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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Sept. 07		NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 08	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Wed. Sept. 09	7:00pm	Mary Rita & Henry Hilmes
Thur. Sept. 10	7:30am	Margaret Ottensmeier
Fri. Sept. 11	7:30am	Frank & Florence Hogg
Sat. Sept. 12	4:00pm	Judy Markus Cindy & Gerry Zurliene Family Matt & Mary Rakers Family Nick & Marita Strubhart & Jenny Boshera
Sun. Sept. 13	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
	9:30am	Dora Beer John & Joan Tredennick

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: After sharing about the Mass and Communion over the past several weeks, I would now like, over the next weeks, to present some information from the Church's Order of Christian Funerals on cremation. This subject has come up several times in different conversations over the last two years.

"The Christian faithful are unequivocally confronted by the mystery of life and death when they are faced with the presence of the body of one who has died. Moreover, the body which lies in death naturally recalls the personal story of faith, the loving family bonds, the friendships, and the words and acts of kindness of the deceased person. Indeed, the human body is inextricably associated with the human person, which acts and is experienced by others through that body. It is the body whose hands clothed the poor and embraced the sorrowing." Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

THANK YOU: to everyone who attended the **Parish Center Feasibility Study Presentation** on Thursday, September 3RD. There are "Parish Center Fund" envelopes at all church entrances. All Parish Center Funds are not subject to Diocesan Tax.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Travis & Brianna (Becherer) Ripperda** upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



SYMPATHY: Remember Dennis N. Beckmann (father of Shanelle [John] Palmer) who passed away. Keep **Dennis** and his family in your prayers.

OFFERINGS AUG. 29th & 30th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,656.00

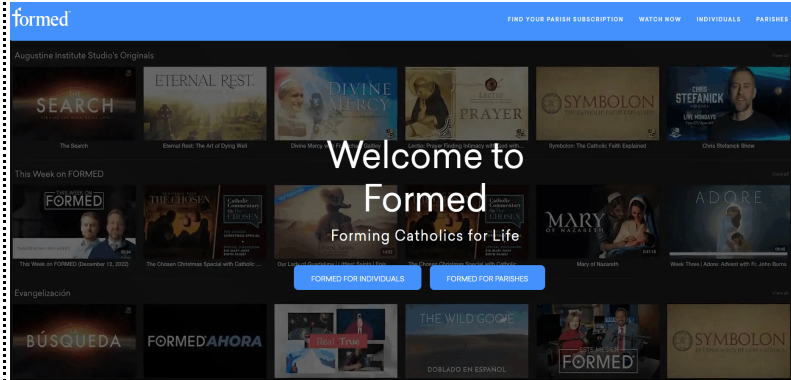
Loose: \$ 674.10

Online Giving: \$ 3,292.50

General Fund Total: \$ 7,622.60

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Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 2,592.50

Servants of St. Francis \$ 60.00

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 Litteken
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:

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

SPECIAL THANKS: We are deeply grateful to the late Margaret Ottensmeier for another generous bequest of \$6,500 to the Improvement Fund at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. As noted in the July 27, 2025 bulletin, \$64,000 was given! Please remember her in your prayers.



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



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Our Belleville Diocese currently has 53 diocesan priests: 28 are currently retired and 25 are in active ministry. Of those 25 in active ministry, 13 are of retirement age but continue to serve us. With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection on September 12-13 will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. All monies will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests. Show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life's journey with a generous gift to this special collection.



Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simply prayer would be helpful. For this week:

CASMIR COZZI

Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

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.



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.

Flyers are available at all church entrances. Please spread the word!

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 beginning Tues., **Sept. 22nd**, one session at 10:00am & another at 6:30pm. Please sign up by **Sept. 6th** so books can be ordered.



BAPTISM PREP CLASS This Sunday, September 6th at 10:30am. Church regulations require parents of children being baptized to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Godparents are encouraged to attend.

FAITH FOCUS

Who Was St. Francis?

Before he became a saint, Francis was a young man who dreamed of becoming a great knight. He desired honor, adventure, and success. But God had a different plan.

Through a series of experiences, Francis began to discover that God's dreams for his life were greater than his own.

St. Francis's story reminds us that following Christ often begins with being willing to ask, "Lord, what do You want from me?"

This week: Pray that question honestly and listen for God's answer.

And while you're at church, see if you can find a relic of St. Francis—a physical piece of St. Francis's body. If you don't know where it is, ask someone!

Join us October 4th as we celebrate 800 years of St. Francis's life and legacy.



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!



CANCER (HEALING) MASS at St. Boniface, Germantown on Wed., **Sept. 9th** with 5:45pm Confessions & 6:30pm Mass. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass for those suffering from illnesses. *All are welcome.*

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. Sept. 08 - 7:30pm SAL Meeting

Fri. Sept. 11 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY 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>.