

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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 <i>L/D Aviston Legion, Auxiliary Members & SAL</i>
Mon. May 25		NO MASS
Tues. May 26	7:30am	Margaret Ottensmeier
Wed. May 27	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. May 28	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Fri. May 29	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. May 30	4:00pm	Graduates Recognition Cindy & Gerry Zurliene Family L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family Karla Draper
Sun. May 31	7:30am	Graduates Recognition St. Francis Parish Family
	9:30am	Graduates Recognition Richard & Dorothy Richter Olinda & Dick Kues 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: We have now completed our 3 Parish Center Steering Committee Meetings. The Parish Center Executive Committee members are: Fr. Von Deeke, April Foutch, Milissa Faust, Dan Mondt, Dave Weis, and Amber Griesbaum. The Parish Center Steering Committee members who attended meetings are: Mark & Jan Dall, Blake Feldmann, Colleen Harper, Beth Hollenkamp, Corey Huegen, Lee Jansen, Kevin & Angie Kohlbrecher, John & Karen Kolmer, Kevin & Peg Litteken, Paul & Ruth Litteken, Steve & Diane Maue, Joe Millard, Joe Munie, David & Cathie Schroeder, Craig & Amy Strubhart, & Tricia Weis. Thanks to all who are serving on these important committees. The next step is to have Input/ Listening Sessions. Please see the bulletin insert for meeting times and locations.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von Deeke

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

OFFERINGS MAY 16th & 17th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,895.00
Loose:	\$ 507.00
Easter Offering	\$ 40.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,688.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,130.00



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



3rd grade PSR students picked up tree branches etc from a neighbor's yard. Service, kindness, and friendship in action!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 300.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 1,182.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 351.00



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:

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

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

Tues. May 26 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #2

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



SECOND COLLECTION: *This 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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Juddson Emil Garcia** (son of Emil & Shelby [Buehne] Garcia) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Juddson** to our faith family.

SYMPATHIES: Remember **Cindy G. Korte** (sister of Barb [Tom] Brandmeyer) & **Chris Conklin** (she was a St. Francis Parish Quilter) who died. Keep **Cindy, Chris & their families** in your prayers.

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

QUILT SHOW & PICNIC FLYERS are now available at all Church entrances for distribution to businesses, etc. Please share our posts on Facebook. Help spread the word & advertise our 2026 Picnic.

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)

URGENTLY NEEDED! We need you! We have an urgent need for a new **chair for ADVERTISING**. The Admin Assistant, Amber Griesbaum, will help train. A few things the Advertising chair will do is: contact newspapers, radio stations, and local churches for the Quilt Show and Picnic, take Quilt Show & Picnic flyers to businesses, take notes at the picnic meetings, etc. If interested, please email (parish@stfrancisav.org) or call Amber at the rectory (618-228-7219).

FUELED BY FAITH YOUNG ADULT EVENT: June 20, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, at Aviston Park. 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!

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.

FAITH FOCUS

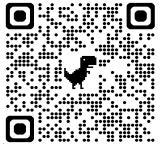
The Wedding at Cana

The Blessed Virgin is identified either by name or as “the Mother of Jesus” fewer than two dozen times in the Bible, mostly in context of the birth of Jesus. But her role in Christ’s ministry here on Earth is nothing short of earth shaking! It was at the Wedding at Cana where Jesus turned water into wine *because of Mary’s intercession on behalf of the people gathered at the wedding feast*. Mary stated the problem to Jesus (“...they have no wine...”), endured his rebukes (“O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”), then simply told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” It seems clear things would have been different without Mary’s intercession. And what an incredibly concise statement of discipleship!



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



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. May 28 - 7:30pm K of C Meeting
Fri. May 29 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

PEDALING 4 PARKINSONS: Sat. **June 13th** Aviston Park, Ride begins at 9:30am. Go to the ACIC Fb page or <https://form.jotform.com/260508547311150>



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.

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.