

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. June 06	4:00pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Clem & Gertrude Peters Dale Peters Don & Judy Wellinghoff Family
Sun. June 07	7:30am	Florence Frohn Bertha Wilke
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole
Mon. June 08		NO MASS
Tues. June 09	7:30am	Ralph & Florence Lampe Family
Wed. June 10	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. June 11	7:30am	Genevieve Lueke
Fri. June 12	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. June 13	4:00pm	Nick & Marita Strubhart <i>Jerome & Dolores Voss 60th Wedding Anniversary</i>
Sun. June 14	7:30am	L/D Aloys & Mary Strubhart Family
	9:30am	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: A few weeks ago, we saw that Jesus makes his one sacrifice upon the cross present in the Mass. The perfect sacrifice was that of Jesus on the cross. Jesus was the priest, the Son of God made man. Jesus was also the victim, since the gift was himself, his own human life. Jesus offered his life to God the Father to show him his love and devotion. This Friday, we will celebrate Jesus' love for the Father and his love us on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our United States bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this week. We will pray the Prayer of Consecration at morning Mass this Friday.

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

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!



OFFERINGS MAY 30th & 31st:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,130.00
Loose: \$ 585.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,941.50
General Fund Total: \$ 6,656.50

*Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



The lucky winner of the May 2026 Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle is **Brenda Gebhart** of Chesterfield, MO.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 569.75
Seminarian Education \$ 53.00
Catholic Communications \$ 3.00
Parish Center Fund \$ 50.00

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 09 - 12Noon-4:30pm- Quilting in Room #2

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.

Please have your weekly bulletin announcements submitted to the rectory by Wednesday. The bulletins are now being printed on Thursdays. Thank you.

Your Feedback is Welcome!

As a parish, we continue to explore and seek feedback regarding the feasibility of a new parish center that would better serve our growing parish community and provide enhanced space for the many ministries, programs, and groups that utilize our current facilities. Many parishioners have already participated through committee work, listening sessions, and other opportunities for input over the past several weeks. To keep everyone informed and remain committed to transparency throughout this process, we would like to share the following timeline of next steps:

1. **June 6-7:** Remaining listening sessions, including parish-wide open sessions
2. **Week of June 8:** Case Statement and Frequently Asked Questions document emailed to all parishioners
3. **June 13-14:** Members of the Executive Team distribute the Case Statement and FAQ document following all Masses
4. **June 20-21:** In-pew surveys conducted at all Masses
5. **June 21:** Online Survey Monkey survey emailed to parishioners who were unable to participate in the in-pew survey
6. **Late June-July:** One-on-one interviews conducted
7. **Following Completion:** Final Financial Feasibility Study Report presented

We sincerely hope you will continue to share your thoughts, ideas, and wisdom throughout this process. At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we are committed to involving parishioners every step of the way. Your participation is essential as we work together to discern and shape a dynamic vision for the future of our vibrant parish community.

Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and prayers.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH 2026 PICNIC NEWS

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: Mark your calendars, 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.

CHURCH PICNIC COMING SOON!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! St. Francis Parish Picnic will be on Saturday, **August 1st**. Enjoy great food, drinks, raffles, games & inflatables for the kids, Quilt Bingo and more!!

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.

WORKERS LISTS: Picnic chairpersons are working on the list of workers for this year's picnic on Saturday, **August 1st**. **If you are new to the parish or have not worked the picnic previously, YOUR help is desperately needed!!**

Contact Brian Beckmann (920-6719), Jeff Kuhl (210-5933), the rectory (228-7219), or email

parish@stfrancisav.org and offer your help!!

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



FAITH FOCUS

Heaven Touches Earth:

Have you ever considered that there is more happening at Mass than we can see? At every Mass, we join in the worship of Heaven itself. Scripture gives us glimpses of angels and saints crying out, "Holy, Holy, Holy," the same words we proclaim at Mass before the Eucharist. We are not simply attending a service—we are participating in Heavenly worship with the Communion of Saints. The Mass reminds us that Heaven and Earth are closer than we realize.

This week: During the "Holy, Holy, Holy," reflect on the reality that you are worshipping alongside angels and saints. Pray in gratitude for this gift, and let that awareness deepen your reverence at Mass and throughout the week. For those wanting to dive deeper, the *Mass in a Month* podcast on the Ascension Press app beautifully explains the meaning and mystery of the Mass.

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).

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

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. June 9 - 6:30pm SAL Meeting Whispering Pines
Thur. June 11 - 7:00pm Exec. Board Meeting
Fri. June 12 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY
Mon. June 15 - Red Cross Blood Drive

AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Aviston American Legion Auxiliary is proud to announce that we have five winners for our Scholarship Program this year. All of our applicants were outstanding. Congratulations to these applicants. We wish each of our winners and all of our applicants the best in their future endeavors and best wishes for them to meet their goal. Our winners are:

1 st Place \$1,000 Veteran Scholarship	- Matthew Walsh
2 nd Place \$500 Veteran Scholarship	- Sophie Markus
1 st Place \$1,000 Community Scholarship	- Keegan Kohlbrecher
2 nd Place \$500 Community Scholarship (Draw)	- Lydia Kuhn
2 nd Place \$500 Community Scholarship (Draw)	- Mason Hilmes

