

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

March 29, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Mar. 30	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Mar. 31	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Apr. 01	7:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Holy Thursday	7:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Good Friday	1:30pm	Good Friday Service [Not a Mass]
Holy Saturday	8:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Easter Sunday	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish 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:

We have seen how Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, at a Passover meal. When the Lord Jesus said, "This is my Body," the entire substance of the bread was changed into his Body. When he said, "This is my Blood," the entire substance of the wine was changed into his Blood.

After the substance of the bread and wine had been changed into our Lord's Body and Blood, there remained only the appearances of bread and wine, that is, their color, taste, weight, shape, and whatever else appears to the senses.

Let us recall this during this week, especially at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von Deeke

BIBLE STUDY: Hopefully your Holy Week will be richer after participating in "No Greater Love" the past five weeks. There will be a conclusion of the No Greater Love bible study on the Resurrection on Tues., April 7th at 10am & 6:30pm. Even if you did not attend the Lenten series, you're welcome to join us in Room 1 at the parish center.

EASTER BASKET BLESSING: The Easter Egg is a symbol of new life - the Risen Christ. *Easter Sunday, after the 7:30am & 9:30am Masses*, we will bless Easter Eggs. The Little Ones need to bring their Easter Baskets to Mass. Father Von will distribute Easter eggs with them at the end of Mass.



EASTER MORNING PRELUDE

Beginning at 9:10am



OFFERINGS MARCH 21st & 22nd:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,926.00
Loose:	\$ 486.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,213.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 4,625.00



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



Quilters working hard on some beautiful quilts for the picnic!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 210.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 95.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 103.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goesten Kors
Carla Haselhorst	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. 29 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- Mon. Mar. 30 - 7:00pm - CYM Meeting
- Tues. Mar. 31 - 10:00am - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1
- 6:30pm - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1
- †**Thu. Apr. 02 - 7:00pm - THE LORD'S SUPPER**
- †**Fri. Apr. 03 - 1:30pm - GOOD FRIDAY**
- †**Sat. Apr. 04 - 8:00pm - EASTER VIGIL**
- †**Sun. Apr. 05 - 7:30am & 9:30am - EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**
- No Sunday School Classes

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!!

LENTEN RICE BOWL RETURNS: Rice Bowls will be collected THIS WEEKEND.

IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: NEXT weekend, there will be a second collection for the "Parish Improvement Fund" which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc.



2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

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DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Thank you to the **67 households** that have pledged to support CSMA. So far **\$9,895.00** has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. **Thank you!**

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION: "Will you watch and pray with me for one hour? (Jesus' plea to his apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane.)

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER? Please spend some time in Church in prayer after Mass on Holy Thursday. A suggested schedule is:

Schedule for Families and Server Eucharist Guards

- 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. - A - G **Don & Mary Schulte**
- 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. - H - K **Callen & Amy Strubhart**
- 10:00 - 10:30 p.m. - L - P **(2) Volunteers**
- 10:30 - 11:00 p.m. - R - S **(2) Volunteers**
- 11:00 - 11:30 p.m. - T - Z **Coleen Klein & (1) Volunteer**

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND COLLECTION: On Friday, April 3rd, Pope Leo XIV has asked parishes to support the Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps provide Catholic religious education and schools. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, the Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

GOOD FRIDAY: 1) Everyone 14yrs. of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on **GOOD FRIDAY**. 2) Everyone 18yrs. of age and over (but under 59yrs.) is also bound to fast on **GOOD FRIDAY**. Fast and Abstinence, only one full meal is allowed. Two other **SMALL** meatless meals may be eaten, sufficient to maintain strength only, but altogether should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. (When health or ability to work would be **SERIOUSLY** affected the fast obligation can be modified). 3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

THANK YOU TO MAURICE NETEMEYER & THE QUILT LADIES:

The parish is very lucky to have an amazing group of women who work weeks throughout the year making **BEAUTIFUL** quilts! We thank you for your dedication and time. Thank you **MAURICE** for providing lunch throughout the year for the quilters.

Thank you to all the volunteers for bringing in the soups & **YUMMY** desserts and those who served the lunch. It is greatly appreciated!"

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!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

- Mon. March 30 - 5:00pm - St. Barbara, Scheller
- Tues. March 31 - 5:00pm - St. Charles, Dubois



FAITH FOCUS

The Easter Triduum --Complete your Lenten journey and join us as we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and Resurrection. This is the most powerful week of our liturgical year!



It begins on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Last Supper and washing of feet. Mass doesn't end though... There is no dismissal or final blessing. The evening's celebration concludes with a "stripping of the altar" in which not only are all decorations removed, the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the tabernacle on the main altar and processed to an altar of repose outside the main body of the church.

Come back on Good Friday for the celebration of the Lord's Passion, veneration of the cross, and reception Holy Communion. At the conclusion, we depart in silence.

Then, join us on Saturday Night for the Easter Vigil and see the new Paschal candle lit, hear the Liturgy of the Word, renew your Baptismal Vows, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. What a Great way to complete your Lenten Journey!

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



APRIL 2026 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES are now available on the website www.stfrancisav.org/schedules.

SERVANTS OF ST FRANCIS UPDATE: The Parish is pleased to announce we are implementing our 12th Outreach,

Coping with Loss- Reaching out to Parishioners, via Mail and/or a Visit, who experience the Loss of a Loved one. If interested in assisting, contact Diane Wellen 618 623-8866 Wellens5@sbcglobal.net

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.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Sun. Mar. 29 - Auxiliary "Sip N Shop"(details below)
- Wed. Apr. 01 - SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

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.



Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2026-2027. Deadline: April 1st**

AVISTON CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES Thurs.-Sun., May 14-16, 2026. Email avistongaragesale@gmail.com by April 30th if your would like to be added to the list with your address, along with description of what you will be selling.

