

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. July 20		NO MASS
Tues. July 21	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees Shirley Moss & Abby Robke Alan Kampwerth
Wed. July 22	7:00pm	Aloys "Al" & Elizabeth "Betty" Brueggemann
Thur. July 23	7:30am	Joseph "Joe" Brueggemann
Fri. July 24	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. July 25	4:00pm	Jennifer Kalmer L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. July 26	7:30am 9:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet 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: As we saw last week, we should not approach Holy Communion with a mortal, serious, sin on our soul. We should receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation first. We should never stay away from Holy Communion, though, because we have venial, less serious, sins on our soul. We can express our sorrow and pray for forgiveness in the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass. It is good, though, to receive forgiveness regularly in Reconciliation. Preparing for Reconciliation should include an examination of conscience. This helps us see how God has helped us to reduce our sins and what sinful habits we will ask God to help us with now. Just as we have regular check-ups at the doctor and the dentist, it is good to have a regular check-up and receive God's forgiveness in Reconciliation. Let us pray for each other.- Fr. Von

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

A BIG VBS THANK YOU to all the leaders, volunteers, guest speaker and all who donated or contributed anyway to Vacation Bible School! You truly shined Jesus' light!! **Thank you** for another successful year!



OFFERINGS JULY 11th & 12th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 4,831.00

Loose: \$ 727.88

Online Giving: \$ 2,787.00

General Fund Total: \$ 8,345.88

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Pizza Party for all the VBS Volunteers

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,211.25

Propagation of Faith \$ 2,218.25

Servants of St. Francis \$ 25.00

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	Marge Thole
Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Darvin Zeisset		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

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

Fri. July 24 - Church office will be closed

SINCERE THANK YOU!! After several years of dedicated service to the St. Francis VBS Program, Janice Lampe is passing the ministry on to someone else. Janice has been the driving forces behind this ministry and have built a tremendous program. St. Francis Parish extends our heartfelt thanks to Janice Lampe for her contributions to the growth of

faith in so many of our children.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need individuals to fill Janice Lampe's position as VBS Coordinator. If you have a calling to make a difference in the lives of our youth, contact Amber at 228-7219!

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



ST. FRANCIS PARISH 2026 PICNIC NEWS:

WORKERS LISTS: for the 2026 Picnic are now available at all the entrances of church and online at www.stfrancisav.org [Notice: Names in red & struck out are the workers who are not available to work this year. If your name is NOT on the list & you would like to work, contact Jeff Kuhl(210-5933) or Brian Beckmann (920-6719) or Rectory (228-7219). If you are new to the parish or have not worked the picnic previously, YOUR help is desperately needed!!



SPECIAL QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS are available at all church entrances. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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!**



KIDS RAFFLE TICKETS for our Church Picnic are available at every church entrance! We have great prizes for the **BOYS RAFFLE & GIRLS RAFFLE!** Tickets are 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each! Hurry & get them in 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: Thank-you to all who so generously donated baskets, cash and packing materials. **We now have 170 baskets - just 80 away from our goal!!** We know many of you still have baskets to donate so please put them on the Rectory back porch or contact Lisa Stricker (698-2299) for pick up. If you need ideas or help making a basket, Call Lisa or Kristi Hilmes (972-6114).

COUNTRY STORE: We now have 55 items, **our goal is 100 items.** Items can still be brought to the rectory during office hours. 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).



H-E-L-P NEEDED:

ALL LADIES: are asked to come on **Wed., July 29th at 8:00am** to cut up loaves of bread into cubes for dressing, wash dishes, wash all coolers for chicken fryers, empty supply closet, etc. Help is needed **Fri., July 31st at 8:00am** to begin with food prep [clean & cook chicken for dressing, peel & slice cucumbers] & dining room set-up. Again on **Sat., Aug. 1st at 8:00am** to fill *thousands* of 4 oz cups of Applesauce, Slaw, Cucumbers.

ALL MEN: are asked to come help set up and haul things from storage. Some Pick-up trucks are needed. Please join any or all days! **Wed., July 29th at 8:00am, Fri., July 31st at 6:00pm, and Sat. Aug. 1st at 8:00am.** A lot of help is needed to erect the **"Bingo Stand"** and **"All other stands"**. Please bring your cordless screwdrivers.



PIE PANS: Pick up pie tins for the picnic at the main entrance of church. Every family is asked to bring two (2) pies for the picnic. **THIS IS A MUST.** [NOTE: **Cream or custard pies are not permitted by the Clinton Co. Dept. of Health!**] **Bring your pies by 12Noon Sat., August 1st!**



FAITH FOCUS

Mercy Flows from His Heart:

After Jesus died, a soldier pierced His side and blood and water flowed forth. For centuries, Catholics have seen this as a sign of the mercy and grace Christ pours out upon His Church. No sin is greater than God's mercy when we turn to Him with a sincere heart. Jesus does not wait for us to be perfect—He invites us to come to Him now.

This week: Bring one struggle, worry, or sin to Jesus in prayer and entrust it to His mercy.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Otto Charles Arentsen** (son of Cory & Clare [Chiarolanza] Arentsen) & **Wells Louise Von Bokel** (daughter of Aaron & Taylor [Kauhl] Von Bokel) who were baptized last weekend. We welcome **Otto & Wells** to our faith family.



SYMPATHIES: Remember **Robert William "Bill" Schulte** (brother of Joyce [Mark] Olliges); who passed away. Keep **Robert "Bill" & his family** in your prayers.



SERVANTS OF ST. FRANCIS NEWS: A huge thank you to ALL that attended the Fueled By Faith event at the park on June 20th! From the ice breaker, the speakers, the music, to the reflection and prayers- may we grow closer to the call of Christ at all stages of our life! Also, a big thanks to Barb Haselhorst and the committee for taking on this unique and inspiring endeavor. We appreciate your talents!

FEASIBILITY STUDY: St. Francis of Assisi Parish continues to explore & seek feedback regarding the feasibility of a new parish center that would better serve our growing parish community & provide enhanced space for the many ministries, programs & groups that utilize our current facilities. Many of you have already participated through committee work, listening sessions & the parish-wide survey. We began one-on-one interviews late last month & will wrap up those interviews next week. The final report will be presented in August. We are committed to involving parishioners every step of the way, & your participation has & continues to be essential as we work together to discern & shape a dynamic vision for the future of our vibrant parish community. Thank you for your continued support, engagement & prayers.

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 www.stfrancisav.org/psr-registration

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Mon.	July 20	7:00pm Legion Meeting
Tues.	July 21	7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting
Thur.	July 23	7:30pm K of C Meeting
Fri.	July 24	4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus will be having the installation of officers at St. Francis Church after 7:00pm mass July 22nd.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Apex Network Physical Therapy in Aviston is having a Back to School drive for the month of July. They are collecting school supplies or monetary (to shop for supplies if you can not) to donate to local schools for the upcoming school year. Drop off at Apex at 820 Steel Bridge St., Aviston.

THANK YOU! St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to say THANK YOU to St. Francis VBS for so many canned goods and paper products that were collected during VBS. They truly appreciated the efforts to help feed the poor.