

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Aviston, IL

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon. Sept. 05		NO MASS
Tue. Sept. 06	7:30am	Wilhelmine Ratermann
Wed. Sept. 07	7:30am	Odelia Ratermann
Thu. Sept. 08	7:30am	Viola Ratermann
Fri. Sept. 09	7:30am	Margaret Ratermann
Sat. Sept. 10	4:00pm	Jennifer Boshera
Sun. Sept. 11	7:30am 9:30am	Charles Zeisset Deacon Charlie Litteken

CONFESSIONS: by appointment or at

Sat. 3:15pm - 3:40pm
 Sun. 8:45am - 9:10am

WEEKLY ROSARY:

Sat. Afternoon at 3:30pm
 Sun. Morning at 7:10am



SEPTEMBER 3rd & 4th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, & (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -(5) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, Aften & Lydia Kuhn,
 & (1) *Volunteer*

SEPTEMBER 10th & 11th WEEKEND SERVERS

Sat. 4:00pm -Eva Bennett, Emma Dall & (3) *Volunteers*
 Sun. 7:30am -Callen & Reese Strubhart & (3) *Volunteers*
 9:30am -Dane & Keegan Kohlbrecher, Aften & Lydia Kuhn
 & (1) *Volunteer*

(If you cannot be there at the appointed time, please get a sub!)

PASTOR'S NOTE: Success in any endeavor requires thought and planning. Jesus says the same is true when taking up one's cross. In today's Gospel, He challenges us to embrace the role of discipleship with the same total dedication and commitment as we would to take up any challenge in our lives. With the parables of the unfinished tower and the king preparing for war, Jesus calls us to be as deliberate and conscientious about living our faith as we are about every facet of our lives. The "cross" God entrusts to us demands focus and care if we are to realize our cross' potential to transform our Good Fridays into Easter re-creations. We can't live the life of God by accident or when convenient; faith that means anything must be lived with focused attention and thoughtful action. Whatever our skills, talents, whatever we feel passionate about can become our "cross"; the means God has give us to bring resurrection and hope to our broken world.

IS THIS FOR YOU?: Are you or someone you know considering or discerning the possibility of joining the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Fr. Dan (618-228-7219), Deacon Steve (618-228-7936), or the parish office as soon as possible. We're gathering a group of inquirers and beginning discussions next week! Call today!



OFFERINGS August 27th & 28th:

General Fund

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 2,074.00
 Loose: \$ 343.00
 Online Giving: \$ 2,684.25
General Fund Total: \$ 5,101.25

The General Fund contributions enables
FAITH IN ACTION



St. Francis Church Picnic 2022. Bringing the community together. Faith, family, friends, food & fun!

Special Collections:

Improvement Fund \$ 455.00

SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Dora Beer	Nancy Brooks	Charlene Erlinger
Dan Feldmann	Maggie Fix	June Hamilton
Jim Huelsmann*	Marie Jansen	Peggy Meier
Mark Moss	Darleen Nelson	Alan Netemeyer
Paige Nicklin	Patricia Rollings	Kathy Schaar
Don Schulte	Bill Schultz	Mary Strieker
RaeAnne Toennies	Khara Vanderhyden	Dcn. George Munie
Fr. Ed Schaefer	Fr. Eugene Wojcik	
Fr. Gary Gummersheimer		

(*New name added)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mon. Sept. 06 -OFFICE CLOSED - Happy Labor Day!
Wed. Sept. 07 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm -Bible Study in Primary Room #2
Sun. Sept. 11 - 9:30am - Confirmation Rite of Candidacy
 - 9:30am - St. Francis Sunday School Begins!



CHURCH TOUR: Do you know the difference between an ambo and an ambry? What are the Purkinje-Sanson images in the eyes of Our Lady of Guadalupe? Where does the word *Pieta* (as in Michelangelo's *Pieta*) come from? Why do we have fourteen Stations of the Cross? Come find these answers and more. In recognition of St. Francis Parish's 157th anniversary, St. Francis will provide a tour of the church on **October 9th**. Hosted by Deacon Steve, it's very informal. You do not have to be a member of the parish, or even Catholic, to participate – invite your friends and neighbors. We'll meet in the St. Francis of Assisi, Aviston, church gathering space after the 9:30 Mass (approximately 10:30).





CONGRATULATIONS to *Henry Robert Feldmann* (son of Blake & Jillian [Boesch] Feldmann), who was baptized last weekend. We welcome *Henry* to our faith family.

THE 2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK is ready to be filled. There are also some dates still available in 2022. You can call the rectory anytime from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday to schedule Mass Intentions. (618-228-7219) or email parish@stfrancisav.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS next Sunday, Sept. 11th. Classes are held in the Parish Center during 9:30am Mass on Sunday. Children age 3-5 (Kindergarten) are eligible to join. Online Registration is available on the St. Francis website under "Links & Forms". Questions? Call Amy Strubhart, 618-406-8597.



BIBLE STUDY: resumes every Wednesday, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the St. Francis parish center Primary Room 2. It will continue until Sept. 14. If you still have your "Judges & Ruth" pamphlet from last year, please bring it – only a few new ones will be available. *All ages welcome. You may attend any or all sessions.* Books are free for members of the partnership (St. Francis, St. Rose, & St. Felicitas). All others are asked to pay \$10 for the book. If you have not previously attended, please RSVP by emailing Dcn Steve (steveaub@ezeeweb.com), or call (228-7936).



NEW CYM MODERATORS: CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry) is a key ministry of our parish. We are looking for two individuals (a male & a female) to work together as moderators / mentors for this youth group. CYM is an energetic group of young people eager to work together on projects, have fun, and get involved with the church and community. They need adults who will be mentors & guides, helping them learn how to lead their own organization, etc. For more info, contact Fr. Dan (228-7219) or Lynn Huegen (407-0470). Lynn has found it to be a very rewarding and uplifting experience.



ACCOMPANIST NEEDED for 4:00pm, Saturday and 7:30am, Sunday, liturgies. If interested, contact Lois Brandmeyer (806-9286) or Amber, our parish secretary (228-7219) or email parish@stfrancisav.org



SAVE THE DATE: Quilting for the 2023 picnic will be starting shortly at the Parish Center. Reminder, we try to have our quilts measure a minimum of 90x108 inches. First, sewing & quilting starts on *Wed., Oct. 12th* from 9:00am-4:00pm, quilt top piecing & quilting on *Sun., Oct. 16th*, sewing & quilting from 11:00am-4:00pm. Quilting *Mon., Oct. 17th* to *Thurs., Oct. 20th* from 9:00am-4:00pm. Lunch will be provided.



UPCOMING CHURCH PICNICS- BELLEVILLE DIOCESE:

Sat. Sept. 10th - St. Joseph's Parish, Freeburg.

Sat. Sept 17th - Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights, (No Bingo).

LEGION NEWS - AVISTON:

Fri. Sept. 09 - 4:30pm - 7:00pm - FISH FRY



2nd ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST: Saturday, September 10th at the Aviston Park starting at 2:00pm. German Food/Drinks, Dancing, German Singalongs, Boot Corral, Beer Run and much more!

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 week*, we will take up the **Retired Diocesan Priests Collection**. On both ordinary & extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us...at baptisms, weddings, First Communion, Confirmation, at times of sickness & sorrow... dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the **Retired Diocesan Priests Collection**. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. *Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.* Show your appreciation with a generous gift. Thank you so much!

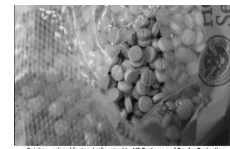


ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE A PERMANENT DEACON?

Join us for prayer, discussion and information as you discern if God is calling you. Tuesday, September 13th, 7:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 303 S. Poplar Street, Carbondale, IL.



CANCER MASS at St. Theresa in Salem on Tue., Sept. 20th at 7:00pm with 6:15pm Confessions. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during mass. Please join us as we pray for those who suffer with cancer, for those who care for them and for a cure. *All are welcome to attend.*



BEWARE: A colorful version of Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, has been introduced to the illicit drug market. Please see the church bulletin board, facebook, & webpage.



FALL QUILT BINGO: Thursday, October 2nd, 7:30 pm (Doors Open at 6:30 pm) at St. Cecilia Parish Center, 306 South Washington St., Bartleso. Refreshments Available.



OUTDOOR NATIVITY SETS order forms available at www.breeseeknights.org New this year: The 3 Kings! Join with us to Keep Christ in Christmas!

MATER DEI UNIFORM CLOSET will be Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Augustine Cafeteria in Breese. If you would like to donate any uniform shirts or pants, we will start accepting donations on Mon., Aug. 29. Please call 682-556-6978 to make arrangements for pick-up or drop off.



FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK hosted by Belleville Council Society of St. Vincent De Paul, will be held live and in person for the first time in three years on Saturday, September 10th, 8:00am-12Noon at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. The theme of the walk, "Praising God in His Goodness" is celebrating the re-opening of the overnight Drop-In Center on September 27th, the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. To register, go to www.svdpsouthil.org/friends-of-the-poor-walk-1



DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER: St. Felicitas Church- Beaver Prarie, 13322 Church Road, Carlyle. Sun., Sept. 18th, 11:00am - 5:00pm. \$14 per meal. Meal includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, cole slaw, and applesauce.

