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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Aug. 01	4:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Sun. Aug. 02	7:30am	Bill & Joetta VonHatten Family
	9:30am	Ronald Thomas
Mon. Aug. 03		NO MASS
Tues. Aug. 04	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Aug. 05	7:00pm	Margaret Ottensmeier
Thur. Aug. 06	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Aug. 07	7:30am	George Becker
Sat. Aug. 08	4:00pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Gene Daiber Karla Draper L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family
Sun. Aug. 09	7:30am	L/D Robert Kuper Family
	9:30am	Robert & Florence Thole

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: After Holy Communion, we should spend some time adoring Our Lord Jesus, thanking him, renewing our promises of love and obedience to him, and asking him for blessings for ourselves and others. Welcome to all of our picnic guests! As I write this on Tuesday, there is a chance of showers on Saturday. We pray that we have good weather and a safe and successful picnic. Thanks to all who have worked so hard already and will be working before, during, and after the picnic! Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

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.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR GUESTS!!

We hope you have an enjoyable time and **thank you** for patronizing our Parish Picnic. Enjoy the evening and thanks for joining us for Mass.

-Fr. Von and St. Francis Parishioners

All our parishioners deserve special praise for the hard work that has gone into the picnic and parish. Their dedication, sacrifice, unity and spirit are truly signs of God's presence within this parish and community. **God Bless you all!**

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC? Don't put it off. If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you know someone who would, please contact Fr. Von right away. We will have several meetings to get to know candidates and to orient them concerning the process.



OFFERINGS JULY 25th & 26th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,175.00

Loose: \$ 543.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,203.00

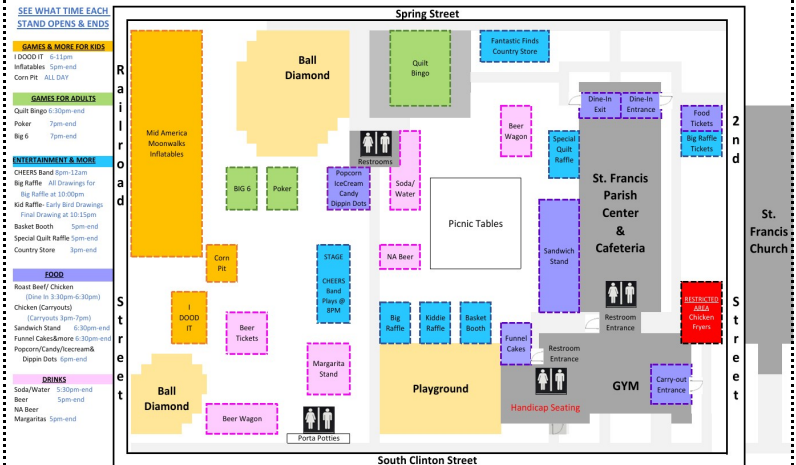
General Fund Total: \$ 5,921.00



Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION

2026 St. Francis Picnic Map



CHECK OUT ALL OF THE PICNIC STANDS THIS YEAR!

Picnic Maps are at all entrances and located on our FB page.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 495.00

Servants of St. Francis \$ 50.00

Retired Diocesan Priests \$ 100.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	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:

Sun. Aug. 02 - 8:30am - Picnic Clean-up - ALL HELP is needed!

Mon. Aug. 03 - 07 - CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED!

Mon. Aug. 03 - 6:00pm - PSR Staff Meeting - Optional

Mon. Aug. 10 - 6:00pm - ALL PSR Teachers meeting in Heritage Room

Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



**ST. FRANCIS PICNIC IS HERE!!
THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH!!**



Thanks to everyone who helped in preparing for the parish picnic. Your cooperation and support was greatly appreciated!!

H-E-L-P NEEDED! Workers are asked to come after the 7:30am Mass on Sun., August 2nd to clean up the kitchen, grounds, etc. & take down the stands from the picnic. **THE MORE HELP, THE LESS TIME IT TAKES TO GET DONE!! PLEASE COME LEND A HELPING HAND!!**



BASKET BOOTH: We received 217 baskets!

Thank you to all who have been so generous donating to the basket booth and thank you to those who have helped put on the finishing touches!

BIG RAFFLE & KIDDIE RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return all sold/unsold tickets to the Raffle stands!! DO NOT put your tickets in this weekend's collection! They will NOT be put in the raffle!



SYMPATHIES: Remember *Carly Denise Schwierjohn* (great grand daughter of Andrew Huelsmann); *Aleisia "Lisa" Eilers* (mother of Cambri & Cali Eilers) & *Josephine "Josie" Timmermann* (St. Francis parishioner) who passed away. Keep *Carly, Lisa, Josephine & their families* in your prayers.



BI-MONTHLY QUILT DRAWING: The *lucky winner* of the July 2026 Quilt Raffle is *Pat Boien* of Trenton, IL.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Aug. 7 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

OTHER LOCAL PICNICS:

****ST. FRANCIS - Aviston, Sat. Aug. 1st.** Chicken dinner from 3:30pm - 6:30pm Dine In. 4:00pm Mass, Quilt Bingo 6:30pm. Raffles, Games, Inflatables for Kids, Live Band.

****ST. JOSEPH - Prairie du Rocher, Sat. Aug. 1st.** Dinner 3:00pm - 7:30pm, Mass at 4:00pm Quilt/Cash Bingo 5:00pm-11:00pm

****ST. ANTHONY - Lively Grove, Sat. Aug. 1st.** Polka Mass 4:00pm, Chicken dinner 4:00pm - 8:00pm Quilt/Cash Bingo 6:30pm - 11:00pm

****ST. GEORGE - New Baden, Sat. Aug. 8th.** 4:00pm Mass, Chicken Dinner 3:30pm - 7:00pm Dine-In or Carry Out, Quilt/Gift Bingo (lightning @ 5:45pm) begins at 6:30pm.

****ST. ROSE - St. Rose, Sat. Aug. 8th.** 4:00pm Mass. Chicken Dinner from 4:00pm - 7:00pm, Quilt/Cash Bingo begins 6:30pm.

****ST. AUGUSTINE - Hecker, Sat. Aug. 15th.** Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage dinner from 3:00pm - 7:00pm Dine In. 3:00pm Mass, Quilt Bingo 6:30pm. Kids Korner games, Cake stand, Silent auction, & more

****HOLY CHILDHOOD - Mascoutah, Sat. Aug. 22nd.** Mass at 4:00pm Dinner at 4:30pm Quilt Bingo at 6:30pm (lightning @ 5:45)

****ST. PAUL - Highland, Aug. 21st - Aug. 23rd** Kirchenfest visit www.Kirchenfest.com for full details.

FAITH FOCUS

THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus Is Waiting

Have you ever hesitated to return to God because of something you've done? Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son to show us what God is really like. The father didn't wait with crossed arms—he ran to embrace his son before a word of apology was spoken. That is God's heart. He is never looking for reasons to reject us. He is always looking for ways to welcome us home. No matter how far we've wandered, God's mercy is always greater than our failures.



This week: Pray, "Lord, help me trust that Your mercy is greater than my failures." Spend a few quiet moments simply resting in His love and asking Him where He is inviting you to return to Him.

PSR FEES & REGISTRATION: The St. Francis PSR Program will have a representative collecting PSR registration fees and answering questions at the Aviston Elementary Open House on Monday, **Aug. 11th** between 6:00pm - 7:00pm. If you have not registered yet, please register as soon as possible on-line at <https://www.stfrancisav.org/psr-registration>.

PSR STAFF MEETING (optional) on **Monday, August 3rd** at 6:00pm at the Parish Center. **All PSR teachers** should attend the meeting on **August 10th**, 6:00pm in the Heritage room. Questions? Call Sr. Jeannette at 228-7219.

St. Francis Sunday School Program starts **Sept. 13th, 2026!** Classes are held during 9:30AM-10:30AM during Mass on Sundays. Children age 3 through 5 (Kindergarten) and potty trained are eligible to join. This program will help your child grow in their faith. They will learn how to pray, hear bible stories, make bible crafts, sing songs, play games & eat yummy snacks! Register NOW on the St. Francis website under "Links & Forms". Direct link stfrancisav.org/sunday-school-registration

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

SNACK PACKS: Help assist with packaging of the snack packs on Sat., **Aug. 8th** at 8:30am at the Trenton Methodist Church.

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 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. Seeking Volunteers for The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. If you have a few hours or several days to give, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities available before and during the celebration. For more information please visit Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation at <https://www.celebratesheen.com>.

ALS Golf Scramble – 6th Annual Tee'd Off with ALS Golf Scramble, Saturday, Oct. 3rd at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course, Okawville, IL. All proceeds go to the Tim Miller Research Lab, Washington University to find a cure. Ways to support this cause include golfing, sponsors, any monetary donation, and a memorial sign and mum in the memorial garden. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413.