

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sat. Apr. 25	4:00pm	Don Boeser Gene Daiber David Nettemeier L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family
Sun. Apr. 26	7:30am 9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family Robert & Florence Thole
Mon. Apr. 27	7:30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues. Apr. 28	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Wed. Apr. 29	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. Apr. 30	7:30am	Connie & Tom Robben Family
Fri. May 01	7:30am 7:00pm	St. Parish Family <b>CONFIRMATION</b>
Sat. May 02	4:00pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart
Sun. May 03	7:30am 9:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp L/D Tony & Clara Toennies 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:** Why does Jesus give us his own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist?

- To be offered as a sacrifice, making sacramentally present his sacrifice on the cross,
- So that we can receive him in Holy Communion, and
- To remain with us in the Tabernacle as proof of his love for us, and to be worshipped by us.

Let us pray for Fr. Godfrey Mullen, who will be Ordained a Bishop this Friday, and to our eighth-grade students, who will be Confirmed this Friday evening.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von Deeke

**IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!**

May 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm- Confirmation

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30am- Ratermann Scholarship Announcements

May 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm -incoming 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting

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

June 20<sup>th</sup> (UPDATED)- Fueled by Faith Event at the Aviston Park

July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am- Noon - St. Francis Vacation Bible School

July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am-3:00pm - St. Francis Parish Quilt Show

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - St. Francis Parish Annual Picnic

**CONGRATULATIONS to Franklin Wayne & Henry Gerard Dall**

(twin sons of Clinton Dall & Erin Fleshren), **Hardin Travis Dall** (son of William Dall & Kenzie Belcher), **Barrett Lee Davis** (son of Clinton Dall & Morgan [Dall] Davis), who were all baptized last weekend. We welcome **Franklin, Henry, Hardin & Barrett** to our faith family.



**OFFERINGS APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>:**

**General Fund**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,560.00
Loose:	\$ 610.00
Easter Offering:	\$ 100.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,073.00
<b>General Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,343.00</b>

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



*1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR class Kindness Mission- made cards & coloring pages for the nursing home and cancer patients.*

**Special Collections:**

<b>Improvement Fund</b>	\$ 210.00
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	\$ 20.00

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

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. 26 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- 10:30am - Baptismal Prep Class @ Parish Center
- Tues. Apr. 28 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #1
- Fri. May 01 - 7:00pm Confirmation**
- Sun. May 03 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
- 9:30am - Ratermann Scholarship Announcements

**ALL RATERMANN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: should be at 9:30am Mass on May 3, 2026 to be recognized.**



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

**SECOND COLLECTION: *This 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](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**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.

**UPDATED!** Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. **THANK YOU** or being a part of this effort! With your generosity we have raised a total of **\$2,587.49**. The local charity, Aviston Grade School Food Insecurity, received **25% (\$646.87)**.

**BAPTISM PREP:** The next class is **this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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](http://www.osvhub.com/stfrancisav/forms/vbs-2026)

**PSR TEACHERS NEEDED:** The Parish School of Religion is in need of several teachers in grades 1-5. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30-8:15 am. It is a great opportunity to share your faith and love for Jesus and to get your day started with making a positive impact with the next generation. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Sister Jeannette 618-228-7219.

**PSR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** To register, go to our web page [www.stfrancisav.org](http://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](http://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 806-9286 or Amber, our secretary at 228-7219 or email [parish@stfrancisav.org](mailto:parish@stfrancisav.org)

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

**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.

**FAITH FOCUS**

**POSITIVE PRAYER-**

Pray for yourself and others:  
 ...that our hearts grow closer to God  
 ...that we make wise choices  
 ...that we live with integrity  
 ...that we become more like Jesus



Prayer doesn't just change situations-it transforms the hearts, starting with our own

This week: Pray this for yourself and someone in your life and watch how God begins to renew and strengthen those relationships.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**ST. FRANCIS QUILT SHOW** is on July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 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, macrames, 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:**  
 Fri. May 01 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

**BLESSING OF THE FARM:** All are invited to the **Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm** led by Fr. Godfrey on **Tues., April 28<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-3:00pm at St. Theresa of Avila, 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Send an email to [parish@stfrancisav.org](mailto:parish@stfrancisav.org).

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** at Albers American Legion. Sun., **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00am-12Noon. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$15.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00, Under 5 Free. Adult Carry-out's available.

