

# THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

## St. Anthony of Padua

132 Main Street  
Iberia, MO 65486

## St. Lawrence

246 Main Street, PO Box 128  
St. Elizabeth, MO 65075

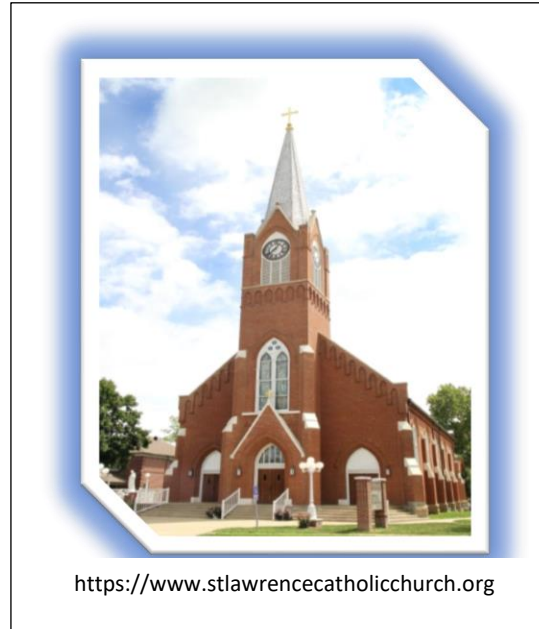
### **Father Christopher Aubuchon, Parochial Administrator**

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



#### **ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Jacob Kliethermes, President

Julie Dye, Secretary      Donna Dickneite

Billy Buechter          Sandy Wieberg

Loren Otto                Scott Roark

#### **ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Eva Voss, President      Mary Schulte

Kevin Otto                Chris Dye

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

Abby Kemna, Secretary

Andrea Holtmeyer

Eric O'Neil

Chris Beck

Tom Oligschlaeger

#### **ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL**

Ben Scheulen, President

Leroy Heckemeyer

Kaye Finn

Jim Plassmeyer

Janet Beck

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Parish Office Location: St. Lawrence Church Basement / Office Hours: Mon – Fri, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Parish Hall Rental @ 573-694-5550

Lauren Kliethermes / Kara Scheulen – faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com

**WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: November 5 - 10, 2024**

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Nov 5	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Laverne Holtmeyer		
Wednesday	Nov 6	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Raymond & Charlotte Holtmeyer CCD Adoration / Devotional, Grade 4	6:15 PM	CCD Mass / All Souls' Day Candle Lighting, Ministries: Grades 8 – 12 † Carol Schaffer
Thursday	Nov 7	7:15 AM	† Alfred Doerhoff	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss
Friday	Nov 8	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Mary Jane Kemna Miller County Rehab & Care Center Mass		
Saturday	Nov 9	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Connie Brandt		
Sunday	Nov 10	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Herbert & Ludmilla Kliethermes

**November 3, 2024 Daily Reflection – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Higher-end cameras have a setting called “portrait mode,” which focuses only on the face of the individual you are trying to capture while blurring out everything in the background. In today’s Gospel, Jesus congratulates a scribe who has come to see God in this way. The scribe understands loving God and His people is the most important thing he can do. Everything else is background; not erased, of course, but secondary when compared to the main picture. We all lose focus now and then and especially on and for Our Lord. Maybe your gaze was fixed on a new pricey luxury, job, to-do’s, deadlines, or someone or something from the past. We just get bogged down with emotions and become unaware until the challenges get to be too much and *THEN* we wake up to our predicament or problem. **So how can we keep focus on the Lord as this scribe did?** We can start by remembering to dedicate even the ordinary parts of our days to the Lord. We can make a morning promise or offering to Him the minute we wake up and lift up prayers throughout the day. We can invite the Lord and the Holy Spirit into our meetings, discussions, and not-so-pleasant, difficult conversations. OR sometimes, all it takes is a glance toward Heaven to refocus our hearts on Him. Loving God with all our hearts doesn’t have to be an intense, all-day prayer marathon. The more you do this, the more you’ll find your preoccupations and worries fading into the background.

**JESUS, DRAW MY EYES TO YOU MORE AND MORE AS  
I OFFER YOU THIS DAY AND ALL THAT IT BRINGS !**

Stewardship Schedule	St. Lawrence – Saturday Nov 9, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Nov 10, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday Nov 10, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Kathleen Schwartze	Lynette Otto	Daniel Buechter
SERVERS	Tyson Otto Daisy Bax Paisley Bax	Lillian Wieberg Nick Wieberg Knox Buechter	Brennan Doerhoff Kiptyn Green Clarise Green
GIFT BEARERS	Fred & Carrie Wilde Family	Abe & Belinda Faulkner Family	James & Lisa Wilde
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Janet Weckenborg	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Bert Doerhoff
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	<b>Rosary:</b> Rose Buechter <b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	<b>Rosary:</b> Betty Voss <b>Greeters:</b> Jacob & Lauren Kliethermes <b>Ushers:</b> Patrick & Warran Buechter and John & Bryan Chipman	<b>Rosary:</b> Albert & Dolores Frey <b>Greeters:</b> Abby Kemna

IT'S A NEW FISCAL YEAR: 2024 - 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS As of 10/31/2024: Number of Registered Households - 290		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 10/28/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 58,198.78	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 81,519.78
Online Offerings	9,820.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	225.00 / 2,421.00	
Mission Collection	10,855.00	
Other Income	29,082.45	
Total YTD Parish Income	110,602.23	
Expenses	\$ 136,985.00	
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	July 2024	\$ 8,204.82
	August 2024	\$ 6,020.85
	September 2024	\$ 6,180.16
	October 2024	

IT'S A NEW FISCAL YEAR: 2024 - 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS As of 10/31/2024: Number of Registered Households - 140		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 10/23/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 27,106.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 32,951.52
Online Offering	3,560.00	
Loose	1,580.00	
Mission Collection	705.00	
Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Unofficial Income	2,918.33 / 23,321.25	
Total YTD Parish Income	59,191.10	
Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Unofficial Expenses	\$ 41,084.46 / 13,749.56	
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	July 2024	\$ 2,518.25
	August 2024	\$ 2,227.70
	September 2024	\$ 2,095.85
	October 2024	



### **CCD Schedule for Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

St. Anthony CCD begins at 6:15 PM with Mass/All Souls' Day Candle Lighting Service; Ministries Grades 8 - 12  
St. Lawrence CCD begins at 6:30 PM with The Rosary / Devotional; Grade 4

**24-25 Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, November 23, St. Stanislaus Parish, Wardsville, MO:** For the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade classes in both Parishes, we will be attending this Confirmation Retreat. The Confirmation Retreat is required for all Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors are highly encouraged to attend. Contact Faith Formation Coordinators Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen with questions.

### **CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2024**

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you and your family can share your gifts with our parish family. The Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) packets were distributed last weekend, and you can still pick one up from the back of church or find on your Church's Website. *Please return your forms via the collection basket or mail to either Church, Attention: Michele. Please return forms by Sunday, November 10. Contact Randy Holtmeyer (St. Anthony) or Lindsey Holtmeyer (St. Lawrence) with any questions.*

### **ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Wednesday, November 6, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizen** meet for Bingo and Cards. We are meeting sooner this month due to Parish Directory Photos. The club will furnish turkey; everyone is asked to bring a dish. **Our Christmas Party is December 11!**

**Sunday Rosaries, St. Anthony Church, 6 PM:** Will be held on November 3 for All Souls, Defeat of Amendment 3 & Election Outcomes; and, on November 17 for Parishioners.

**Thursday, Nov 7, 6:45 PM: Ladies Auxiliary** meeting in Lorenz Hall.

**St. Anthony Faith Sharing Small Group:** There's still room and time to sign up and if you're undecided, SHOW UP ANYWAY! We'd love to have you and your family. One of the key ways to grow in your faith is by simply BEING PRESENT.

### **ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS**

**St. Lawrence Small Groups:** There's still time to sign up or start your own group; just contact Lindsey Holtmeyer.

**Veteran's Day, Monday, Nov 11, 7:30 – 9:00 AM:** St. Elizabeth R-IV School and American Legion Post 545 would like to invite all Veterans and Community Members to the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at St. Elizabeth R-IV School. Breakfast will be available for area Veterans. The School Ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM followed by the Annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the St. Elizabeth Veterans Monument.

**Sunday, December 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!

### **OTHER NEWS**

**Friday, Nov 8, 5 – 7 PM:** The Student Community Outreach Program (SCOP) is hosting a community event, Fall Fest at the St. Lawrence Church Pavilion. **FREE EVENT!** This family fun night is for all ages and we'll have Smores, Hotdog Roast, Hot Cocoa, Crafts, and Cookie Decorating! Contact Becky Otto, Nicole McDonnell, Dana Voss, Sarah Wankum or Mandy Gibson for additional information or to partner with us.

**Tuesday, Nov 19, 12:30 – 5:30 PM:** The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive at the Community Senter. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StElizabethRIV to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome too!



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

## VIRTUS for CCD Students Protecting God's Children

Every CCD program year, the Diocese requires our students to be presented with Virtus – Protecting God's Children/Teaching Touching & Boundary Safety. Throughout the next few months, all CCD students will be presented this material in a grade appropriate manner. The Protecting God's Children Training Overview/Guide can be found on both church websites under **Youth Activities** or contact Lauren Kliethermes or Kara Scheulen at [faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com) for a copy. The Guide will help parents learn more about the material to be presented and how to talk to their children about boundaries and touching safety.

If you wish for your student(s) **NOT** to have this presentation, a parent **MUST** complete the Opt-Out form (also on both church websites) by **Monday, November 3, 2024 AND provide to either Lauren or Kara.**

## Thank You !

To everyone who helped with and attended the funeral services and meal for our brother, George Holtmeyer. Special thanks to Father Aubuchon for the beautiful services, Fancher-Rekus Funeral Home for their kindness and guidance, Michele Renkemeyer for assistance in planning the visitation and funeral, Gail Rehagen, Carl Kemna, Mary Kesel, Clara Hoecker, Mary Ann Fennewald and Grace Bogart for the beautiful music, the Mass servers, the military personnel who provided military honors, and all who brought food and assisted with the meal. During this difficult time, it is truly comforting to know we are surrounded by our friends, church, and community.

## The George Holtmeyer Family

### Dear Church Families of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence Parishes, It's time for the 2025 Parish Directory Photos!

Thank you to all who have signed up to have your photo taken for the 2025 Parish Directory. There are still a few appointments open; so there's still time! Forgot your appointment date or time, photo dates don't work for you/your family or need to change it? No worries, just contact any Parish Directory Team Member or Michele Renkemeyer for assistance.

#### St. Anthony Parish Directory Team

Lisa Otto, Team Lead  
 Josie Otto  
 Shawn Roark

#### St. Lawrence Parish Directory Team

Jennifer Oligschlaeger, Team Lead  
 Michelle Heckemeyer  
 Holly Heckman

#### Photographs will be taken at:

St. Anthony Parish Hall: Nov 12, 13, and Dec 5  
 St. Elizabeth Comm Center: Nov 14, 15, 16 and Dec 6, 7  
 Families can have their photo taken in either location.

#### Day of Photos:

Parish Directory Team Members and/or Parish Volunteers will be available to assist families. More details and tips to come.

## Diocese & Southwest Deanery Events

### Fall Youth Rally

Sunday, November 3, 2024  
<https://diojeffcity.org/youth-rally-2024/>

### Southwest Deanery Holy Hour

Sunday, November 3 @ 4:30 PM  
 St. Patrick Church, Laurie, MO

### Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests

Wednesday, November 6 @ 11 AM  
 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City  
 Register: <https://diojeffcity.org/memorial-mass-for-deceased-priests/>

### Southwest Deanery Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
 St. Patrick Church, Laurie, MO

Agenda: The Sacraments, Vocations, Pastoral Planning, and More

Requested Guests: Members of Parish Council, Finance Council, and Stewardship Council, and CCD Teachers of Sacraments and Faith Formation Coordinators.

To Register: Contact Michele at 573-291-6638