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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Aug. 23	4:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp Juanita Lanter & Angie Hostmeyer
Sun. Aug. 24	7:30am 9:30am	Margaret Rademacher George & Rosina Hollenkamp L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family
Mon. Aug. 25		NO MASS
Tues. Aug. 26		George & Rosina Hollenkamp Don Boeser
Wed. Aug. 27	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Thur. Aug. 28	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp Jerome Markus
Fri. Aug. 29	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Aug. 30	4:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Jim & Marilyn Rakers Family David Nettekmeier
Sun. Aug. 31	7:30am 9:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp Irene Thole

CONFESSIONS: (also by appointment)

Sat. 3:15pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am

PASTOR'S NOTE:

I apologize for not including the Central High School students in last week's prayer request for returning school students. Let us pray for our Central students and all of our students for a year of learning and drawing closer to Jesus.

I would encourage us all to consider whether we have donated to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal (CSMA) for the Diocese of Belleville. The CSMA is an annual, diocesan-wide collection that helps fund 17 ministries and offices that provide social, parish and education services in the Diocese of Belleville. Grants are also provided to parishes. Our Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi has, for example, submitted a proposal for a Quiet Bag Project to provide bags for kids to help follow along with the Mass and keep busy with Catholic-themed activities. We will probably know by October if we will receive our requested grant. CSMA also funds Catholic social programs in East Saint Louis and Cairo and supports many diocesan activities, such as seminarians and vocations, faith formation and youth ministry, and the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale. We are at about half of our parish goal. Please be generous. Thanks! **Fr. Von Deeke**

OFFERINGS AUGUST 16th & 17th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 4,305.00

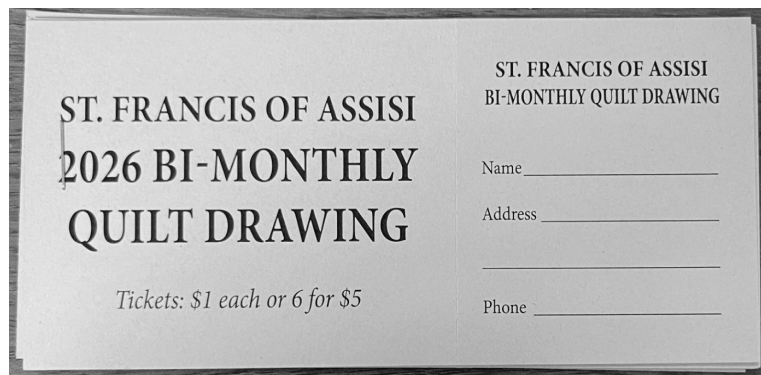
Loose: \$ 760.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,237.25

General Fund Total: \$ 6,302.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Get your **2026 Bi-Monthly Quilt tickets**. They are located at all entrances.

Special Collections:

Improvement Collection \$ 2,000.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Hudson Billhartz	Nancy Brooks	Fr. Von Deeke
Karla Draper	David Foy	Tracy Frey
Moe Goesten Kors	Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann
Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe
Edna Mollet	Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson
Don Rakers	Rachel Rehkemper	Patricia Rollings
Phoenix Sanders	Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar
Rev. Carl Schrage	Don Schulte	Mary Stricker
Pat Sudholt	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Marge Thole	Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tues. Aug. 26 - 7:00pm - CYM Meeting at Parish Center



CONGRATULATIONS to **Patrick Allen Huegen** (son of Casey & Allison (Pingsterhaus) Huegen) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Patrick** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Pauline Wilke (mother of Connie [Vince] Barciszewski) who passed away. Keep **Pauline** and her family in your prayers.

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 (228-7219) right away. We will have several meetings to get to know candidates and to orient them concerning the process.



SPECIAL COLLECTION: This weekend, August 23rd & 24th, our parish will take up the ***Gaza Relief Collection***. Archbishop Broglio has asked every US diocese, as soon as possible, to take up a collection for humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers/sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas. "It is with great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza

PLEASE PRAY FOR GAZA!

that I write to you today. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza & surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "**Gaza is starving**."

WE NEED YOU! St. Francis Sunday School Program is seeking volunteers to serve as the program Coordinator & volunteers to fill a rotational teaching schedule during the 2025 - 2026 school year. Both roles require a background check & Diocesan Child Protection training. For more info, contact April Foutch (618-367-3800).



St. Francis Sunday School Program starts Sept. 7th, 2025! 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



COME JOIN THE CYM: First meeting of year will be, Tuesday, **August 26th**, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Check out their Facebook page - St. Francis Aviston CYM to see what they are all about.

Sept. 7th - 9:30 Mass--7th Grade Rite of Candidacy Mass - 7th Grade students formally begin their Confirmation Sacrament preparation and request support from their parish Family. All 7th grade PSR students should be at church NLT 9:15am

Sept. 21st - 9:30 Mass--Catechetical Sunday Mass - Meant to Bless and recognize the importance of all Catechists and faith formation. Request all PSR Teachers, RCIA, Adult Education, CYM Advisors, VBS leaders and anyone involved as a teacher/leader or student attend this Mass!

THE 2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK has dates to be filled. You can call the rectory anytime from 8:00am-3:00pm, Monday thru Friday to schedule Mass Intentions. (618-228-7219) or email parish@stfrancisav.org



Interested in learning how to piece a quilt top? The Aviston Altar Sodality will be offering a class on Sept. 10th at 6:30pm. The class's will continue on Wednesdays until the quilt top is finished. There will be a few sewing machines for use but bring your own if possible. Call Diane Hegger 971-9212 or Martha Ribbing 228-7433 to sign up. There will be a list of materials you will need to get prior to class.



JOB OPENING: Administrative Assistant to Bishop Edward K. Braxton. For full description of job duties please go to website: diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities

UPDATE: Has your phone number, address, or email been changed recently? It is very important to make sure we have the correct information on file. We still have 165 families listed with a landline (228-XXXX). Let us know if you have disconnected your landline recently. Please call 618-228-7219 or email parish@stfrancisav.org.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBIT: St. Dominic-Breese., **Sat., Aug. 23rd** from 3:00pm - 7:00pm & **Sun., Aug. 24th** from 9:00am - 1:00pm at All Saints Academy School Gym located at North 3rd St. Breese, IL. St. Dominic Catholic Church is hosting ***The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit*** that was initiated by soon to be St. Carlos Acutis, a 16-year-old millennial blessed. It consists of over 150 Eucharistic miracles approved by the Church that had been simply explained and shared with the world by Blessed Carlos Acutis. Using photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents a magnificent display depicting the full approved exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles recorded throughout the ages. Affirming the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Enjoy a self-guided tour of these miracles and reflect upon how we reverently receive Jesus in the Eucharist today.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON

Thurs. Aug. 28 - 7:30pm - K of C Meeting
Fri. Aug. 29 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY



AVISTON OKTOBERFEST: **Sat., Sept. 13th** - Mark your calendars! Enjoy German food, beer, and music. Proceeds from the event are used to support our great community.

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS: An invitation to audition! Please consider joining us for our 13th season! We welcome singers age 16 and older from the Metro East area to join our group, which is based in Highland. We rehearse on Monday nights from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Auditions will be held on Fri., **Aug. 29th**, from 6:00-8:00pm, and on Sat., **Aug. 30th**, from 10am-Noon. Location: St. Paul Church, 2nd floor, 1411 Main Street, Highland, IL. If you can't make those times, contact director Luanne Murphy at 618-791-8408. More information at our website: heartlandcommunitychorus.org.



CANCER (HEALING) MASS at St. Rose in St. Rose, IL on Tue., **Sept. 16th**. Mass at 6:30pm. Mass for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses. *All are welcome to attend.*

LOCAL PICNICS - BELLEVILLE DIOCESE:

***HOLY CHILDHOOD** - Mascoutah, IL, Sat. **Aug. 23rd**. 4:00pm Mass.
***ST. THERESA/ST. LUKE** - Belleville, Sat. **Aug 23rd**. 4:00pm Mass.
***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - Columbia, Mon. **Sept. 1st**. 11:00am -7:00pm
***ST. JOSEPH'S** - Freeburg, Sat. & Sun. **Sept. 6th & 7th**. 4:00pm Mass. Dinner 3:00pm - 7:30pm, Quilt Bingo 5:00pm-11:00pm.
***HOLY TRINITY** - Fairview Heights, Sat. **Sept. 20th**. 4:00pm Mass

ALS GOLF SCRAMBLE—5th Annual Tee'd Off ALS Golf Scramble, **Sat., Oct. 4th** at Roland Barkau Golf Course, Okawville,. All proceeds go to the Tim Miller Research Lab, Washington University to find a cure. Ways to support: golfing, sponsors, monetary donation, or a memorial sign with mum in the memorial garden. For more info go to FB page Tee'd Off with ALS or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413.

AUTUMNFEST: at St. Mary, Centralia, **Sat., Sept. 6th**. Mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by a chicken dinner from 5:00–8:00 p.m. Enjoy the cake walk, basket raffle, kids' games, food, drinks, and plenty of fun, with live music from 7:00pm-10:00pm.

