

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Sept. 19	1:00pm	Leann Huegen & Tyler Mills Wedding
	4:00pm	Joseph & Mary Jane Gebhart Jennifer Kalmer Dora Beer Mike Haukap
Sun. Sept. 20	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet
	9:30am	Olinda & Dick Kues Family
Mon. Sept. 21		NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 22	7:30am	Genevieve Lueke
Wed. Sept. 23	7:00pm	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Thur. Sept. 24	7:30am	Nick & Marita Strubhart Special Intention L/D Wellingshoff & Inlaw Families
Fri. Sept. 25	7:30am	Sister Patricia Peters
Sat. Sept. 26	1:30pm	Larissa Peters & Kyle Kohnen Wedding
	4:00pm	Mary Louise Kuhl L/D Herman & Anna Feldmann Family
Sun. Sept. 27	7:30am	Kathy, Sandy & Steven Rakers L/D Ed & Henrietta Beckmann Family
	9:30am	Jennifer Kalmer Andy & Ruth Bruns & Evonne Timmermann

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: "This conviction in faith [that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and is destined for future glory at the resurrection] finds its expression in a sustained and insistent prayer that commends the deceased person to God's merciful care so that his or her place in the communion of the just may be assured. A further expression is the care traditionally taken to prepare the bodies of the deceased for a burial that befits their dignity, in expectation of their final resurrection in the Lord."

Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE SICK: For the past couple years the PSR students have had a Healing Prayer Service. We will have the Healing Service within a Communion Service on **Thursday, October 15th. (7:30 am)**. During the Prayer of the Faithful, PSR students will carry a candle to be placed on the Mary and Joseph altar as the name is read. If you wish to purchase a candle, please send in \$4 and the name of the recipient and donor. Please put in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory, or send with your PSR student in an envelope clearly marked "Candle" along with the name of recipient and donor. Deadline will be **Monday, October 12th**.

OFFERINGS SEPT. 5th & 6th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,639.00
Loose:	\$ 715.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,388.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 5,742.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



The St. Francis statue has arrived for the upcoming 800th year Celebration.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,059.00

Retired Belleville Dio Priests \$ 2,111.00

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
Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage	Don Schulte
Marge 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 19 & 20	- All Mass's Catechetical Sunday
	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Mon. Sept. 21	- 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Tue. Sept. 22	- 10:00am - Bible Study in the Heritage Room
	- 6:30pm - Bible Study in the Heritage Room

ST. FRANCIS JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Celebrating the 800th



Anniversary of the death of St. Francis (1226- 2026). Come join this family event on Sunday, **Oct. 4th** at 11:30am.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Tyler & Leann (Huegen) Mills upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



CONGRATULATIONS to Parker Joan Kreke (daughter of Peyton & Lauren [Kampwerth] Kreke) who was baptized last weekend. We welcome **Parker** to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember Pete Steuart (brother of Steve [Nancy] Koelz) who passed away. Keep **Pete** and his family in your prayers.

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!



BIBLE STUDY: The Biblical Walk Through the Mass bible study group will meet **Tues., Sept. 22nd**. The gatherings will be at 10:00am & 6:30pm in Classroom 1 in the Parish Center. Thank you for joining us as we strive for a better understanding of the Mass.

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

USHERS, GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS NEEDED! With the new scheduling program (Ministry Scheduler Pro), it gives the ministry volunteers the opportunity to be able to schedule themselves when they want to be scheduled, put in days off (days you know you can't make it to church), put in your preferences: Mass time, how many times a month you want to be scheduled, etc. Are you interested? Email/call our parish secretary, parish@stfrancisav.org or (228-7219).

OCIA has Begun **but YOU CAN STILL JOIN!** We gather on Mondays, at St. Dominic Annex, Breese at 7:00pm. If you or someone you know is considering the possibility of joining the Catholic Church, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Von at 618-214-6852).

CHICKEN DINNERS & OTHER NEARBY EVENTS:

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

Sept. 20- St. Augustine Bingo, Breese, IL at 2:00pm.

Sept. 20- Albers Legion Chicken Dinner: 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.

Sept. 26- VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR: 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.

Sept. 27- St. Teresa Church Chicken Dinner, Marydale, Carlyle, IL. 11:00am - 4:00pm **DRIVE-THRU ONLY**. \$15.

Sept. 27- St. Bernard Annual Wurstmarket - 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..

Oct. 4- St. Dominic Church - 345 N. Clinton St, Breese, 11:00am-5:00pm. \$15.00 per meal & it includes fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw and dessert.

FAITH FOCUS

St. Francis: A Heart Changed:

"Rebuild My Church"

While praying before a crucifix, St. Francis heard Christ say, "Francis, go and repair my house." At first, Francis thought Jesus meant the physical church around him. Eventually, he understood that Christ was calling him to help renew His Church through a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service.

Our parish is also discerning how we can best move forward as a community. Perhaps Francis gives us a question worth asking—not simply, "What should we build?" but "How can I help build Christ's Church?"

This week: Pray about one way you can strengthen our Parish family.

Come October 4 to celebrate St. Francis and discover more about his life and mission.

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



Knights of Columbus Breakfast- Sunday, Oct. 4th, 7:00am-11:00am at the New Baden Parish Center. Benefits Pro-Life activities.

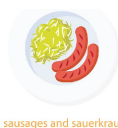
LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Tues. Sept. 22 - 7:00pm Legion Meeting
- 7:00pm Auxiliary Meeting

Thur. Sept. 24 - 7:30pm Kof C Meeting

Fri. Sept. 25 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY AVISTON

PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEER DINNER: Sunday, Oct. 11th, 10:30am-6:00pm at the Aviston Legion. Dinner includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce & dessert. The traditional pork & quilt raffles will also be conducted. It will be Carryout dinners made to order with sit-down dining space available event.



FALL/WINTER HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE on Oct. 11th, 10:00am-5:00pm (\$4 brown bag 3-5:00pm) Halloween, Thanksgiving, & Christmas items ONLY. Dates to bring donated items to the Aviston Legion are Oct. 8th & 9th, 12:00Noon-6:00pm. Questions? Call Debi Luebbers (618-581-1950).



OKTOBERFEST: Sat., Oct. 3rd - Mark your calendars! Enjoy German food, beer, and music. Proceeds from the event are used to support our great community.

CITIZENS FOR AVISTON - SAVE THE DATE! The **56th Annual Benefit Dinner** on **Saturday, January 30, 2027** at the Aviston American Legion. A **\$100 ticket admits two** and includes dinner, free beer & soda, a monthly drawing entry, and live entertainment by the Cheers Band. The evening will feature ten exciting cash prize drawings, with a **grand prize of \$2,000**. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Citizens for Aviston Facebook page or contacting a committee member at 618-513-3483. Payments are accepted via Venmo (@Citizens4Aviston), cash, or check. All proceeds will benefit Aviston Park, helping to support our community for years to come.

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:

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