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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Apr. 11 <i>First Communion</i>	4:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Sun. Apr. 12	7:30am	Kyle Horstmann Margaret Ottensmeier by CFL6
	9:30am	JB & Anne Timmermann Norbert & Stella Hollenkamp Family
Mon. Apr. 13	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Apr. 14	7:30am	Mary Rita & Henry Hilmes
Wed. Apr. 15	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. Apr. 16	7:30am	Hank Feldmann
Fri. Apr. 17	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Apr. 18	4:00pm	Jennifer Kalmer Karla Draper Nick Strubhart Dolores Von Bokel
Sun. Apr. 19	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet Martin & MaryAnn Haselhorst Joe & Virginia Reipperda
	9:30am	Dora Beer Deacon Charles Litteken Al & Loretta Haselhorst

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:

Congratulations to our second graders who are receiving First Communion this Saturday! May you stay close to Jesus and know his love as you receive him often in Holy Communion in the years ahead!

Thank you again to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Masses and services such beautiful and great acts of worship of God. May we continue to celebrate our risen Lord Jesus in this Easter Season.

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

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

- May 1st 7:00pm- Confirmation
- May 3rd 9:30am- Scholarship Announcements
- May 5th 6:00pm -incoming 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting
- May 10th- 9:30am- CYM Mass (Selling of Roses for Pro Life)
- July 6th-10th - 9:00am- Noon - St. Francis Vacation Bible School
- July 18th & 19th - 11:00am-3:00pm - St. Francis Parish Quilt Show
- Aug. 1st - St. Francis Parish Annual Picnic

OFFERINGS APRIL 4th & 5th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,220.00
Loose: \$ 1,530.72
Easter Offering: \$ 7,329.50
Online Giving: \$ 2,936.00
General Fund Total: \$ 13,016.22



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



First Communion Banners 2026

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 3,549.00
CRS Rice Bowl \$ 49.90
Holy Land/ Good Friday \$ 1,505.50
Catholic Communications \$ 50.00
Catholic Home Missions \$ 70.00
Seminarian Education \$ 100.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

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| 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. Apr. 12 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- Tues. Apr. 13 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #1
- Sun. Apr. 19 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class



SYMPATHY: Remember **Terry O. Haller** (father of Amy Frohn) who passed away. Please keep **Terry and his family** in your prayers.



CONGRATULATIONS: To the 2nd Grade Class who received the



Body and Blood of Christ for the first time this weekend. They are: Hudson Budde, Clay Buss, Liam Fischer, Mateo Garcia, Jensen Gill, Olivia Holtmann, Cade Jansen, Colton Kehrer, Rion Kehrer, Brynnee Kleber, Melody Korte, Waylon Korte, Kamryn Linnemann, Alayna Litteken, Beckett Litteken, Ella Ratermann, Alivia Romanitis, Hayes Schwierjohn, Gemma

Stratmann, Adalyn Strieker, Barrett Timmermann, Sutton Venhaus.

Special thanks to Tammy Kampwerth, Terry Thole, Krissy Venturini, Diane Wellen, Fr. Von C. Deeke, Dcn. Brad Haar, Sister Jeannette Fennewald, SSND, our parents, relatives, organist, choir and all who helped with the ministries at the Mass to help make this a special day for us to remember always.

BAPTISM PREP: The next class is Sunday, April 26th after 9:30am Mass. Church regulations require parents of children being baptized to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Reservations are required by calling the Parish office at 228-7219.



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 are now available! Go to the Parish website www.stfrancisav.org and click VBS under the Links & Forms tab. To use the “pay online” option, scan the QR code or go to this direct link www.osvhub.com/stfrancisav/forms/vbs-2026



PSR TEACHERS NEEDED: As we celebrate Easter, our hearts are on fire with the love that Jesus has shown for us and the realization that we can share our love with others. One way to do that is by teaching PSR. A great way to get your day off to a good start! Teachers are needed 7:30-8:15am on Mon., Wed. & Fri.. There are openings in grades 1-5. Some teachers teach 3 days and others share the class with another person. Please pray about it and think about what a great opportunity this is for you. If you can volunteer or have questions, please contact Sr. Jeannette 228-7219.

PSR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! To register, go to our web page www.stfrancisav.org and click PSR Registration under the Links & Forms tab. To use the “pay online” option, scan the QR code or go to the direct link www.osvhub.com/stfrancisav/religious-ed/parish-school-of-religion-psr-2026.



QUILTING for the 2026 picnic will continue on every Tuesday, now until **June 16th** from **12Noon-4:30pm** in the **Parish Center**. Please come and help!

NEW BISHOP’S ORDINATION INVITATION: Bishop-elect, Fr. Godfrey Mullen has invited six (6) representatives from our parish to attend his Ordination & Installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville on **Friday, May 1, 2026 at 1:30pm** at St. Peter Cathedral in Belleville. Therefore, I will select individuals to attend by lottery. If interested, submit your name to the rectory by April 20th for the drawing. Winners will be called on April 21st. Call the parish office (618-228-7219) to submit your name.



FAITH FOCUS

PRAYER- Come to God in prayer with a humble and contrite heart.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: “But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our own pride and will, or ‘out of the depths’ of a humble and contrite heart?” (paragraph 2559)

So often our prayers can sound like: “God, what can You do for me? Take this problem away. I cannot handle this right now.” Notice how easily prayer can become centered on “I.”

God hears every one of those prayers and responds with the love of a Father: “Oh, my dear child.” But He also invites us deeper—not only to bring Him our problems, but to trust in His mercy and grace.

Prayer is not only asking God to change our circumstances. It is allowing Him to change our hearts.

This week, take a moment to ask yourself: Am I trusting God? Am I resting in Him? Do I believe He truly loves me?

BI-MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING: The *lucky winner* of the March 2026 Quilt Raffle is **Pat Biver** of Trenton, IL. She graciously donated it back for the Church Picnic. **Thank you so much Pat!**

ATTENTION CRAFTERS & DIYers: We are hoping to upgrade our



Country Store at the Picnic this year. Do you have a critcut 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, signs, decor), mesh wreaths, etc. Please call/text Lee Jansen (401-2953) to drop off any items.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues Apr. 14 - 7:30pm SAL Meeting
Thurs. Apr. 16 - 7:00pm Exec. Board Meeting
Fri. Apr. 17 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

BREAKFAST: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 269 will be hosting an All you can eat breakfast on Sun., Apr. 12, at Germantown Legion from 8:00am-11:30am. Includes sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, biscuits & gravy. Wheelchair accessible. Carry-outs available. Proceeds to benefit local food pantries & Veterans in need.

SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: St. Elizabeth Altar Society’s Marine, IL. April 25th, 9:00am - 3:00pm. Crafts, Local Small Business Crafts, Food & Free Entry.

BLESSING OF THE FARM: All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm** led by Fr. Godfrey on

Wed., April 28th at 1:00pm at the Ryan Peter Family Farm located at 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel, IL. Those attending are invited to bring seeds, farm animals, farm equipment and machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

ROOTED IN PRAYER : RADIANT IN FAITH: North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women is hosting a day of spiritual reflection on Wed., April 29, 8:00am-3:00pm at St. Theresa of Avilla, Parish Center, 812 W. Main St. In Salem, IL.

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.