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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. May 30	4:00pm	Graduates Recognition Cindy & Gerry Zurliene Family Karla Draper L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. May 31	7:30am	Graduates Recognition St. Francis Parish Family
	9:30am	Graduates Recognition Richard & Dorothy Richter Olinda & Dick Kues Family
Mon. June 01		NO MASS
Tues. June 02	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Wed. June 03	7:30am	Mary Lou Bowman
Thur. June 04	7:30am	Jeffory Morrison
Fri. June 05	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. June 06	4:00pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Clem & Gertrude Peters Dale Peters Don & Judy Wellinghoff Family
Sun. May 31	7:30am	Florence Frohn Bertha Wilke
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole

OFFERINGS MAY 23rd & 24th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,110.00
Loose:	\$ 575.25
Online Giving:	\$ 2,538.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,223.25



Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



2026-2027 Ratermann Scholarship Awardees!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 80.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 145.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 357.00
Peter Pence	\$ 25.00

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. June 02 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #2
- Fri. June 05 - First Friday Calls

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 2 of 11 input/listening sessions. Please see the insert for meeting times and locations.

Let us pray for each other. -Fr. Von Deeke

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

- June 15th - 7:00pm - Picnic Meeting
- 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



CONGRATULATIONS to **Dallas Sutton Klein** (son of Cameron & Cierra [McKee] Klein) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Dallas** to our faith family.

SYMPATHIES: Remember **Ronald R. Thomas** (father of Ann [Ken]



Faust) & **Kimberly R. "Kim" Hegger** (wife of Jason Hegger; mother of Brayden & Ryker Hegger) who passed away. Keep **Ronald, Kimberly & their families** in your prayers.

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.



JUNE 2026 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES are now on the website at stfrancisav.org/parish-life/schedules

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.



CONGRATULATIONS
ST. FRANCIS GRADUATES
CLASS OF 2026



GRADE SCHOOLS:

AVISTON ELEMENTARY- 8th Grade:

Aubrey Eversgerd, Makayla Foster, Dylan Gerstner, Easton Griffith, Arabella Horstmann, Hutley Howard, Ava Huegen, Elise Kohnen, Madyson Korte, Brycen Langenhorst, Emma Lappe, Audrey LeCroy, Carter Markwell, Braxten Kehder, Kolby Young, Emmett Schmeink, Emma Kampwerth, Brennan Toennies, Noelle Venturini, Jillian Von Hatten, Archer Voss, Laynie Weathers, Adalyn Jansen, Tyson Hollenkamp, Fischer Hollenkamp, Aliya Hollenkamp, Amelia Hoelscher, Farrah Herley, Gabriel Heimann, Callie Haselhorst, Braelyn Haar, Aiden Deien, Caleb Deien, Waylan Buehne, Addyson Budde, Mason Brandmeyer, Cameron Boeckman, Augustus Block, Alexis Bellemey, Clara Netemeyer, Aubrey Netemeyer, Myla McAllister, Jackson Timmermann.

HIGH SCHOOLS:

CENTRAL:

Maxwell Albers, Evan Borowiak, Eli Griffith, Conlan Haar, Ryker Hegger, Aubrey Melton, Ean Kehrer, Danica Krebs, Lydia Kuhn, Lily Lappe, Caiden Litteken, Sophie Markus, Alexia Powell, Adalyn Powell, Alyse Powell, Quinn Rakers, Aubrey Rakers, Mabree Strubhart, Taylor Trame, Karsyn Voss, Bryce Wieter.

MATER DEI:

Keegan Kohlbrecher, Reagan Napovanice, Reed Pingsterhaus, Melaina Rakers, Beckett Wade.

COLLEGES:

*Illinois College- Reagan Oster
Kaskaskia- Carissa Litteken & Cecelia Richter
Lindenwood University- Easton Rakers
McKendree University- Nathan Rakers & Carly Smothers
Murray State University- Melanie Hilmes
SIU Edwardsville- Kayla Thole
Southeast Missouri University- Joseph Wieter
St. Louis University- Mason Millard
University of Indianapolis- Ella Palm
University of Louisville- Jayce Napovanice*



FAITH FOCUS

May is Mary's Month

This week we complete May's 30-day focus on Mary, a Church tradition going back centuries. But what is the take-away? What have we hoped to achieve this month?



Spring is a time of renewal... trees bursting with life after the long winter, flowers blooming, and warmer weather heralds the summer to come. By celebrating Mary's role not only as the Mother of God but as our spiritual Mother, we are pressed to recognize her intense sacrifice as well as her singular focus on serving the Lord Jesus. As we were reminded at the beginning of this month, Mary's message at Cana was as profoundly simple as it is compelling: "Do whatever he tells you."

As Catholics, we are called to Honor the Blessed Virgin not as an icon or god or redeemer, but as the new Eve, the Ark of the New Covenant, and the ultimate Disciple, who inspires as well as intercedes for us. The special place the Virgin holds in our faith is upheld not only by the Bible but in the traditions and practices of the earliest Church Fathers.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray with us who have recourse to thee. To learn more, a terrific read is *Behold Your Mother* by Tim Staples, published by Catholic Answers Press.

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)



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).



THANK YOU: The PSR classes have ended until August. Thank you for all your prayers and support. A special shout-out to our teachers, church monitors, truck drivers, helpers, and walkers. We welcome anyone who can help us as church monitors and walking the students to Aviston Grade School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you can sub as a teacher, please let me know. Please contact me if you can help on a regular basis or as a sub for any of our needs. An excellent way to get your day started! Thank you. Sister Jeannette, SSND



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO MATER DEI:

August E. Becker Scholarship:

Brady Venhaus (son of Chad & Ann Venhaus)

Fr. Jerome Feldmann Memorial Scholarship:

Harper O'Brien (daughter of Kyle O'Brien)

Floyd Family Memorial Scholarship:

Stella Rakers (daughter of Nicholas & Rebecca Rakers)

Fred J. & Gertrude Rakers Memorial Scholarship:

Paxton Beer (son of Bryan & Brett Beer)

Finlay Ratermann (daughter of John & Krista Ratermann)

Cameron Von Bokel (son of Brian & Bonnie Von Bokel)

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!

