

**St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL**

**March 15, 2026**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sat. Mar. 14	4:00pm	Judy Markus Otha Daiber
Sun. Mar. 15	7:30am	Lucy Wellen & Jaisen Wellen
	9:30am	James Stroot John & Joan Tredennick
Mon. Mar. 16	7:30am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues. Mar. 17	7:30am	All Aviston/Kirchner Lumber Employees
Wed. Mar. 18	<b>7:00pm</b>	Schönhoff Family
Thur. Mar. 19	7:30am	George & Rosina Hollenkamp
Fri. Mar. 20	7:30am	Margaret Ottensmeier
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat. Mar. 21	4:00pm	James H. Rakers by CFL6
Sun. Mar. 22	7:30am	Roy & Edna Mollet
	9:30am	St. Francis Parish Family
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<i>St. Francis Lenten Penance Service</i>

**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:**

Last week, we saw that the First Mass was at the Last Supper, the Passover supper the night before Jesus died. At the time of Jesus, the Jewish people ate the Passover Lamb which had been sacrificed by a priest at the Temple in Jerusalem. At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist as the ceremony under which his sacrifice of the next day on Calvary would be made present down through the following centuries. Our Mass continues to make present the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. It is a sacrament, instituted by Jesus to give grace, not merely an empty ceremony; it really contains what the ceremony signifies – the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Let us pray for each other.

-Fr. Von Deeke

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The first PICNIC MEETING**

for our August 1, 2026 parish picnic is on **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the Heritage Room. It is important that ALL Chairs & Co-Chairs attend!!



**SYMPATHY:** Remember **Bob C. Netemeyer** (father of Matt [Laurie] Netemeyer); who passed away. Please keep **Bob and his family** in your prayers.

**OFFERINGS MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**General Fund**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,632.00  
 Loose: \$ 601.00  
 Online Giving: \$ 3,344.25  
 General Fund Total: \$ 6,577.25



*Your General Fund contribution enables  
**FAITH IN ACTION***



**8<sup>th</sup> grade PSR: upcoming Confirmandi**

**Special Collections:**

**Improvement Fund** \$ 947.25  
**Catholic Relief Services** \$ 45.00

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOSPITALIZED:**

Nix & Tate Blaser	Nancy Brooks	Lisa Eilers
David Foy	Tracy Frey	Moe Goesten Kors
Randy Haselhorst	Ryan Haukap	Michael Hogg
Jessica Hudspeth	Betty Huelsmann	Scott Huelsmann
Marie Jansen	Phyllis Kendall	Dale Lampe
Carol Markus	Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson
Don Rakers	Patricia Rollings	Phoenix Sanders
Seona Sanders	Kathy Schaar	Rev. Carl Schrage
Don Schulte	Tanya Shultz	Colton Snow
Pat Sudholt	Brayden Thole	Marge Thole
Corey Toennies	RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden
Carolyn Wilson	Darvin Zeisset	

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Sun. Mar. 15 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class  
 Tues. Mar. 17 - 10:00am - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1  
 - 6:30pm - Lenten Bible Study at Primary Room #1  
 Sun. Mar. 22 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Class

**CEMETERY:** Looking for a Grass Service Company for the St. Francis Cemetery to provide weekly mowing and trimming. Please submit your bids & proof of insurance to the Parish by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions please contact the Custodian, John Toennies.



**SECOND COLLECTION: THIS weekend** our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)



**ENDING HUNGER WITH CRS RICE BOWL:** This Lent, the PSR program and our community are participating in CRS Rice Bowl. This year, 75% supports Catholic Relief Services' work around the world, including the families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. The other 25% will go to our local hunger alleviation, which is for the families who are experiencing Food Insecurity at Aviston Grade School. Pick up a rice bowl or an envelope labeled "CRS Rice Bowl" and drop in the collection at anytime. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more!

**LENTEN RICE BOWL RETURNS:** Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday weekend. **All weekend Masses: March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**EASTER LILY MEMORIALS:** Donate to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s) to help decorate the altars during Easter. The cost is \$10. **Early deadline is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>!**



**2026 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA):** Thank you to the **30 households** that have pledged to support CSMA. So far **\$5,460.00** has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. **Thank you!**

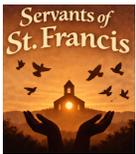
**SEWING QUILT TOPS & QUILTING** in the Heritage Room for the 2026 picnic will continue Wed., March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am - 4:00pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm. Then on Sun. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12Noon-4:00pm (no lunch). Quilting will continue on Mon., March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Thurs., March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-4:00pm. A delicious lunch provided on every day except on Sunday. Reminder: we try to have our quilts measure a minimum of 90 x 108 inches.



**CHURCH CLEANING:** We will be "spring cleaning" the church, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> right after mass (approx. 8:00am). Volunteers are asked to bring microfiber dusters or dusting cloths to clean the altars. Pledge will be provided to clean the pew. Bring your favorite cleaning cloth. Contact Martha Ribbing at 618-228-7433 with questions.



**SERVANTS OF ST FRANCIS UPDATE:** Do you know of a Parishioner who is homebound and would like an occasional visit? Or a Parishioner who is in a nearby Care Center that would like to receive Communion? If so, please contact Colleen Harper 791-5302/ [caharp63@gmail.com](mailto:caharp63@gmail.com). We have Parishioner volunteers for each Outreach and we would like to update our information within our ministry and the Parish Office. Thank you!



**CANCER (HEALING) MASS** at St. Barbara, Okawville on Tue., **Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>** with 6:00pm Confessions & 7:00pm Mass. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass for those suffering from illnesses. *All are welcome.*



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:**

- Sun. March 15 - 1:00pm - St. Damian, Damiansville  
- 3:00pm - St. Dominic, Breese
- Mon. March 16 - 6:00pm - St. Mary, Mt. Vernon
- Sun. March 22 - 3:00pm - St. Cecelia, Bartelso  
- **6:00pm - St. Francis, Aviston**



**FAITH FOCUS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS --Do you ever wonder what it was really**



**like to be at the Passion of Jesus? Come pray the stations of the Cross with us this Lenten season and enter into the mystery of Christ's passion not as a spectator, but really there! In each station, you see the cost of your redemption. When you pray the Stations, you're not just remembering history, you're standing beside Jesus. Dive into this ancient and powerful meditation on the sacrifice of Jesus and it could change your life.**

**LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:**

- Sun. Mar. 15 - Pork Sausage Dinner
- Mon. Mar. 16 - 7:00pm Legion Meeting
- Tue. Mar. 17 - 7:00pm Auxilliary Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 20 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY
- Sun. Mar. 22 - Chilli & Soup Cookoff

Aviston American Legion Auxiliary 1239 is proud to offer a **Scholarship Program for 2026-2027.** Look for details and an application at: [avistonlegion.com](http://avistonlegion.com) or pick-up an application during open hours at the Aviston Legion. **You may apply for both scholarships if applicable. Deadline: April 1, 2026.**



**PORK SAUSAGE & ROAST BEEF DINNER:** Carry-outs with dining space available. **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>,** 10:30am-6:00pm at the **Aviston Legion.** Dinner includes pork sausage, roast beef, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans & dessert. Pork and quilt raffles!



**QUILT BINGO: This Thursday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>,** at St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso, IL. Doors open at 6:00pm & first game at 7:00pm. Refreshments available for purchase. Bingo Raffle will include a first place prize of \$2,000. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$20. You can buy them at various Bartelso businesses or text Mary Mueller 618-971-5088.



**ST. DAMIAN ANNUAL WURSTMARKT: Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** 11:00am-4:00pm, pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn & dessert. \$15 Dine In/ Carryout.



**DRIVE-THRU PORK CHOP DINNER:** March 25<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-6:30pm pickup @ Central High School. Preorder \$15. \$20 day of and limited availability. Dinner includes smoked butterfly pork chop, potato salad, corn & cookie. Purchase tickets from any Central FFA Alumni, student, Central's Main office or call/text Nicole (972-1627) or Jenny (971-5221)

**ST. DOMINIC CHURCH 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLDEN EGG RAFFLE:** Get your tickets for a chance to win the grand prize of **\$20,000!!!!** There are five \$1,000 prizes and two \$500 winners. Tickets are sold for \$50 each. **Drawing on Easter Sunday, Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>.** To purchase a ticket, call St. Dominic 526-7746, M-F, 9:00am-3:00pm.



**SEMINARIAN GALA:** "Answering the call, supporting the journey." Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights. Mass is at 4:00pm, Cocktail hour starts at 5:00pm, then dinner and the auction begin at 6:00pm. To purchase a ticket or make a donation. Use the QR code or go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=zfRziy> For more information, please contact Mary Fleming at [mfl Fleming@diobelle.org](mailto:mfl Fleming@diobelle.org) or call 618-722-5031.



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