

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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July 05, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. July 04	4:00pm	L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. July 05	7:30am	Jerome Rakers
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Mon. July 06		NO MASS
Tues. July 07	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. July 08	7:00pm	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Thur. July 09	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. July 10	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Sat. July 11	4:00pm	Judy Markus Jenny Boshera August Daiber Teresa Schmuck & Cele Kollack
Sun. July 12	7:30am	Jack, Jane & Dan Koch
	9:30am	Frank Dall & John Voss Kate Buehne & Glen Peek

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: Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Communion is an action. It is the sharing to the full in the Eucharistic sacrifice, by eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of Jesus Christ as the food of our soul. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we have offered a gift to God: the sacrifice of Jesus and our sacrifices united to it. God is pleased and has accepted the gift of Jesus and of us. God is so pleased that he invites us to eat of the gift we have given to him. He is so pleased that he invites us to eat as guests at his table. Communion is the action by which all of us eat and drink together the Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ as the food and drink of our souls. Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

July 6th-10th - 9:00am- Noon - St. Francis Vacation Bible School

July 18th & 19th - St. Francis Quilt Show

Aug. 1st - St. Francis Parish Annual Picnic

HELP NEEDED: We are looking for someone to help care for the flower pots outside, in front of the church, watering the Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Rectory at 618-228-7219 or email parish@stfrancisav.org for more information. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help beautify the church! **THANK YOU TAMMY CARROLL FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF CARING FOR OUR LIVE PLANTS!**

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

OFFERINGS JUNE 27th & 28th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,801.00

Loose: \$ 739.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,542.50

General Fund Total: \$ 6,082.50

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION

NEW DIGITAL GIVING OPTIONS

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FAITH IN ACTION

Want to purchase raffle tickets? Include your name, address, phone number, and which raffle. Please add \$0.50 for every \$5 sent for Venmo/Paypal fees. Big Raffle: 5 for \$20 or \$5 each. Kiddie Raffle & Special Quilt Raffle: 6 for \$5 or \$1 each.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 647.50

Peter's Pence \$ 1,136.45

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers	David Foy
Tracy Frey	Carla Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap
Michael Hogg	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	Colton Snow	Pat Sudholt
Marge Thole	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Darvin Zeisset	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sat. July 04 - **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!!**

Mon. - Fri., July 6th - 10th: 9:00am - 12Noon - Vacation Bible School in the Cafeteria at the Parish Center.

Thurs. & Fri. July 08 & 09 - Church Office Closed

Fri. July 10th - 11:00am - VBS Closing Program all are invited

Sat. & Sun. July 11th & 12th-REMINDER: Drop off your Quilts, Baskets & Country Store items at the Parish Center after all Masses

MISSION APPEAL: Sister Sandra Schmid, a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, will be making a mission appeal at all masses on July 11th & 12th. Sister Schmid is part of the diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith effort. A second collection will be taken to support the missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



SYMPATHIES: Remember **Robin Pollmann** (mother of Nathan Pollmann); **Ruth Grawe** (Donna [Ed] Rolfingsmeyer) **Tanya L. Shultz** [St. Francis member] who passed away. Keep **Robin, Ruth, Tanya & their families** in your prayers

LOST & FOUND: a bracelet was found in the church parking lot. If you are missing a very sentimental bracelet, please call the rectory 618-228-7219.

REMINDER: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is this week, July 6th - 10th in the parish center cafeteria from 9:00am to 12Noon. Watch for signs!

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 over 10 prizes worth \$300 or more with **The Grand Prize is currently at \$1,100!** Help promote the BIG raffle by taking 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 into the collection basket or bring them to the picnic on August 1st! Hurry & 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 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 Stricker (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).



FAITH FOCUS

The Sacred Heart: Jesus Loves You Personally

The Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus' love is not distant or abstract—it is personal. When we see images of the Sacred Heart, we often notice the flames, the crown of thorns, and the wound in His side. Together they tell a story: Christ's Heart burns with love for us, even when that love is rejected. Jesus does not merely love humanity in general—He loves each of us individually.

This week: Spend a few moments in prayer before a crucifix and thank Jesus for one way He has loved you personally. Have you noticed the statue of Jesus pointing to His Sacred Heart in St. Francis Church?



QUILT SHOW is July 18th & 19th in the St. Francis Air Conditioned Parish Center at 2nd & Clinton Streets in Aviston, IL.



11:00am – 3:00pm Daily. Preview of the **2026 Picnic Bingo Quilts**, the 2026 Special Quilt, 2026 & 2027 Bi-Month Quilts will be on display. There will be scrubbies, aprons, table runners, quilt tops, quilts and more for sale. Information & pictures of a few quilts that have been made are available at stfrancisav.org/parish-life/quiltersshowcase. Admission is \$3.00, which includes refreshments and attendance prizes.

Home Baked COOKIES are needed for the Quilt show: They can be dropped off in the kitchenette on Friday, July 18th from 9:00am-11:00am or Saturday, July 19th from 9:00am-11:00am. Contact Martha Ribbing (228-7433) if interested in assisting at the Quilt Show.



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Sun. July 05 - 2:00pm - ??? Celebration of Freedom
Mon. July 06 - 1:00pm - 6:00pm K of C Blood Drive
Fri. July 10 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE: Mon. July 6th 1:00pm -6:00pm at Aviston American Legion. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter zip code **62216** to schedule an appointment.

AVISTON AMERICAN LEGION: Clinton County Celebrates Freedom July 5th, doors open at 2:00pm, Ceremony honoring our heroes at 6:00pm, raffle, band, food & much more. Bring your own lawn chairs.

ST. FRANCIS APPAREL: A small group of parishioners is working to strengthen connections within our parish, promote unity & increase awareness of St. Francis Parish. To support this effort, a virtual St. Francis Apparel Shop will be open for a limited time July 1st -15th. The price covers only the cost of the merchandise - this is NOT a fundraiser.

OPTION 1: Order online at

www.companycasuals.com/StFrancisofAssisi/start.jsp. If you need assistance please contact Dan Ribbing at 409-2895. **OPTION 2:** If you are unable to purchase directly through the site, contact Amy Strubhart at 406-8597 with your order information. Cash payment will be required to finalize the order. We will be in touch with the pickup date and location. The limited time opening of the apparel shop enables the merchandise to be prepared in time for the St. Francis Parish Picnic and to kick off the Franciscan Jubilee Year!

Did you know? -October 3rd marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi (1226). When Pope Gregory IX canonized him on July 16, 1228, he fixed his feast day on Oct. 4th, declaring it as the day he entered heaven. Running until Jan. 10, 2027, the year features pilgrimages, plenary indulgences, and global celebrations. Bishop Juncker appointed the Rev. Henry Boecker as Pastor of Aviston and Trenton. He arrived at Aviston, Oct. 2, 1865, blessed the church, and celebrated the first High Mass on Oct. 4, 1865, the first patronal feast of the new parish. (www.stfrancisav.org/about-our-parish)