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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Aug. 10		NO MASS
Tues. Aug. 11	7:30am	Jerome Markus
Wed. Aug. 12	7:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Thur. Aug. 13	7:30am	Dora Beer
Fri. Aug. 14	7:30am	Marie Brueggemann
Sat. Aug. 15	4:00pm	Jennifer Kalmer L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family Frank Hogg
Sun. Aug. 16	7:30am	Olinda & Dick Kues Family
	9:30am	Arlene Peek & Darlene 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: Thank you to everyone for your prayers and hard work for our Church Picnic. Thank you for showing your dedication and determination while working under the frustrating conditions caused by the rain showers. As I write this on Monday afternoon, it will be some time before we have complete results. It's good to see that we can all work together to help each other and our Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi. Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

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.



PICNIC FEEDBACK: The chairmen would like to know of any concerns and/or suggestions in regards to the picnic. They can be dropped in the collection basket or email picnic@stfrancisav.org.

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 Tuesday, 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>



OFFERINGS AUG. 1st & 2nd:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,155.00

Loose: \$ 822.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,545.00

General Fund Total: \$ 6,522.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



2026 Parish Picnic was a success! Thank you to all!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 745.00

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:

Mon. Aug. 10 - 6:00pm - ALL PSR Teachers meeting in Heritage Room
 Tues. Aug. 11 - 6:00-7:00pm -PSR Registration at AGS Open House
 Thur. Aug. 13 - 7:30am First PSR Mass
 Sat. Aug. 15 - *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day*

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE
 PICNIC WORKERS! YOUR
 COOPERATION AND SUPPORT WAS
 GREATLY APPRECIATED!! Without you
 all, none of this could be possible.
 Thank you!**

PSR STAFF MEETING 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



THE BASKET BOOTH was again a big success with **217 baskets** donated. You are all so generous in your donations of baskets and/or cash and we are so very grateful. Special thanks to all the wrappers and booth workers who worked very hard again this year and to everyone who donated packing materials that are so useful in arranging basket items. **Congrats** to all the winners! We will be excited to see your baskets next year! **Thank you, thank you, thank you!**



FANTASTIC FINDS COUNTRY STORE THANK-YOU: We've had another successful year at the Country Store! Thanks to everyone who made this possible! Your time and talents are truly appreciated!



LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. Aug. 11 - 7:30pm SAL Meeting
Thur. Aug. 13 - 7:00pm Exec. Board Meeting
Fri. Aug. 14 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY
Sat. Aug. 15 - Whispering Pines of CC Fundraiser

INTERESTED IN BEING A KC MEMBER? Scan the QR code or contact John Kohnen (618-420-9069) or Ryan Haukap (618-520-8427).



OTHER LOCAL PICNICS:

****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 Bing at 6:30pm(lightning @ 5:45)
****ST. PAUL** - Highland, **Aug 21st - Aug 23rd** Kirchenfest visit www.Kirchenfest.com for full details.

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.

FAITH FOCUS

THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

Why Confess to a Priest?



Many people wonder, "Why can't I just confess directly to Jesus?" The answer is: **we should!**

Every sincere prayer of repentance draws us closer to God. Yet Jesus also gave His Apostles the ministry of forgiving sins (John 20:22-23), and Scripture encourages us to "confess your sins to one another" (James 5:16). Why? Because sin rarely affects only ourselves. Our words, choices, and actions touch our families, friendships, parish, and community. Sin wounds our relationship with God **and** with one another. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus restores both. Through the priest, acting in the person of Christ, He forgives our sins, strengthens us with grace, and begins healing the relationships our sins have damaged.

This week: Pray, "Lord, show me where my relationships need healing." Then ask Him if there is someone from whom you need to seek forgiveness—or someone you need to forgive.

BIG RAFFLE WINNERS: 1. GRAND PRIZE \$1,100 **ART BRAUNDEMEIER** 2.(4) BLUES TICKETS **MARY SIMONS** 3.\$500 CASH PRIZE **TROY PINGSTERHAUS** 4.\$500 CASH PRIZE **LYNN REHKEMPER** 5.\$500 CASH PRIZE **ALEX RICHTER** 6.\$500 CASH PRIZE **ALEX VENHAUS** 7.\$500 CASH PRIZE **SHEILA WREBLER** 8. \$500 CASH PRIZE **LYNN REHKEMPER** 9. ONE YEAR LAWN SERVICE **STEVEN SCHRAGE** 10.QUEEN QUILT **RON DREES** 11. \$300 CASH PRIZE **GEORGE KRUSE** 12. \$300 CASH PRIZE **SETH ROBERTSON** 13.(4) BATTLEHAWKS TICKETS **DAN FUEHNE** 14.\$250 CASH PRIZE **RALPH WOLTERS** 15.\$150 GIFT CERTIFICATE (THE COUNTY) **DALE GALL** 16.(2) FOLDING LAWN CHAIRS **FR. DAN FRIEDMAN** 17.\$100 CASH PRIZE **CRAIG & TAMMY ISAAK** 18. JOHN DEER TOY **LEONARD KALMER** 19. \$50 CASH PRIZE **AMBER GRIESBAUM** 20.\$50 GIFT CARD - FAUST **DAWN RAKERS** 21. \$50 GIFT CARD - FOPPE ACE **JORDAN RICHTER** 22. \$50 GIFT CARD - FOPPE ACE **MICHAEL FRANKLIN** 23.FAMILY FUN PACK - V&H **Ron Maue** 24.(2) PORK DINNERS **MONICA SCHUETZ** 25.(2) PORK DINNERS **SCOTT & TERESA BRANDMEYER** 26. (1) YEAR SUB BREESE JOURNAL **COLTON WUEBBELS** 27.\$30 GIFT CERT & HAT **BARB TRAME** 28.\$30 GIFT CERT & HAT **MARTHA RICHTER** 29.\$30 GIFT CERT & HAT **JOANN CRAGER** 30.\$30 GIFT CERT & HAT **PETER SCHUMACHER** 31.\$30 GIFT CERT & HAT **DAVE STRIEKER** 32 & 33.\$25 GIFT CERT - CATHOLIC SUPPLY **FLORENCE LOHMAN & MARK DEIEN**. **THANK YOU to all donors & all who participated in the raffle!**

KIDS RAFFLE booth was successful again this year! **Thank you** all for your support as we gave away 25 prizes for girls & 25 prizes for boys! Let us try to patronize the local businesses that were so kind in donating prizes & money. We sure hope the kids enjoyed their prizes! Winners of the girl's raffle: **Logan Imming, Palmer Sudholt, Juliette Rakers, Kimley Malcomb, Hayden Lohman, Olivia Wuebbles, Taylor Fohne, Paisley Gilbert, Hazel Fuehne, Parker Vandeloo, Rowyn Zeisset, Alyssa Huelsmann, Joelle Vanderloo, Layla Bullen, Caroline Beer, Emma Shaw, Nora Venhaus, Julie Kues, Maeve Kuhl, Sawyer Lohman, Baker Bruaer, Fallan Onotoor, Chloe Masching, Alex Sopiars Marie Ruble** Winners of the boy's raffle: **Lincoln Lohman, Beckett Albers, Tate Trampe, Kade Masching, Jack Gronhert, Deavin Griesbaum, Layton Sudholt, Morgan Klein, Liam Fischer, Leo Barrett, Brennan Toennies, Oakley Johnson, Dade Beckmann, Wyatt Kelz, Elliott & Dylan Schulte, Corbin Whitney, Ty Smothers, Hudson Budde, Carter Voss, William Zobrist, Hush Markus, Ketlyn Peppenhorst, Brooks Kuhl, Reed Rakers, Cody Imming.**

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