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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat. Nov. 29	4:00pm	Arnie Moss & Abby Robke James Rakers David Nettemeier Otto & Henrietta & Jim Nettemeier
Sun. Nov. 30	7:30am	Francis & Bertha Wilke William Shultz
	9:30am	Katie Siegmann Tony & Dolores Lampe
Mon. Dec. 01		NO MASS
Tues. Dec. 02	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Wed. Dec. 03	7:30am	Herman Schonhoff
Thur. Dec. 04	7:30am	Schonhoff Family
Fri. Dec. 05	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Sat. Dec. 06	4:00pm	James Rakers L/D Joseph & Catherine Lueke Family Gene Kuhl Richard Goesten Kors
Sun. Dec. 07	7:30am	Hannah Berndsen
	9:30am	L/D Vince & Bernice Poettker Family Jennifer Kalmer Carla Knackstedt

CONFESSIONS:

(also by appointment)

Sat. 3:15pm - 3:40pm

Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm

Sun. Morning at 7:10am

PASTOR'S NOTE:

I hope you all had a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. This Sunday we begin Advent, our annual preparation for Christmas. As we deal with all the preparations for our celebration of Christmas, let's remember to include our spiritual preparation, asking Jesus to show us in what ways he wants to prepare our hearts and souls to receive him at Christmas. Let's prepare to receive the gifts Jesus has for us this Christmas. Let us pray for each other. - Fr. Von

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS: Help decorate the altars this

Christmas Season by donating to the Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s). They will be remembered in our Christmas Liturgy celebration. Look for the "**Christmas Flower Offering Envelope**" in your envelope package

(make sure to include the name of your loved one(s)). Place your donation in the collection basket or send directly to the rectory,

Attn: Secretary. **Cost is \$10. Deadline is Thurs., Dec. 11th!**



THE GIVING TREE — December 14th is the last date for receiving gifts. Important: Please attach the gift tag you take from the Giving Tree to your gift. No need to wrap, however placing in a gift bag is appreciated. Please place your gifts by the Giving Tree. Thank you!

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd :

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,437.00

Christmas Offering: \$ 100.00

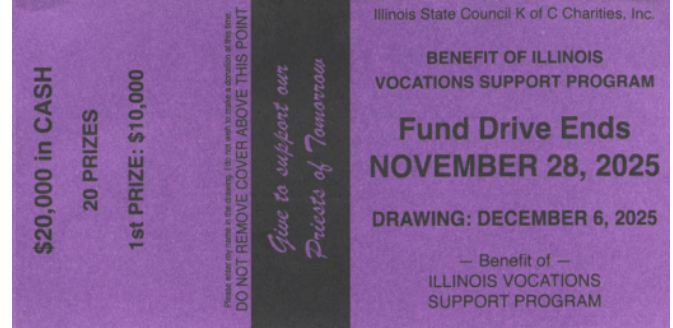
Loose: \$ 542.00

Online Giving: \$ 2,518.25

General Fund Total: \$ 5,597.25

Your General Fund contribution enables

FAITH IN ACTION



Illinois State Council K of C Charities, Inc.
BENEFIT OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM

**\$20,000 IN CASH AWARDS
"20 PRIZES"**

1st Prize - \$10,000
3rd - 6th Prizes \$1000/each
11th - 15th Prizes - \$200/each

2nd Prize - \$2,500
7th - 10th Prizes - \$500/each
16th - 20th Prizes - \$100/each

**FUND DRIVE ENDS: NOVEMBER 28, 2025
DRAWING: DECEMBER 6, 2025**

Save This Ticket for Your Identification
Please enter my name in the drawing. I do not wish to make a donation at this time.
Donation \$5.00 Winner Need Not Be Present

Name _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____
Council # _____

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS! Tickets are available at all church entrances. \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 440.00

Gaza Relief \$ 50.00

Hurricane Melissa Victims \$ 20.00

Human Development \$ 75.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Karla Draper	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goesten Kors
Randy Haselhorst	Florence Hogg	Jessica Hudspeth
Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann	Marie Jansen
Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe	Mark Moss
Darleen Nelson	Don Rakers	Don Ripperda
Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders	Seona Sanders
Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage	Don Schulte
Tanya Shultz	Mary Stricker	Pat Sudholt
Marge Thole	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun. Nov. 30 - 9:30am - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Tues. Dec. 02 - 6:30pm - First Reconciliation

Wed. Dec. 03 - 7:00pm - **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Fri. Dec. 05 - **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS**

Sun. Dec. 07 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to *Kolbi Mae Norrenberns* (Child of Blake & Jena [Hemann] Norrenberns) was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Kolbi* to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember *Claudette Wiehardt* (sister of Carol Feldmann), who passed away. Please keep *Claudette and her family* in your prayers.



PSR NEWS: RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our 2nd Graders will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tues., Dec. 2nd at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to participate by also receiving the Sacrament.

ST. FRANCIS CYM CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS on Dec. 7th,



2:00pm-4:00pm. PreK - 4th grade. \$15 per kid. There will be snacks, games, & fun! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAFGAn_LMNcUQKgBJ9xTTm0juTsgnACD5LZ9Jdq7q9AjZRSA/viewform

QUILT OF THE BI-MONTH - The first drawing for the **2026**



Quilt of the Bi-Month is January 31st. Tickets are found in church by all entrances. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any mass. Tell all your friends and family! Please be generous! *Thanks!*

AVISTON KC BREAKFAST: KC invites everyone to their fall

Knights of Columbus



Breakfast

fundraiser breakfast on **THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 30th** at the Aviston Legion dining room. Serving from 7:00am-11:30am. Sausage links, scrambled eggs, hash rounds, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, and fruit. Dine-in or Carry-out.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR NEEDY:

This is the last weekend to drop off coats.

Aviston Knights of Columbus are selling Vocation Raffle Tickets:

are at all entrances for \$20 for 5 tickets or \$5 each. This is a Statewide program to support our seminarians including the 5 Belleville seminarians who have answered our prayers for religious vocation. You can also Venmo @Aviston-KnightsofColumbus with any dollar value and we will fill the tickets in for you. The drawing includes \$20,000 in prizes with \$10,000 as the top prize on Dec. 6th.

THE AVISTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS invite all

parishioners to **Christmas Caroling** at Aviston Countryside Manor on Sun., Dec. 14 at 2:00pm. You are welcome to sing with the group, or just as good visit with some residents and listen to the caroling as well. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit as well as a great way to spread Christmas cheer to the nursing home residents. All kids are welcome too! Hope to see you there!

The Michael J. Haukap Knights of Columbus Council will again



recognize the best Nativity Displays in the Aviston School District area. Two scenes will be recognized as the best displays & awarded promoting "Keep Christ in Christmas" and will be awarded \$25 if they are chosen. Judging will be done on December 21st, and sign will be posted by the displays showing their selection. Any questions, contact Ken Haselhorst (618-971-8364).

PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES: The candidates for this



year's Pastoral Council Election are: **Ryan Faust** (*Sarah*), **Ryan Haukap** (*Patty*), **Colleen Harper** (*Larry*), **Michelle Kuhl** (*Jeff*), **Todd Schultz** (*Angie*), **Jason Stockmann** (*Michell*) **Andrew Timmermann** (*Katelyn*) **Marilyn**

Zobrist (*Rick*). Three seats are to be filled. To all those who declined their nomination, thank you for giving it serious consideration. The **ELECTION** will be **December 6th & 7th** at all weekend masses and online at www.stfrancisav.org.



DECEMBER 2025 LITURGICAL SCHEDULES are now available on the website www.stfrancisav.org/schedules.

The North Central Vicariate **Advent Penance Services** schedules are at all entrances of church!!

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Wed. Dec. 03 - 12:45pm-2:00pm - St. Mary, Centralia(School)

Thur. Dec. 04 - 7:00pm - St. Anthony, Beckemeyer

- 5:00pm - 7:00pm - St. Ann, Nashville

ADVENT BOOKS are at all entrances. Feel free to grab one!

ACIC CHRISTMAS KICKOFF!! Sunday, Nov. 30th, Santa's Stop at the Vintage Hall. 2:00pm-5:00pm pictures with Santa, food & activities. Go to ACIC - Aviston Community Improvement Club Facebook page for more info.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM There are baskets at each church entrance for your donated goods. The donated goods will be brought to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Germantown. Your support is needed!

NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE? St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 602



Church St., Germantown will be open on Mondays from 10:30am-1:00pm. Please call Shirley Eversgerd 523-4260 or John Feldmann 363-6588 if you need help.

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Dec. 05 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY



THERE IS NO HEROES CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR: at the Aviston American Legion, ~~on Sun. Dec. 8th at 6:00pm.~~ Please disregard last week's bulletin.

The Aviston Sons of American Legion **2026 BLACK TIE AND**



TALENT SHOW will be on **Sat. Jan. 10th 2026 @**

5:00pm at the Aviston American Legion. This formal event is a talent & glamour contest where we give away over \$10,000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a **downselect** competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00pm on **Fri., Dec 19th**. A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants choice & a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2026 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info text: Jim Kues 973-5688 or Craig Timmermann 830-7737.

MATER DEI MOTHERS & FRIENDS are selling raffle tickets for an all inclusive Kentucky Derby experience for 2 people. Tickets are \$40 ea or 3 for \$100. To purchase tickets go to <http://MDderby.givesmart.com>. To purchase with cash/check, contact Melissa Becker 401-3420.