

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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 9:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp Dora Beer John & Joan Tredennick
Mon. Sept. 14		NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 15	7:30am	Vince Rolves All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Sept. 16	7:00pm	Schonhoff Family
Thur. Sept. 17	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Fri. Sept. 18	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Sept. 19	1:00pm 4:00pm	<i>Leann Huegen & Tyler Mills Wedding</i> Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Jennifer Kalmer Dora Beer Mike Haukap
Sun. Sept. 20	7:30am 9:30am	Ray & Edna Mollet Olinda & Dick Kues 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:

Continuing from the Order of Christian Funerals: "The body of a deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in Baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life. Thus, the Church's reverence for the sacredness of the human body grows out of reverence and concern both natural and supernatural for the human person. The body of the deceased brings forcefully to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead." Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

CATHOLIC FRATERNAL LIFE(CFL): will be handing out free donuts after 9:30am mass on Sept. 13th.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. **All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and**

prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests. Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able and keep all our priests in your prayers. Thank you very much.



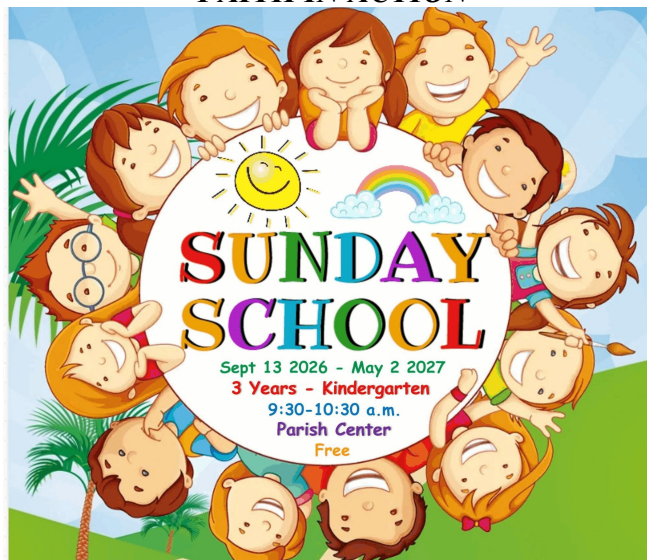
OFFERINGS SEPT. 5th & 6th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,344.00
Loose:	\$ 517.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,342.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 7,203.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



St. Francis Sunday School begins this weekend! It isn't too late to sign up! Sign up at stfrancisav.org/sunday-school-registration today!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund	\$ 1,689.25
Servants of St. Francis	\$ 50.00
Retired Belleville Dio Priests	\$ 141.50

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	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	

****For a parishioner in a local hospital who would like a visit from the Servants of St. Francis Patient Outreach program, please call/text Kim Dickshot 618-977-7161.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Sept. 13	9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Begins!
	9:30am - 7 th grade Rite of Candidacy Mass
	7:00pm - CYM Meeting
Mon. Sept. 14	7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Sun. Sept 19 & 20	- All Mass's Catechetical Sunday

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:

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

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC? Considering joining the Catholic Church? Do you know someone interested in joining the Faith? **The first session is Mon., Sept. 14th at 7:00pm.** If so, contact Fr. Von (618-228-7219), or the parish office.



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!



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 Heritage Room beginning Tues., **Sept. 22nd**, one session at 10:00am & another at 6:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Quilting for the 2027 picnic will be starting shortly at the Parish Center. Reminder, we try to have our quilts measure a minimum of 90x108 inches. First, quilt top piecing & quilting starts on **Wed., Sept. 30th** from 9:00am-4:00pm & 6:30pm-8:30pm, **Oct 4th** from 12Noon-4:00pm and on **Mon., Oct. 5th - Oct. 8th** from 9:00am-4:00pm. Quilting only on **Wed., Oct. 7th** 6:30pm-8:30pm



NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULER: We are now using Ministry Scheduler Pro. This gives the ministry volunteers the opportunity to be able to schedule themselves where they want to be scheduled, put in days off (days you know you can't make it to church), put in your preferences like what Mass time, and how many times a month you want to be scheduled. We are in need of volunteers! If you want to join a ministry, please contact Amber today!



Ministry Scheduler
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Rotunda Software, LLC

CHICKEN DINNERS & OTHER EVENTS:

***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.
***St. Teresa Church**, Marydale, Carlyle, IL. Sunday, **Sept. 27th** 11:00am - 4:00pm **DRIVE-THRU ONLY.** \$15.
***Albers Legion Chicken Dinner:** Sept. 20th 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Adults \$15.00, Kids 5-12 \$7.00, under 5 Free. Carry outs available. Bingo players will get \$2.00 off their meal.
***St. Bernard Annual Wurstmaket** - Sept. 27th 10:30am - 5:30pm. Carry out or drive thru available. Whole hog pork sausage, roast beef, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes & dessert. \$16.00 per plate..
* **VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR:** Sept. 26th 10:00am - 3:00pm at Albers American Legion. Contact Deb Kehrer if you are interested in having a booth. All proceeds from booth rentals benefit veterans.

FAITH FOCUS

St. Francis: A Heart Changed

One of the turning points in St. Francis's life came when he encountered a leper. Francis had previously found lepers frightening and repulsive. Yet he overcame his fear, approached the man, and embraced him.

Francis later described this experience as something that once seemed bitter becoming sweet.

His conversion wasn't simply learning more about God—it was allowing Christ to change how he saw and loved another person.

This week: Ask Jesus, "Whose face do I have difficulty seeing with Your eyes?" Pray for that person and ask God to change your heart.

Learn more about Francis's conversion at our October 4 celebration!



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:

Thur. Sept. 17 - 7:00pm Exec Board Meeting

Fri. Sept. 18 - 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>.

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. For more information go to FB page **Tee'd Off with ALS** or contact Melissa Netemeyer @ 618-691-9413.

