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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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
Mon. Dec. 08	7:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
Immac. Conception	7:00pm	St. Francis Parish Family
Tues. Dec. 09	7:30am	Jenny Boshera
Wed. Dec. 10	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Thur. Dec. 11	7:30am	Abby Robke
Fri. Dec. 12	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Sat. Dec. 13	4:00pm	Richard Goesten Kors Judy Markus Becy & Ray Foppe Jim & Kathy Markus
Sun. Dec. 14	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet
	9:30am	Jennifer Kalmer L/D Robert Von Bokel Family
	6:00pm	St. Francis Advent Penance Service

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:

Just a reminder that this Monday, 8 December, is a Holy Day of Obligation, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Our Masses will be at 7:30 AM and 7 PM.

An experience of our Lord's forgiveness will be available at our Parish Reconciliation Service on next Sunday, 14 December, at 6 PM in church. Five priests will be available.

Thank you for completing our parish survey! I received and read the written comments this past week. Our Faith Formation Team will be meeting this week to review all of your responses.

Let us pray for each other. Fr. Von

FYL...ST. FRANCIS CONTRIBUTIONS: All Contributions for 2025 payable to St. Francis Church must be received by noon, Friday, December 28th in order to be included in your 2025 statement for tax purposes. Everything received after that date will be reported in 2026.



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS: Deadline is this **Thurs., Dec. 11th!!** Please bring directly to the rectory!

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 29th & 30th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,730.00

Loose: \$ 542.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,348.25

General Fund Total: \$ 5,620.25

Your General Fund contribution enables
FAITH IN ACTION



BI-MONTHLY QUILT DRAWING: The *lucky winner* for November is **Carol Feldmann** of Aviston. **Congratulations!**

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund

\$ 727.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers	David Foy
Tracy Frey	Darryl Gebhart	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 Strieker	Pat Sudholt
Marge Thole	Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies
Khara Vanderhyden	Carolyn Wilson	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun.	Dec. 07	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School
Mon.	Dec. 08	- 7:00pm - OCIA at St. Dominic Annex, Breese
Wed.	Dec. 10	- 7:00pm - CHOIR PRACTICE
Thur.	Dec. 11	- Poinsettia deadline
Sun.	Dec. 14	- 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School
		- 6:00pm - Advent Reconciliation Service



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!

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* is for the *Retirement Fund for the Religious*. Many elderly Catholic sisters, brothers & religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, & ministering the less fortunate. Today, many are frail & need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, & more. Please give generously. [FYI: **This fund does not aid retired Diocesan Priests, but only members of religious orders.**]



CONGRATULATIONS to *Alyssa Marie Huelsmann* (Child of Jared & Kayla[Litteken] Huelsmann) was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Alyssa* to our faith family.



SYMPATHY: Remember *Bertha Voss* (mother of Cheri [Mike] Horstmann); *Karla Jene Draper* (parishioner) who passed away. Please keep *Bertha, Karla and their families* in your prayers.

DO YOU LIKE WALKING?: The PSR students usually walk to Aviston Grade School after Mass on Tuesday and Thursday. For safety reasons we need to have adults walk with them. If you like to walk and are willing to help, please contact Sister Jeannette. Even one day a week would be a help. Thank you for considering this.

ST. FRANCIS CYM CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS THIS



SUNDAY, 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 at all church entrances. Tickets can be turned in to the parish office or in the collection basket at any mass. Tell all your friends and family!



THANK YOU to everyone who donated coats to the Knights of Columbus Coat Drive. There were 192 adult and kid coats, 27 pairs of gloves, 12 shawls, 9 knit caps, 3 ear muffs & 1 pair of toddler socks collected! WOW!

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 **ELECTION** will be **this weekend, December 6th & 7th** at all weekend masses. 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. Paper ballots may also be picked up on the porch of the rectory.



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

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Sun. Dec. 07 - 1:00pm - St. Damian, Damiansville
Tue. Dec. 09 - 7:00pm - St. Rose, St. Rose
Wed. Dec. 10 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm - St. Mary, Carlyle
Sun. Dec. 14 - 3:00pm - St. Boniface, Germantown
- 6:00pm - St. Francis, Aviston

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

SPANISH MASS: for the Feast of Our Lade of Guadalupe at St. Mary Immaculate Conception, Mount Vernon, on Dec 11th at 6:00pm.



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:

Tues. Dec. 09 - 7:30pm SAL Meeting
Thur. Dec. 11 - 7:00pm Exec. Board Meeting
Fri. Dec. 12 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm FISH FRY
7:00pm - Kringle Krauts in Heroes Pub

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.



DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS DINNER: The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Mon., Dec. 25, at 11:30am-1:00pm in the Msgr. Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner please call 618-722-5024 no later than Dec. 16th, 2025.

