

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Sept. 28		NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 29	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Employees
Wed. Sept. 30	7:00pm	Herman J. Schonhoff
Thur. Oct. 01	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Oct. 02	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Oct. 03	4:00pm	Dennis & Joanna Rakers Family
Sun. Oct. 04	7:30am	L/D Irwin & Trudy Luebbbers Family
	9:30am	Ruth Mary Rakers Floyd & Pat Sudholt

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:

We will remember the death of our patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, at a Transitus Service on Saturday evening, October 3rd, at 6:40 PM, sunset, in church. We will have a reading on the death of Saint Francis and will sing verses from "All Creatures of our God and King." We will have a reading from the Gospel of Saint John and will conclude with a blessing with the relic of Saint Francis. This should last less than half an hour. Please join us!

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**.



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



OFFERINGS SEPT. 19th & 20th :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,511.00

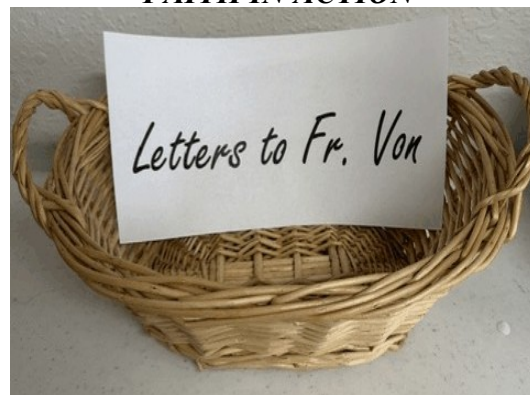
Loose: \$ 592.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,628.00

General Fund Total: \$ 7,731.00

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Celebrate "PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY" by writing Father Von an appreciation note. Baskets are labeled at all entrances.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 1,841.67

Retired Belleville Dio Priests \$ 393.75

Parish Center Fund \$ 10.00

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. 27	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class
Mon. Sept. 28	- 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Tue. Sept. 29	- 10:00am - Bible Study in the Heritage Room - 6:30pm - Bible Study in the Heritage Room
Wed. Sept. 30	- 9:00am-4:00pm Quilting in Heritage Room - 6:30pm-8:30pm Quilting in Heritage Room
Fri. Oct. 02	- First Friday Calls
Sun. Oct. 04	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

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 *Kyle & Larissa (Peters) Kohnen* upon receiving the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God Bless them with many years of happiness!



SYMPATHY: Remember *Heather M. Huelsmann* (wife of Kurt Huelsmann) who passed away. Keep *Heather* and her family in your prayers.

OCTOBER 2026 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES are now on the website at www.stfrancisav.org/schedules.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: is celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of September, which is this weekend, September 27th. This is a day of recognized and showing appreciation to the priests who have sacrificed so much for us. Let us honor Fr. Von by simply writing him a handwritten note. There are papers & pens in the pews. Please write a kind message to Fr. Von and drop the letter in a basket when leaving. Baskets are labeled "Letters for Fr. Von" are located at all entrances.

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).

CYM HALLOWEEN KIDS EVENT: Oct. 18th 1:00pm-3:00pm, Please look for the link to register on the St. Francis home page at www.stfrancisav.org or go to the St. Francis CYM FB page at www.facebook.com/stfrancisavistoncym

HOLYLANDS ARTS: St. Francis will be hosting the Holylands Arts on **Oct. 10th & 11th**. There will be Olive Wood Handcrafted religious items. Their mission is to support the skilled craftspeople by providing a marketplace for the beautiful, hand carved works in the United States. When you purchase one of these unique art pieces, you directly support Catholic families in Bethlehem and the surrounding regions. To learn more about the products, please visit www.theholylands.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

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

PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER: October is Pro-Life month. Help fill the playpen near the north entrance of the church! Things needed are diapers, wipes, formula, baby clothes, lotion, shampoo, etc. All donations will benefit a local Pro-Life counseling center.

COATS FOR THE NEEDY: In November, the playpen will then be used to collect new and gently used coats, gloves, scarves and hats for the needy.

CHICKEN DINNERS & OTHER NEARBY EVENTS:

Sept. 26- VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR: 10:00am - 3:00pm at Albers American Legion. Contact Deb Kehrner 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 Wurstmart - 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

Brother Sun, Sister Moon

St. Francis saw God's fingerprints throughout creation. He called the sun, moon, water, earth, and even animals his brothers and sisters—not because they were equal to God, but because they were gifts from the same Creator.

His famous Canticle of Creation reminds us that creation can lead our hearts to praise God.

This week: Take a few moments outside, notice something in creation, and thank God for it. Ask how you can care for His creation with greater gratitude.

Next Sunday, October 4, join us for our celebration of St. Francis's 800th anniversary. Come experience prayer, fellowship, service, and more as we celebrate the patron of our Parish!



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

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Oct. 02 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY AVISTON

PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEEF DINNER: Sunday, Oct. 11th, 10:30am-6:00pm at the Aviston Legion. Dinner includes sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, & 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:

KYLE KELLERMAN
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