSR NEWS:** Our 8th graders are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you haven't picked up one of their names to remember in prayer, please do so. Names are in baskets at all three entrances.

**PRAYER:** is one of the pillars of Lent. There are several books on the tables at the entrance to aid you. One is the Word Among Us which has the daily Mass readings and a reflection. Another one is a Little Black Book. There is a short informational page (about interesting facts of our faith or holy person and a reading from the Passion according to Mark with a short reflection for each day during Lent. Pick up one or both to use during the Lenten season.

### LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Mar. 06 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

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](http://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.**



**BREAKFAST:** Albers Legion on Sun. March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 & OJ.

**AVISTON & ALBERS CUB SCOUTS BREAKFAST:** at Aviston American Legion, Sun., Mar. 8, 7:30am-12Noon. Biscuits & gravy, pork sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs and hash browns. Dine-in or carryout.

**BREESE LIONS CHICKEN DINNER:** Sun. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:00am - 6:00pm at Breese American Legion. **Carryout ONLY.** Adults \$15.00. 1/2 chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans & cole slaw.

**DRIVE-THRU PORK CHOP DINNER:** March 25<sup>th</sup> 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).

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Wed. March 04 - 12:30pm - Mater Dei Catholic HS  
- 6:00pm-7:30pm - St. Mary, Carlyle  
Thurs. March 05 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm - St. Ann, Nashville  
Mon. March 09- 6:30pm - St. Stephen Flora  
Tues. March 10 - 7:00pm - St. Rose, St. Rose

