

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Aug. 31		NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 01	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Sept. 02	7:00pm	Rosie Becker
Thur. Sept. 03	7:30am	Alexander Morrison
Fri. Sept. 04	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Sept. 05	4:00pm	Rosemary Venhaus David Nettemeier
Sun. Sept. 06	7:30am	Marie Henrichs
	9:30am	Norbert & Stella Hollenkamp Family Steve & Marcella Holtgrave 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: It is well to receive Holy Communion often, because this intimate union with Jesus, the source of all holiness and the giver of all graces, is the greatest aid to a holy life. If we appreciate what Communion is, we will do our best to be at Mass and receive Jesus at least on Sundays. Our Lord must be disappointed when he sets out such a banquet but so many people do not come to Mass to receive him. 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.



COME JOIN THE CYM: First meeting of year will be, Tuesday, *Sept. 1st*, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Check out their Facebook page - St. Francis Aviston CYM to see what they are all about.

PARISH CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY PRESENTATION:

The Parish Center Feasibility Study is complete. Join us on Thursday, September 3RD at 6:15pm in the Heritage Room for a presentation of the findings and recommendations. Thank you to everyone who participated through surveys, interviews, questionnaires, and committee service. Your input helped make this study possible. We hope you can join us.

OFFERINGS AUG. 22nd & 23rd:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,409.00

Loose: \$ 534.25

Online Giving: \$ 2,198.00

General Fund Total: \$ 5,141.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Servants of St. Francis volunteers spent the morning with the Snack Pack Program of Clinton County. To view more pictures, go to our facebook page!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 170.00

Servants of St. Francis \$ 2,186.00

Retired Diocesan Priests \$ 25.00

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	Mary Littenken
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
Matt Thole	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Darvin Zeisset	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Tue. Sept. 01 - 7:00pm CYM Meeting

Fri. Sept. 05 - **First Friday Calls**

Sun. Sept. 06 - after 9:30am Mass- Baptism Class at Parish Center

Mon. Sept. 07 - **OFFICE CLOSED- HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

Sun. Sept. 13 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Begins!

- 9:30am - 7th grade Rite of Candidacy Mass

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

IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION: Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the "**Parish Improvement Fund**" which is used for major repairs on the Church, etc



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
-Donations:	\$ 132,145.85
-Interest:	\$ 7,045.67
Expenses (ISPD):	\$ 21,852.97
Balance on 7/31/2026:	\$ 331,456.18

ST. FRANCIS JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis (1126- 2026). Come join this family event on Sunday, Oct. 4th at 11:30am. Please see the flyer insert in this weeks bulletin for more details.

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

BIBLE STUDY: The Mass is an important part of our life. We will have a Scripture study on the Mass to help us better understand what we say and do at Mass. "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" is a five-week program consisting of a video (presenter Edward Sri) and discussion. Each session will be devoted to one of the major sections of the Mass. It will be in the classrooms in the Heritage Room building beginning Tues., **Sept. 22nd**, one session at 10:00am and another at 6:30pm. Sign-ups will be the weekends of **Aug. 30th & Sept. 6th** so books can be ordered.



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.

Sept. 13th - 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. 20th - Catechetical Weekend - Meant to Bless and recognize the importance of all Catechists and faith formation leaders. Request all PSR Teachers, RCIA, Adult Education, CYM Advisors, VBS leaders and anyone involved as a teacher/leader to attend any Mass at St. Francis so they can be recognized and receive a blessing!

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Sept. 04 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY

PORK SAUSAGE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Breese K of C is hosting abreakfast on Aug. 30th from 8:00am to 11:00am. Pork sausage, Pancakes, Scrambled eggs, Hash browns, Biscuits & gravy and Fruit.

FAITH FOCUS

THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

Come Home: Perhaps you've been thinking about going to Confession. Maybe for weeks. Maybe for years. Jesus already knows your story. He knows your struggles. He knows your heart. And He loves you completely. The Sacrament of Reconciliation isn't about dwelling on the past. It's about allowing Christ to restore what sin has broken and send us forward with hope. God isn't waiting to condemn you. He's waiting to welcome you home.



This week: Pray, "Lord, give me the courage to receive Your mercy." If you've been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, consider making it intentional on your calendar. You may be surprised by the peace and freedom that await you.



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.

OTHER LOCAL PICNICS:

****ST. MICHAEL'S** - Paderborn, Sun. **Aug. 30th**. Hamburgers, brats, cheeseburgers, desserts starting at 11:00am. Carry-outs available. Quilt Bingo at 1:00pm in Hall.

****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.