

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. May 16	1:00pm	Wedding: Cameron Kapp & Madison Olliges
	4:00pm	Joseph Frank Kujawa Genevieve Lueke Dolores Von Bokel L/D Robert Von Bokel Family
Sun. May 17	7:30am	Allen Horstmann Olinda & Dick Kues Family
	9:30am	Carla Dall Knackstedt Gary Peek & Gerhard Peek Michaela Rose Kampwerth
Mon. May 18		NO MASS
Tues. May 19	7:30am	Fr. Steven Poole
Wed. May 20	7:30am	Arline Wittenauer
Thur. May 21	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Fri. May 22	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. May 23	4:00pm	Judy Markus David Nettemeier Deacon Charles Litteken Mike Haukap
Sun. May 24	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet Florence Frohn Gene Ottensmeier
	9:30am	Don Boeser Dora Beer L/D Aviston Legion, Auxiliary Members & SAL

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 sacrifice is the offering of a victim by a priest to God alone, and the destruction of it in some way to acknowledge that God is the Creator of all things. In the Old Testament, the Jewish people offered animals as victims of sacrifice to God.

It is similar to us offering gifts to loved ones. Our gifts show our love for the loved one.

In Eucharistic Prayer One of the Mass, we recall some of the sacrifices of the Old Testament: the gifts of Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of the high priest, Melchizedek.

Jesus, as priest, offers himself, as victim, on the cross, and makes that one sacrifice present in the Mass.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von Deeke

CONGRATULATIONS to Cameron & Madison (Olliges) Kapp

upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



OFFERINGS MAY 9th & 10th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,587.00
Loose:	\$ 831.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,883.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,301.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Sunday School 2025-2026

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 869.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 695.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 150.00

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	Darvin Zeisset	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tues. May 19 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #1

Thur. May 21 - 7:00pm - Central High School Graduation

Sun. May 24 - 9:30am - Aviston Legion & Auxiliary Member Mass

Mon. May 25th - Church office closed - Memorial Day

MASS TO HONOR THE GRADUATES at ALL the weekend masses on **May 30th & 31st**. We will honor our 2026 Graduates (Eighth Grade, High School and College). Please let us know if you have a College Graduate so we can add their name to the list of those graduating. Please advise us if they will be in attendance at the weekend masses.



Call 228-7219 or e-mail parish@stfrancisav.org!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

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

June 23rd - 6:00pm- Parish Center Cleanup for VBS & Picnic

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

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, May 16 & 17, is for *Seminarian Education*. DID YOU KNOW??? It takes 6 years after college to prepare one seminarian for the priesthood. It costs approximately \$47,000 per year to educate one seminarian after college graduation. The Diocese of Belleville currently has 5 seminarians preparing for Ordination. Please consider a donation to support the education & formation of men who are discerning a call to ordained priesthood. We must continue efforts to invite young people to consider priesthood & religious life. With more seminarians, we incur more costs. A gift to this collection is an investment in the future of our Church. **Thank you** for your generosity & may God bless you.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, May 23 & 24th is for *Catholic Communication Campaign*. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States & developing countries using the internet, TV, radio & print media. Half of the money collected remains here in our Belleville Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! Learn more usccb.org/cc

QUILTING for the 2026 picnic will continue on every Tuesday, now until **June 16th** from **12Noon-4:30pm** in the **Primary Room #2**. Please come and help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!:

PARISH PICNIC MEETING: Next picnic meeting is on **Monday, June 15th at 7:00pm** in the Heritage Room. **It is important** that **ALL Chairs & Co-Chairs** attend!!

PARISH CENTER CLEAN-UP: The annual clean-up of the parish center will be Tuesday, **June 23rd** at 6:00pm. Bring a bucket and rag and the job will get done quickly. *Everyone's help is needed!!*

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

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

SERVANTS OF ST. FRANCIS: June 20, 6:00pm -9:00pm. Be a part of an inspiring evening created for young adults ages 18-30 (though everyone is welcome!) from Clinton County and nearby communities. Fueled By Faith blends music, faith, & connection in a lively & welcoming atmosphere. For more information and to register, scan the QR code!

FAITH FOCUS

Hail Mary, Full of Grace- Only twice does the angel Gabriel appear in Scripture: the Book of Daniel (Old Testament), and in Luke. It is in Luke's gospel where Mary is told she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Son of God, marking the Incarnation. Of additional significance is Gabriel's unique greeting to Mary: "Hail kecharitomene." By using the phrase more as a title, Mary is noted by the angel Gariel as having already been thoroughly graced by God prior to his meeting her. The favored (and technically -but not exclusively- correct) Catholic translation is "full of grace," one that most fully supports the Catholic doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Kids going into K-5th Grade as of Aug 2026. July 6-10th from 9:00am-12Noon at the St. Francis Parish Center. \$15 Donation per child to help cover expenses would be appreciated. Bible Stories, Imagination station, games, snacks, songs, & skits. Go to www.stfrancisav.org, click VBS under the Links & Forms tab. Pay online by scanning the QR code or go to this direct link osvhub.com/stfrancisav/forms/vbs-2026 For more info call Janice Lampe (228-7709) or Sue Szoke (228-7811). **FIRM DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JUNE 29, 2026.**



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 got 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 806-9286 or Amber, our secretary at 228-7219 or email parish@stfrancisav.org



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

- Mon. May 18 - 7:00pm Legion Meeting
- Tues. May 19 - 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting
- Fri. May 22 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

PEDALING 4 PARKINSONS: Sat. **June 13th** Aviston Park, Ride

begins at 9:30am. Deadline to register & receive a T-Shirt is **May 15th**. For more info go to the ACIC Fb page or <https://form.jotform.com/260508547311150>



The Ascension app (Free app): has a special this month on the mass. The Mass in a Month, Edward Siri goes through the parts of the mass and helps us with the understanding of every part of the mass.



CANCER (HEALING) MASS at St. Dominic, Breese on **Sat., June 6th at 9:00am**. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses. All are welcome to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS! Volunteers needed to deliver meals in Aviston, once a month & takes about an hour. The meals are picked up at the WCCSSC in Trenton about 10:15. We currently deliver to 8 people. Please call Barb Haselhorst, 618-806-2948 to volunteer. Also, anyone can have lunch there, Mon thru Fri. To reserve your meal, call 618-224-9913 by 9:00. Meals are served there about 11:30. Cost to seniors is \$5.

