

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Aug. 22	4:00pm	Tom Huelsmann L/D Varel, Schrage & Stricker Families
Sun. Aug. 23	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet Dora Beer
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Mon. Aug. 24		NO MASS
Tues. Aug. 25	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Wed. Aug. 26	7:00pm	Margaret Ottensmeier
Thur. Aug. 27	7:30am	Fr. Steven Poole
Fri. Aug. 28	7:30am	Herman J. Schonhoff
Sat. Aug. 29	1:30pm	Wedding: Travis Ripperda & Brianna Becherer
	4:00pm	Dora Beer L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. Aug. 30	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
	9:30am	L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker 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: We are obliged to receive Holy Communion during the Lenten or Easter Seasons which, in this case, means from the First Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost). Anyone aware of committing a mortal (serious) sin must first go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Communion. If a person has a valid reason, such as poor health or the lack of an available priest, the obligation can be fulfilled at another time of the year. Of course, we are invited to receive Communion as often as daily when we attend Mass, if we are not aware of any serious sin that has not been forgiven in Reconciliation.

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 **Ralph H. Langhauser** (father of Rochelle [Brad] Halstead) who passed away. Keep **Ralph & his family** in your prayers.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Whit Matthew Ratermann** (son of Peter & Paige [Richards] Ratermann) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Whit** to our faith family.

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

OFFERINGS AUG. 14th & 15th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 4,105.00
Loose:	\$ 662.25
Online Giving:	\$ 2,070.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 6,837.25

*Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION*



Installation of officers for Aviston Knights of Columbus Council #11110.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 510.00
Servants of St. Francis	\$ 51.50

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. Sept. 06	- after 9:30am Mass- Baptism Class at Parish Center
Sun. Sept. 13	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Begins!

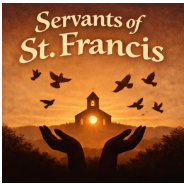
Parish Center Fund will be updated once a month after checkbooks are balanced.

PARISH CENTER FUND

Balance on 7/1/2025:	\$ 214,117.63
Income:	\$ 139,191.52
Expenses:	\$ 21,852.97
Balance on 7/31/2026:	\$ 331,456.18

SECOND COLLECTION: This 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.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Thurs. Aug. 27 - 7:30pm K of C Meeting

Fri. Aug. 28 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY



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



The next BAPTISM PREP CLASS is now

Sunday, September 6th at 10:30am. Church regulations require parents of children being baptized to attend a Pre-Baptism class. **A baptism will not be scheduled until after you have taken this class.** Godparents are encouraged to attend. **Reservations are required** by calling the rectory at 228-7219.

OTHER LOCAL PICNICS:

****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 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

CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle, IL, Sunday, Sept. 20th 11:00am - 5:00pm. **Drive-thru only.** \$15. (Look for signs on New Rt. 50 west of Carlyle and on Rt. 127 six miles north of Carlyle.

FAITH FOCUS

THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

More Than Forgiveness

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is about much more than having our sins forgiven. Jesus restores us to friendship with Him, but He also transforms how we love others. His grace helps us become more patient, more forgiving, more compassionate, and more willing to seek reconciliation where relationships have been broken. St. Paul reminds us that we are one Body in Christ. When one member suffers, the whole body is affected. Likewise, when one heart is healed, the whole Body is strengthened. The peace Christ gives us is meant to flow into our marriages, families, friendships, workplaces, and parish.

This week: Pray, *"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace."* Then take one concrete step toward healing a relationship through forgiveness, a kind word, or an act of love.



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.

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

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.



The Mass of Beatification for Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is on Thursday, Sept. 24th 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.