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April 05, 2026 Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

<i>Holy Saturday</i>	8:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Mon. Apr. 06	7:30am	NO MASS
Tues. Apr. 07	7:30am	Joseph "Joe" Brueggemann
Wed. Apr. 08	7:30am	Rosemary Venhaus
Thur. Apr. 09	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Apr. 10	7:30pm	Margaret Ottensmeier
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

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:

Today we celebrate the victory of our Lord Jesus over death, as we observe Easter Sunday. May we come to know and experience more and more the new life won for us by Jesus as we draw close to him in prayer, read of his life in Scripture, and receive him in the Eucharist.

Thank you to all who have helped to make our Palm Sunday, Triduum and Easter liturgies such great acts of worship to God the Father and his Son, Jesus. Thank you also to all who are responding to the call of God the Holy Spirit to make Saint Francis a more welcoming and outgoing parish, sharing the Good News of Jesus with all. Let us continue to pray for each other. Fr. Von

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

April 11th 4:00pm- First Communion

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 ProLife)

June 27 - Fueled by Faith Event at the Aviston Park

July 6-10th - 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

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 28th & 29th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,663.00
Loose:	\$ 818.01
Easter Offering:	\$ 25.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,417.50
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,923.51



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



Aviston Grade School collected tabs for the Shriners Hospital!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 602.50
CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 2,469.56
Holy Land/ Good Friday	\$ 175.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 25.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 25.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 25.00



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goestenkors
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. 05 - 7:30am & 9:30am - HAPPY EASTER!!!

NO Sunday School Class

Mon. Apr. 06 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tues. Apr. 07 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #1

Sat. Apr. 11 - 4:00pm FIRST COMMUNION

Sun. Apr. 12 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class



The **EASTER LILY MEMORIAL LISTS** are available at all entrances of church.

SYMPATHY: Remember *Mary M. Schulte* (mother of Joyce (Mark) Olliges & sister of Betty Von Bokel) *Kathleen "Kathy" J. Rakers* (mother of Jeff Rakers) who passed away. Please keep *Mary, Kathy and their families* in your prayers.



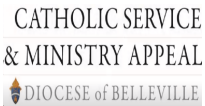
IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: **THIS weekend**, there will be a second collection for the "Parish Improvement Fund" which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc.

THANK YOU! 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 **\$2,469.56**. The local charity, Aviston Grade School Food Insecurity, received **25% (\$617.39)**.



2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):

Thank you to the **79 households** that have pledged to support CSMA. So far **\$15,245.00** has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you!



Easter Blessings:

We pray that God may bless you and your loved ones with the peace, the hope and the love that the Lord gave to us all through the Resurrection of Jesus.

*Ministries and Agencies Funded by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Catholic Diocese of Belleville*



THE EASTER EGG: For centuries, the world has marked the Resurrection of the Lord with eggs, the harbor of new life. The Easter meaning of the egg is found in the struggle of the chick to free itself from its confines so as to take flight into the much bigger world beyond it. We, too, struggle to break out of our world that we perceive as going to pieces: we pick away at an existence that leaves us dissatisfied and unfulfilled. The promise of the Easter Christ is that we can break out of our self-contained little "shells" and take flight into a much bigger world; a world where peace and justice reign, a world illuminated by hope and warmed by love, a world that extends beyond time and place into the forever of God's dwelling place. It's up to you, the "chick"! **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL !!**

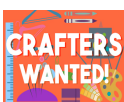


BAPTISM PREP: The next class is Sunday, April 26th at 9:30am. Church regulations require parents of children being baptized to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Reservations are required by calling the Parish office at 228-7219.

BIBLE STUDY: 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.



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, signs, decor), mesh wreaths, etc. Please call/text Lee Jansen (401-2953) to drop off any items.



FAITH FOCUS

Easter --Christ is risen! Alleluia! Death could not hold Him, and because He lives, we have been born again to a living hope. This Easter, may the joy of the Resurrection open our hearts more deeply to Christ and the new life He offers us.



ST. FRANCIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

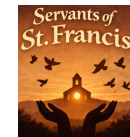
What: Rainforest Falls VBS!
When: July 6-10th from 9:00am – 12Noon
Where: St. Francis Parish Center
Who: Kids going into K-5th Grade as of Aug. 2026.
Registration Forms are now available! Go to the Parish website www.stfrancisav.org or to use the "pay online" option, go to this direct link www.osvhub.com/stfrancisav/forms/vbs-2026



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.



SERVANTS OF ST FRANCIS: Check out the new flyers posted at all entrances! Please reach out to Colleen Harper or Kim Dickshot if you have questions or if you additional ideas on ways to help our community.



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!

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.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Sun. Apr. 05 - Easter Egg Hunt - Aviston Park @1:30
Fri. Apr. 10 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

AVISTON CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES : Thurs.-Sun., May 14-16.



Email avistongaragesale@gmail.com by April 30th if you would like to be added to the list with your address, along with description of what you will be selling.

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!

BREAKFAST: All you can eat 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.