

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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 Steve & Marcella Holtgrave Family
Mon. Aug. 17		NO MASS
Tues. Aug. 18	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Aug. 19	7:00pm	Schonhoff Family
Thur. Aug. 20	7:30am	L/D Bernard & Georgetta Brueggemann Family
Fri. Aug. 21	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Aug. 22	4:00pm	Tom Huelsmann L/D Varel, Schrage & Strieker Families
Sun. Aug. 23	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet Dora Beer
	9:30am	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: The main effects of a worthy Holy Communion are:

1. A closer union with Our Lord Jesus and a more fervent love of God and neighbor;
2. An increase of sanctifying grace (God's life in our soul);
3. The graces to help avoid mortal sin and the remission of venial sin;
4. The lessening of our inclinations to sin and the help to practice good works.

As Jesus says in John 6:58, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever." 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.



SYMPATHIES: Remember **Jerome "Jerry" E. Middeke, Sr.** (Husband of Helen Middeke); **Bonnie Lappe** (Aviston resident); **James "Pete" Kassen** (father of Rachel[Bryan] Poettker) who passed away. Keep **Jerome, Bonnie, James & their families** in your prayers.

OFFERINGS AUG. 8th & 9th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,386.00
Loose:	\$ 846.00
Online Giving:	\$ 4,471.75
General Fund Total:	\$ 7,703.75

Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



THANK YOU to our 2026-2027 PSR teaching staff! Have a great year.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,595.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

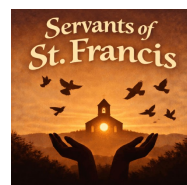
Nancy Brooks	David Foy	Tracy Frey
Carla Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap	Michael Hogg
Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann	Marie Jansen
Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe	Carol Markus
Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson	Dale Rakers
Don Rakers	Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders
Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage
Don Schulte	Marge Thole	Corey Toennies
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Darvin Zeisset

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

OFFICE HOURS: Starting August 17th the parish office will be open 8:00am to 2:30pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: *Next weekend*, August 22nd & 23rd is for Servants of St. Francis. DID YOU KNOW??? Servants of St. Francis is an Aviston parish outreach program for OUR youth, families & elderly. For more information please see the flyer inserted in bulletin. Please consider giving to OUR community! **Thank you** for your generosity. God Bless.



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

SCRIPTURAL TOUR: There will be a Scriptural Tour through the prayers and rituals of the Mass offered starting on Sept. 22nd at 10:00am and 6:30pm. A Biblical Walk through the Mass will be a five week program consisting of a video (Edward Sri) and discussion. Each session will be devoted to one of the major sections of the Mass. Sign-up will be at the end of August so we can order the books.

CONGRATS TO THE SPECIAL QUILT RAFFLE WINNER, which was **Michelle Kuhl** from Aviston.

I DOOD IT GRAND PRIZE was a 55" TCL 4k UHD Smart TV, Donated By **Chad and Kristy Budde**: Winner: **Dax Huesmann**. Also thank you to **Dairy King, Lory Theater, Mac's & Wessel's** for providing gift cards!

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Mon. Aug. 17 - 7:00pm Legion Meeting
 Tues. Aug. 18 - 6:00pm Auxilliary Meeting at Turf Bar
 Fri. Aug. 21 - 4:30pm to 7:00pm FISH FRY

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. 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.
****ST. MICHAEL'S** - Paderborn, Sun. **Aug. 30th**. Hamburgers, brats, cheeseburgers, desserts atarting at 11:00am. Carry-outs available. Quilt Bingo at 1:00pm in Hall.
****ST. THERESA/ST. LUKE** - Belleville, Sat. **Aug 22nd** 4:00pm Mass. Dinner at 3:00pm. Quilt bingo.
****IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - Columbia, Mon. Sept. 7th. 11:00am - 7:00pm Chicken Dinner 11:00am - 4:00pm. Quilt Bingo.
****HOLY TRINITY** - Fairview Heights, Sat. **Sept. 19th**. 4:00pm Mass

AGS COLLECTION The students at Aviston elementary will be collecting aluminum can TABS for the FAMILIES at Shriners hospital in St. Louis. The tabs are collected and then cashed in. The proceeds go to the families at Shriners hospital. Please save them & turn them in with a student or teacher at AGS. Your help is greatly appreciated. Any questions, call Marge Thole at 618-604-0374.



FAITH FOCUS

THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

Don't Be Afraid

For many Catholics, the hardest part of Reconciliation isn't confessing sin—it's walking through the door. Maybe it's been years. Maybe you're embarrassed. Maybe you're afraid you'll forget what to say. If that's you, know this: priests have heard it all. They aren't there to shame you. They rejoice each time someone returns to God's mercy. Jesus isn't waiting to condemn you. He's waiting to embrace you.

This week: Pray, "Lord, replace my fear with trust." If it's been a while since your last Confession, ask Him for the courage to take that first step.



SUNFLOWER & ZINNIA Field Benefits CRS: Enjoy a beautiful sunflower and zinnia field for a great cause! Bring your vase and family and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Donations are welcome, with proceeds supporting CRS-run Growing Hope Globally program in Nicaragua. (Go to growinghopeglobally.org/program/nicaragua-esteli to learn more about this agriculture program in Nicaragua.) Etter Farms Etter Rd. in Carlyle, 2.2 miles east of the Kaskaskia River on US Hwy 50.



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

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. 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.



HOSPICE OF BOND COUNTY: Looking for volunteers to provide companionship, respite and practical non-medical assistance for hospice patients and their caregivers in Clinton County. A background check is required. Training and on-going support is provided. If interested, contact Darlene Menietti at 618-613-1158 or email at darlene.menietti@bchd.us.

AVISTON OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT- is **Sat., Aug. 29th** at Roland Barkau Golf Course in Okawville. Please call/text Spencer 618-570-9221; Nate 618-971-1159; or Grant 618-920-3693 to register a team or become a hole sponsor. See ACIC FB for additional details.



AVISTON OKTOBERFEST: Sat., Oct. 3rd - Mark your calendars! Enjoy German food, beer, and music. Proceeds from the event are used to support our great community.