

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. July 11	4:00pm	Judy Markus Jenny Boshara August Daiber Teresa Schmuck & Cele Kollack
Sun. July 12	7:30am 9:30am	Jack, Jane & Dan Koch Frank Dall & John Voss Kate Buehne & Glen Peek
Mon. July 13		NO MASS
Tues. July 14	7:30am	Vince Rolves
Wed. July 15	7:00pm	Schonhoff Family
Thur. July 16	7:30am	Jeffory Morrison
Fri. July 17	7:30am	Margaret Ottensmeier
Sat. July 18	4:00pm	Karen & Art Braundmeier Family David Nettemeier Karla Draper
Sun. July 19	7:30am 9:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp St. Francis Parish 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: Last week, we saw that Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. To receive Holy Communion worthily, it is necessary to be free from mortal sin, to have a right intention, and to obey the Church's Law of a one-hour fast required before Holy Communion, out of reverence for the Body and Blood of the Lord. There are some cases, such as Communion of the sick, in which Holy Communion may be received without fasting. A big thank you to Janice Lampe, Susan Szoke, and all their team and helpers for the Vacation Bible School last week. I hope all of our students had fun and learned a lot. Let us pray for each other.- Fr. Von

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

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

Aug. 1st - St. Francis Parish Annual Picnic



PSR REGISTRATION DEADLINE is July 20th! To register, go to the web page stfrancisav.org and click PSR Registration under the Links & Forms tab. Or for a direct link go to <https://www.stfrancisav.org/psr-registration>.



OFFERINGS JULY 4th & 5th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,420.00

Loose: \$ 315.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,008.00

General Fund Total: \$ 6,743.00



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



St. Francis was blessed to have 104 children participate in our 2026 VBS program and about 50 volunteers helping out! To see more pictures go to our Facebook page!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 2,096.00

Peter's Pence \$ 250.00

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	Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann
Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe
Carol Markus	Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson
Dale Rakers	Don Rakers	Patricia Rollings
Phoenix Sanders	Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar
Rev. Carl Schrage	Don Schulte	Pat Sudholt
Marge Thole	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Darvin Zeisset	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

Sat. July 18- 11:00am - 3:00pm -Quilt Show at Parish Center

Sun. July 19- 11:00am - 3:00pm -Quilt Show at Parish Center

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.

The Mass of Beatification for Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

is on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 2:00pm at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, MO. Tickets range are from \$15 to \$25. Advance ticket registration is required. One ticket provides access to the Beatification Mass, the Beatification Expo, Adoration, Confession and all public events throughout the day. For more information please visit Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation at <https://www.celebratesheen.com>

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.

SYMPATHIES: Remember **Bernadette "Pat" Rose Sudholt** (mother of Terry[Theresa]Richards, Bryan[Theresa] Sudholt, Karla[Dan] Fuehne; sister to Ben[Joan] Toebe); **Captain William R. Schaub, Jr.** (father of Matt[Jolene] Kohnen) who passed away. Keep **Bernadette "Pat", Captain William & their families** in your prayers.



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 Precious Blood: The Price of Love

At every Mass we hear Jesus say, "This is My Blood, poured out for you." The Precious Blood reminds us that our salvation was not cheap. Jesus willingly gave everything—even His own life—out of love for us. The Cross reveals our worth in God's eyes.

This week: Thank Jesus in prayer for the gift of salvation and ask Him to help you recognize His love more deeply.



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**, 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 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 17th from 9:00am-11:00am or Saturday, July 18th from 9:00am-11:00am. Contact Martha Ribbing (228-7433) if interested in assisting at the Quilt Show.



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. July 14 - 7:30pm SAL Meeting
Thur. July 16 - 7:00pm Exec. Board Meeting
Fri. July 17 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY

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)

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!**