

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. June 20	4:00pm	<i>All Fathers of the Parish</i>
Sun. June 21	7:30am	<i>All Fathers of the Parish</i>
	9:30am	<i>All Fathers of the Parish</i>
Mon. June 22		NO MASS
Tues. June 23	7:30am	In Honor of Vince Rolves
Wed. June 24	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. June 25	7:30am	Alan Kampwerth
Fri. June 26	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Sat. June 27	4:00pm	Mary Louise Kuhl by CFL6 Rich Feldmann Darin J. Heimann Mr. & Mrs Joe Litteken
Sun. June 28	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet Tom Richter
	9:30am	James Stroot

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: In the Mass, Jesus unites us, the members of his Mystical Body, the Church, to his priesthood and his victimhood. In the Mass, Jesus effectively says to God the Father, "Father, I love you, and so do all these who are here with Me, united as members of my Mystical Body." The Mass is the sacrifice of the whole Jesus Christ, the Mystical Body united with its Head. Jesus offers us up with Himself, including all our prayers, works, and sufferings of every day. He offers these together with His own as our gift to tell the Father we love him. Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

June 20th - Fueled by Faith Event at the Aviston Park **THIS WEEKEND**
June 23rd - 6:00pm- Parish Center Cleanup for VBS & Picnic
July 18th & 19th - St. Francis Quilt Show

CONGRATULATIONS to *Chase & Morgan (McAteer) Klein* upon receiving the Sacrament of Convalidation of Marriage on June 14th. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!

SYMPATHIES: Remember *Areva Sue (Ayres) Albert* (mother of Rick [Lori] Albert) & *Ruth A. Grawe* (mother of Donna[Ed] Rolfingsmeyer) who passed away. Keep *Areva Sue, Ruth & their families* in your prayers.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: *Next weekend, June 27th & 28th*, we will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection* which provides Pope Leo XIV with the funds needed to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers & sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous!



OFFERINGS JUNE 13th & 14th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,635.00
Loose: \$ 608.00
Online Giving: \$ 2,453.00
General Fund Total: \$ 4,696.00



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



**LESS THAN 2 WEEKS LEFT TO SIGN UP FOR VBS!
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 345.00
Parish Center \$ 50.00

May God Bless



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:

Sat. June 20 - In-pew surveys conducted at all Masses
- Fueled by Faith Event at the Aviston Park
Sun. June 21 - In-pew surveys - **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**
Tue. June 23 - Parish Center Cleanup for VBS & Picnic
Wed. June 24 - 6:00pm Bishop Godfrey Mass at St. Dominic, Breese
Wed. - Fri. June 24-26 Office will be closed! Amber is on vacation!



CONGRATULATIONS to *Henry James Stroot* (son of Michael & Kate [Brown] Stroot) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Henry* to our faith family.

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



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!!*

NORTH CENTRAL VICARIATE MASS: Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in a parish in each Vicariate since so many parishioners could not attend the May 1st ordination and installation. The North Central Vicariate's Mass will be held on **June 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM**, St. Dominic Parish in Breese. All are invited to attend and welcome Bishop Godfrey.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH 2026 PICNIC NEWS:

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 & offer your help!!

BIG RAFFLE TICKETS are available at all Church entrances for \$5 each or 5/\$20.00. The big raffle is one of the **major** fund raisers at the picnic! **There are 32 prizes this year!**



There are 15 prizes worth \$250 or more with **The Grand Prize is currently at \$1,000!** Help promote the BIG raffle by taking a hand full of tickets to work, vacation, to family/ friends, or simply while you're out & about. Everyone please help sell!

KIDS RAFFLE TICKETS for our Church Picnic are now available at every church entrance! We have GREAT prizes for the BOYS RAFFLE & GIRLS RAFFLE! **Tickets are 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each!** Please complete the tickets & turn them in the collection basket



or bring them to the picnic on August 2nd! Hurry and get them in though because there will be Early Bird drawings at 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm & 9:15pm. The final drawing will be at 10:30pm. Thanks so much for making this booth a big success at our picnic!!

BASKET BOOTH: Please bring your basket(s) to the Parish Center on **July 11th & 12th** after all the Masses. **Our goal is 250 baskets.** The dollar value of your container should be \$15 to \$25. No need to wrap your donation – we have a creative team of wrappers to do that for you. Need ideas or someone to assemble a container for you? Call Lisa Strieker (698-2299) or Kristi Hilmes (972-6114). **(Empty baskets on the rectory back porch are begging to be filled. Filled baskets may also be dropped off on the rectory back porch.)**



FANTASTIC FINDS COUNTRY STORE: Any craft items can be dropped off after all masses the weekend of **July 11th & 12th** at the west entrance of the Parish Center on Aviston/ Albers road. **Our goal is 100 items.** Bring baked items, garden produce, homemade salsa, jellies, soup and dip mixes, etc to same location, the morning of the picnic. Please make sure all food items are wrapped/ labeled.



Thank you for your talents, support & interest in the Country Store. Questions? Call Lee Jansen (401-2953).

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).



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: at Albers Legion. Sunday, **June 21st**, 8:00am-12:00NOON. Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Eggs, Fried Potatoes and Biscuits & gravy. Adults \$15.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00 & under 5 free.



FAITH FOCUS

The Eucharist: More Than a Memory

When Jesus said, *“Do this in remembrance of Me,”* He meant far more than simply recalling a past event. In ancient Jewish worship, a “memorial” was not just remembering—it was participating in God’s saving action. At Passover, God’s people did not merely think about their deliverance; they entered into it anew. At Mass, Catholics believe Jesus makes present sacramentally His one eternal sacrifice on the Cross. The Eucharist is not only a symbol of Christ’s love—it is Christ truly present, giving Himself to us in the new covenant.



This week: As you approach Communion, prayerfully reflect on the gift of Jesus giving Himself to you. Continue that prayer after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, offering Him your thanksgiving and praise. Ask Him how He desires to transform your heart, and seek one way to share His love with others this week.

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:

June 20–21: In-pew surveys conducted at all Masses

June 22: Online Survey Monkey survey emailed to parishioners who were unable to participate in the in-pew survey

Late June–July: One-on-one interviews conducted

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.

CYM: We are looking for an Additional CYM Advisory Member for the upcoming year. If anyone is interested in learning about this opportunity please contact Angie Kohlbrecher (618) 660-6032 or Maya Kampwerth (618) 363-7665.

REGISTER NOW: DEADLINE TO REGISTER



FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is **JUNE 29th!!** VBS is the week of July 6th-10th in the parish center from 9:00am-12Noon. *Registration Forms are on the church web page, scan the QR code, or contact Janice Lampe (228-7709) or Sue Szoke (228-7811).



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



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Thur. June 25 - 7:30pm K of C Meeting
Fri. June 26 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY