

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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 Ripperda
	9:30am	Dora Beer Deacon Charles Litteken Al & Loretta Haselhorst
Mon. Apr. 20	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Apr. 21	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Wed. Apr. 22	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Thur. Apr. 23	7:30am	Dora Beer
Fri. Apr. 24	7:30am	Margaret Ottensmeier
Sat. Apr. 25	4:00pm	Don Boeser Gene Daiber David Nettemeier L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family
Sun. Apr. 26	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole

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:

A few weeks ago, we saw that, at the words of Jesus in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass, "This is my body," and "This is my blood," the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This is called Transubstantiation. Jesus is whole and entire both under the appearances of bread and wine. Jesus is able to change bread and wine into his Body and Blood by his almighty power as God. Jesus continues this change in his Church through the ministry of his priests.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von Deeke

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

May 1st 7:00pm- Confirmation

May 3rd 9:30am- Ratermann Scholarship Announcements

May 6th 6:00pm -incoming 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting

May 10th- 9:30am- CYM Mass (Selling of Roses for Pro Life)

June 20th (UPDATED) - Fueled by Faith Event at the Aviston Park

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 11th & 12th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,134.00
Loose:	\$ 354.00
Easter Offering:	\$ 250.00
Online Giving:	<u>\$ 2,723.00</u>
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,461.00

*Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



2026 First Communicants

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 904.00
CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 21.82
Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Servants of St. Francis	\$ 50.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Carla 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. 19 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- 10:45am - Ratermann Scholarship Interviews
Tues. Apr. 21 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #1
Sun. Apr. 26 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- 10:30am - Baptismal Prep Class @ Parish Center



CONGRATULATIONS to **Palmer Bea Sudholt** (son of Tony & Sarah [Pollmann] Sudholt) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Palmer** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember **Maureen "Moe" Goestenkors & Trudy Strieker** who passed away. Please keep **Moe, Trudy and their families** in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, our second collection supports the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*. Over 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories are unable to fund essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation & sacramental needs. The funds also help support some ministry programs within our own Diocese. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.



ACCOMPANIST NEEDED for 4:00pm, Saturday and 7:30am & 9:30am, Sunday, liturgies. We are looking for an organist, pianist, or a guitar player. If interested, contact Lois Brandmeyer at 618-806-9286 or Amber, our parish secretary at 618-228-7219 or email parish@stfrancisav.org



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- God is seeking you.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CC2560) reminds us...”If you knew the gift of God...”In prayer, we often think we are searching for God - but He is the one who first seeks us. When Jesus said, “I thirst” on the cross, He revealed His deep desire for your heart. Prayer is simply responding to the desire. Come as you are - no pretending, no hiding, He just wants all of you, He knows you and loves you.

This week: Take a few quiet moments to be still and let yourself be loved by God.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST. FRANCIS QUILT SHOW is on July 18th & 19th from 11:00am-3:00pm at the St. Francis Parish Center.

PICNIC QUILTS REMINDER: All picnic quilts need to be turned in the weekend of **July 11th & 12th**. Please make sure the names are on your quilt. Any questions please contact, Martha Ribbing at (618-228-7433).



ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC is the first Saturday in August every year. Save the date for Saturday, August 1st, 2026. Please call Amber at the rectory if you would like to volunteer for a couple hours to help out the Parish that day! Your help is needed!! (618-228-7219)



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. Please add a tag with your name so we know who it is donated by. Thank you!

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Mon. Apr. 20 - 7:00pm Legion Meeting
 Tues. Apr. 21 - 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting
 Thur. Apr. 23 - 7:30pm K of C Meeting
 Fri. Apr. 24 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

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 29th, 8:00am-3:00pm at St. Theresa of Avilla, Parish Center, 812 W. Main St. In Salem, IL.

The Messenger will publish the High School Graduation Supplement May 21, 2026. They also print photos of the Valedictorians and Salutatorians with the students’ names, high school, parish, and parent’s names. Portrait style or close up shots print better. Please submit photos through e-mail in .jpg format with a resolution of 300 dpi. Deadline to submit information is **May 1st**. Send an email to parish@stfrancisav.org.