

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua

132 Main Street
Iberia, MO 65486

St. Lawrence

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St. Elizabeth, MO 65075

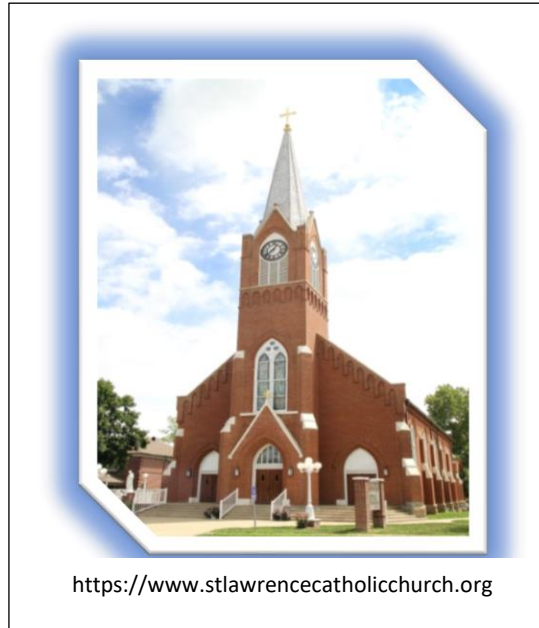
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Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental

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Jackie Perkins

Bishop McKnight's November Prayer Intention

For the spirit of unity and Thanksgiving to be cultivated in our lives and in our nation. That we may see God's light reflected in the blessings of our family, friends, and community.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Brett Holtmeyer, *President*

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Andrea Holtmeyer

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Chris Beck

Tom Oligschlaeger

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: November 26 – December 1, 2024

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Nov 26	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker		
Wednesday	Nov 27	7:15 AM	† Alfred & Mary Ann Doerhoff		
Thursday THANKSGIVING	Nov 28	8:00 AM	† Francis L. Struempf	----	No Mass
Friday	Nov 29	---	No Mass		
Saturday	Nov 30	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Ray Doerhoff		
Sunday	Dec 1	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Fred & Mary Ann Struempf	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

November 24, 2024 Daily Reflection – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I am...the one who is and who was and who is to come. (Revelation 1:8). Today's feast of Christ the King marks the culmination of everything our readings, over the past month, have been leading up to. Even as we live in the "already" and the "not yet", we take time today to declare Jesus is King, both now and forever. He is "the one who is and who was and who is to come". Just as Jesus is our eternal King, His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. It reaches beyond time and space. And it's population is unique: the "poor in spirit" are given places of honor, along with those who mourn and who are meek and lowly of heart. So what does it mean to be citizens of this wonderful, ever-lasting kingdom? How can the "already", the "right now", and the "not yet" truths of this kingdom affect our lives? Jesus has already freed you from sin by His blood. 1) You can receive this freedom by being reverent in your faith and through the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation. 2) Nothing can separate you from His love. Today, *right now*, you can invite Jesus to remove any barriers keeping you from experiencing the joys of His kingdom. 3) You will one day reign with the Lord. It's awe-inspiring to think of, but in Jesus' Kingdom, "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted". If you try to stay close to Him in this life, He promises to give you a place near Him as He reigns eternally. REJOICE TODAY for Jesus is your Eternal King. Invite Him to reign in your heart even more, as you await His reign of love over the whole world.

JESUS, I WORSHIP YOU AS MY KING! COME, LORD, AND ESTABLISH YOUR KINGDOM FOREVER!

Stewardship Schedule	THANKSGIVING DAY MASS St. Lawrence Thursday, Nov 28, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Saturday Nov 30 – 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Dec 1, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday Dec 1, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Bert Doerhoff	Cathy Reinkemeyer	Lisa Otto	Leroy Heckemeyer
SERVERS	Ben Kemna Harper Kemna Kane Kemna	Preston Plassmeyer Noah Wieberg Daisy Bax	Mason Otto Leo Wieberg Rita Wieberg	Hudson Kemna Cameron Kesel Alayna Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARERS	Family of Francis L. Struempf	Sid & Judy Doerhoff	Bernard & Rosetta Holtmeyer	Shannon & Tina Wilde
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Theresa Struempf	Jim Plassmeyer Ivan Wieberg	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Ashley Buechter
SACRISTAN	Stan Struempf	Kathleen Schwartze	Margie Wilson	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Greeters: Dennis & Chris Beck	Rosary: Kaye Finn Greeters: Paul & Janet Beck	Rosary: Delphine Dickneite Greeters: Scott & Shawn Roark Ushers: Harold, Jeffrey, Patrick, and Randy Holtmeyer	Rosary: Carl & Sharon Kemna Greeters: Eric & Alysha O'Neil

UPCOMING HOLY DAY, ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES, & CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - (Holy Day Mass)
Precious Body and Blood will be given.

MONDAY, December 9

7:00 AM @ St. Lawrence / 7:00 PM @ St. Anthony

PENANCE SERVICES

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 PM @ St. Anthony
Sunday, December 15, 5:30 PM @ St. Lawrence

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, December 24

Precious Body and Blood will be given.

4:00 PM @ St. Lawrence
6:30 PM @ St. Anthony

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday, December 25

Precious Body and Blood will be given.

8:00 AM @ St. Anthony
10:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

How to express your reverence for the Precious Body & Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Catholics are obligated to show reverence to the real presence of the Lord before receiving the Body of Christ, by bowing. So too are we expected to do the same before receiving the most Precious Blood of Christ. Receiving the Precious Blood is optional; however, showing reverence is expected by acknowledging and bowing or genuflecting before the Precious Blood. Knowingly walking past the Precious Blood without showing proper reverence lacks respect for the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



There are no CCD Classes for Wednesday, November 27, 2024.
Have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday !

IT'S A <u>NEW</u> FISCAL YEAR: 2024 - 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS As of 11/07/2024: Number of Registered Households - 290			IT'S A <u>NEW</u> FISCAL YEAR: 2024 -2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS As of 11/07/2024: Number of Registered Households - 140		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 11/19/2024		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 11/19/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 76,431.84	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 102,322.84	Adult Envelopes	\$ 33,143.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 40,109.52
Online Offerings	12,000.00		Online Offering	4,345.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	275.00 / 2,761.00		Loose	1,916.00	
Mission Collection	10,855.00		Mission Collection	705.00	
	Other Income	39,955.45	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income		3,431.39 / 23,571.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	142,278.29	Total YTD Parish Income		67,112.16
	Expenses	\$ 150,484.98	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 47,712.13 / 14,139.56
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	July 2024	\$ 8,204.82		July 2024	\$ 2,518.25
	August 2024	\$ 6,020.85		August 2024	\$ 2,227.70
	September 2024	\$ 6,180.16		September 2024	\$ 2,095.85
	October 2024	\$ 5,970.78		October 2024	\$ 2,270.25

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Giving Tree again this year. The Giving tree is set up in the back of church. Please select the tag(s) off the tree, gift wrap and attach the tag on the gift(s), and place in the back of church. The gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 16th. Your supporting in helping the Auxiliary sponsor a family in need is much appreciated!

Sunday, December 8, 6 PM: Parish Christmas Party! Door prize donations are welcome and each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies or other finger food snack. The parish will provide drinks. St. Anthony CYO will provide entertainment for the evening.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov 28, 8:00 AM: Please join us at St. Lawrence for the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Why might you ask? The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving”! When we celebrate the Mass, we are participating in a thanksgiving celebration. During all Masses and especially the Thanksgiving Day Mass, we give thanks for all God has given to us and particularly, the gift that is Jesus.

Sunday, Dec 8, 1 – 5 PM: St. Elizabeth Holiday Home Tour. Featured homes by Kara & Ben Scheulen, Megan & Quentin Wright, Karen & John Otto, Samantha & Brandon Baugh, Ashley & Zach Buechter, and Tiffany & Joey Wright. \$10 per ticket. Tickets available at St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance and KDs/BJs. Addresses will be given at the time of ticket purchase. Proceeds go to the St. Elizabeth Community Center. THANK YOU to all who volunteered to show their homes this holiday season!

Mark Your Calendars: St. Elizabeth K of C Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2025.

St. Ann News

St. Ann Sodality will sponsor a Giving Tree again this year. The tree will arrive shortly before Thanksgiving. Please feel free to select one or more tags of wanted items and then after purchasing the items, gift wrap it and place the tag on the front of your gift. Leave the gift on the bench in the back of Church **by December 15**. We have had this program each year and are thankful for your generous hearts! Contact Diane Jurgensmeyer for more information.

Monday, Dec 30, 4 PM: St. Ann Christmas Gathering Event will be held at the home of Kim and Joe Plassmeyer, 50 South Sugar Road, Meta, MO. We will do a gift exchange (\$15 limit). Bring snacks, your best game skills, humor and spirits. Contact any of the officers (Diane Juergensmeyer, Darlene Wansing or Janet Weckenborg) with any questions.

Finally, the St. Ann Angels will be at it again this year. If you are a member of St. Ann's and would like to help, contact Linda Wilde for more information. Baskets will be put together and distributed on Wednesday, December 18.

OTHER NEWS

Friday & Saturday, Dec 6-7, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2200 West Republic Road, Springfield, MO: *LISTENING to the Lord; Growing in Hearing God's Voice.* Experience transformation and healing of your soul through inspirational talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, and Healing Services. For more information contact: Shelly: 417-838-2730 or go to www.strengtheningandhealing.org.

Sunday, December 15, 10 AM – 2 PM: St. Thomas the Apostle Hometown Holiday Market @ St. Thomas Apostle School Gym. Over 25 vendors, Pizza Kwik on site to order pizza (11 AM – 7 PM), Raffle Prizes. Proceeds to benefit the Apostle School. Free admission. Contact: Kim Kliegel at 573-619-9188.



Sister Vicki Ewers
Nolan Kesel
Cathy Thompson
Grant Lamb
Janice Lewis
Deidra Buechter
Twyla Holt
Greyson Juergensmeyer
Joel Gares
Emberlee, Josie, & Brody Boeckman
Ollie Victoria Eidson
Jerry Herx
Mike Kesel
Louis Toebben
Vicki Cox Bullock
Ramona Bax
Bruce Berendzen
Tony Libbert
Kenneth Brown
Stacey Luttrell

Christopher Thompson
Nic Gilardi
Patrick Holtmeyer
Trevor Burrows
Treyton Kemna
Dane Steenburgen
Joseph Volmert
Stacia Kimball
Robert (Bob) Kesel
Diane Bax
Frank Bax
Pam Tipton
Michael Wansing
Henry Kemna
Maggie Dickneite
Milinda Hoecker
Melody Welschmeyer
Rachel Woehr
Gene Wilde



The Knights of Columbus Council 6640 is preparing to celebrate 50 years of service. The

Council was chartered on December 9, 1974 with 42 original members of which 8 are still members to date. The Council has decided to celebrate this occasion with a brief recognition **after the 10 AM, St. Lawrence Mass, on Sunday, Dec 8, 2024.** After Mass, there will be fellowship including a complimentary fried chicken dinner with dessert in the St. Elizabeth Community Center. It would be very meaningful for past Knights of Columbus Officers, especially Grand Knights, to be present as well as any K of C Members & their families. **A sign-up form is in the church foyer. Please RSVP by December 1, 2024.**

Thank You,
Grand Knight Dale Holtmeyer
St. Elizabeth KofC Council 6640

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Father, all of Creation rightly owes You thanks and praise.
Your justice, love and mercy abound.
We thank You this day for all You have given us.

For the Passion and Death of Your Divine Son, we thank You Father, through the Cross, He redeemed the world.

For the Church, we thank You Father, it is our beacon for salvation.

For martyrs, saints, priests, and all fulfilling religious vocations, we thank You Father, their witness to Your Son is our inheritance.

For our loved ones and friends who have died and gone before us, we thank You Father, their love lives with us forever.

For loving spouses, we thank You Father, together we seek You.

For the gift of children, we thank You Father, they are Your precious gifts to us and to the world.

For the gift of our families, friends and neighbors, we thank You Father, through them we see the reflection of your Son.

For jobs, our homes and all that we have, we thank You Father, give us only that which we need, as we seek Your Kingdom.

And for the bounty we are so very blessed to receive, we thank You for Your many continued blessings.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

St. Elizabeth R-IV School District Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of St. Elizabeth School Dist. R-4, Miller County, that an election in said District will be held on April 8, 2025. The said election shall elect two (2) members to serve for a term of three years. All candidates must file with the board secretary between December 10, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Filing may occur during regular business hours on days school is in session, which is 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On December 31, filing will remain open until 5:00 p.m. Candidates wishing to file during Christmas Break please contact the Superintendent by email at doug@ste.k12.mo.us The school will close starting on December 23rd for the Holiday break. If school is cancelled during the filing dates, due to inclement weather, the business office will also be closed on those days. The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing. The terms of Jacob Kliethermes and Andy Oligschlaeger expire in April 2025.

2025 Parish Directory Update

We are so appreciative of the families and individuals who had their photo taken by Universal Directory. Each of these sessions provides credits for your parish and these credits contribute greatly to the Directory layout and overall cost. Photo sessions will again take place on December 5 (St. Anthony Parish Hall) and December 6 & 7 (St. Lawrence/Community Center). If you missed the opportunity to schedule a session, we CAN HELP! Contact Michele Renkemeyer, Jennifer Oligschlaeger, or Lisa Otto for any assistance.