

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

March 22, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Mar. 21	4:00pm	James H. Rakers by CFL6
Sun. Mar. 22	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	6:00pm	St. Francis Lenten Penance Service
Mon. Mar. 23	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Mar. 24	7:30am	L/D Bernard & Georgetta Brueggemann Family
Wed. Mar. 25	7:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Thur. Mar. 26	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Fri. Mar. 27	7:30am	Claudette Wiehardt
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar. 28	4:00pm	Otha Daiber L/D Anthony & Mary Strieker Family
Sun. Mar. 29	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	Palm Sunday 9:30am	L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family

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:

When our Lord Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Passover, the night before he died, the apostles were present. Matthew 26:20 and Mark 14:17 tell us that Jesus reclined at table with the Twelve. Luke mentions the apostles as present in Luke 22:14.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist by taking bread, blessing and breaking it, and giving it to his apostles, saying: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you." Then Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus gave the apostles the commission: "Do this in memory of me." See Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 for Jesus' institution of the Eucharist.

Let us pray for each other. -Fr. Von Deeke

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The first PICNIC MEETING

for our August 1, 2026 parish picnic is on **Thursday, April 9th at 7:00pm** in the Heritage Room. It is important that ALL Chairs & Co-Chairs attend!!



OFFERINGS MARCH 14th & 15th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,642.00
Loose:	\$ 638.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,843.00</u>
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,123.00

*Your General Fund contribution enables
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3rd grade PSR: Building posters about the Ten Commandments.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 255.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,355.50
Servants of St. Francis	\$ 50.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goesten Kors
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	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	Darvin Zeisset	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Mar. 22	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Tues. Mar. 24	- 10:00am - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1
	- 6:30pm - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1
Sun. Mar. 29	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Mon. Mar. 30	- 7:00pm - CYM Meeting



CONGRATULATIONS to **Emmalynn Rose Ware** (daughter of Dontae Ware & Heather Ratermann) who was baptized on March 7th. We welcome **Emmalynn** to our faith family.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

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Thank you to the **54 households** that have pledged to support CSMA. So far **\$8,515.00** has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. **Thank you!**

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.

IN NEED OF 2 parishioners to receive the sacred oils on Tuesday, March 31. Cardinal Wilton Gregory will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 11:30am in the Cathedral of St. Peter. If interested, please call or email the rectory, or talk to Father Von.

SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING in the Heritage Room for the 2026 picnic will continue on Mon., March 23rd thru Thurs., March 26th, 9:00am-4:00pm. 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.



QUILT OF THE BI-MONTH - The second drawing for the 2026 Quilt of the Bi-Month is March 31st. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any Mass. Tell all your friends and family!

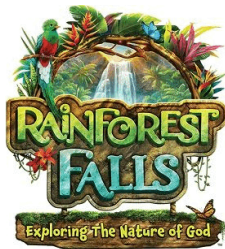


ATTENTION CRAFTERS & DIYers: We are hoping to upgrade our "Country Store" at the Picnic this year. Do you have a cricut or a 3d printer? Do you love doing Pinterest DIYs, make candles, soaps, scrubs, or bath bombs? Do you crochet or make things out of fabric (bowl cozy, fabric pumpkins) yarn/beads (beanie hats, plant holders, macramés, dream catchers), wood (door hangers, door signs, home decor), mesh wreaths, etc. Please call/text Lee Jansen (401-2953) to drop off any items.

ST. FRANCIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

What: Rainforest Falls VBS!
When: July 6-10th from 9:00am - 12Noon
Where: St. Francis Parish Center
Who: Kids going into K-5th Grade as of Aug 2026.

Registration Forms will be coming out soon.
Watch the Parish website www.stfrancisav.org



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Sun. March 22 - 3:00pm - St. Cecelia, Bartelso
- 6:00pm - St. Francis, Aviston
Wed. March 25 - 6:00-7:00pm - OLPH, Posen
Thur. March 26 - 7:00pm - St. Mary, Trenton
Sun. March 29 - 5:00pm - St. Michael, Radom



FAITH FOCUS

RECONCILIATION-- Lent is a journey where we turn away from sin and repent. Reconciliation plays a central role in our journey, allowing us to turn away from sin and embrace God's grace. Reconciliation is not about fear or shame but healing and restoration. Reconciliation is not just an obligation—it is a gift. This Lent, embrace this sacrament as a means of spiritual renewal.



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Sun. Mar. 22 - Chilli & Soup Cookoff
Thur. Mar. 26 - 7:30pm K of C Meeting
Fri. Mar. 27 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY
Sun. Mar. 29 - Auxiliary "Sip N Shop"(details below)

Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2026-2027**. 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.**



ST. DAMIAN ANNUAL WURSTMARKT: Sunday, March 22nd
11:00am-4:00pm, pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn & dessert. \$15 Dine In/ Carryout.



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)

DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, March 29th, 11:00am-5:00pm. **DRIVE-THRU ONLY!** \$15.00, dinner includes half fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, slaw, gravy and dressing. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.)



SPRING "SIP N SHOP" FAIR: will be held on Sun. March 29th from 10:00am - 3:00pm at Aviston American Legion. Lots of vendors and crafts. Food will be available for purchase.

ST. DOMINIC CHURCH 27th ANNUAL GOLDEN EGG RAFFLE:



Get your tickets for a chance to win the grand prize of **\$20,000!!!** There are five \$1,000 prizes and two \$500 winners. Tickets are \$50 each. **Drawing on Easter Sunday, Apr. 5th**. To purchase a ticket, call St. Dominic 526-7746, M-F, 9:00am-3:00pm.

SEMINARIAN GALA: "Answering the call, supporting the journey." Saturday, April 11th at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights. Mass is at 4:00pm, Cocktail hour starts at 5:00pm, then dinner and the auction begin at 6:00pm. To purchase a ticket or make a donation. Use the QR code or go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=zFRziy> For more information, please contact Mary Fleming at mfleming@diobelle.org or call 618-722-5031. Proceeds to help offset Seminarian Education.

CHAKOTA'S 14th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: "The Mane Event". Join us at the Albers American Legion on Sat., March 28th, for a fun night to raise money for your local non profit equine therapy center! Tickets are \$40 per person in advance, or \$45 per person at the door. Includes a happy hour, great dinner, & dessert. Doors open at 4:00pm, happy hour 4:30pm-6:00pm; dinner & silent auction 5:00pm-7:00pm. That is followed by a live auction & music/dancing. Contact Jan Reinhardt at 604-6994 for tickets or to donate an item for the auction.