

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 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

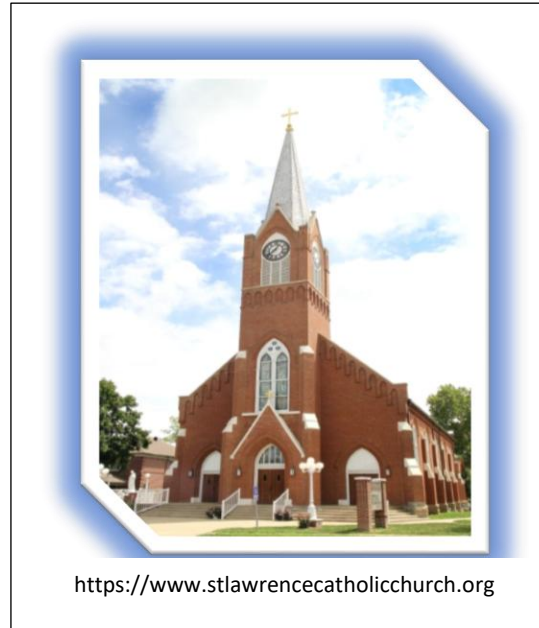
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Parochial Administrator

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 December Prayer Intention

For hope to find a home in our hearts as we embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Amid the jubilation, may we also find time in prayer to experience the calm and peace of God's presence in our lives.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Brett Holtmeyer, President

Abby Kemna, Secretary

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Eric O'Neil

Chris Beck

Tom Oligschlaeger

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 3 - 9, 2024

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Dec 3	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Cletus & Florentine Schwartz		
Wednesday	Dec 4	6:30 PM	CCD Mass; Ministries – 6 th Grade † Dennis Doerhoff	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional 10 th – 12 th Grades
Thursday	Dec 5	7:15 AM	† Dennis Plassmeyer	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Dean McDowell
FIRST Friday	Dec 6	7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM – Noon	† Mark Oligschlaeger Confessions Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM 6:30 – 7:30 PM	† John & Mathilda Rehagen Confessions/Eucharistic Adoration
FIRST Saturday	Dec 7	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
Sunday Second Sunday of Advent	Dec 8	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Norbert & Bett Kemna	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Vincent & Carol Schaffer
Monday Immaculate Conception	Dec 9	7:00 AM	† George & Dorothy Heckemeyer	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

December 1, 2024 Daily Reflection – First Sunday of Advent. Happy Advent! This season of waiting and preparation is just what we need to get ready to welcome the Lord at Christmas. Yet Advent can so quickly become filled with parties, gift buying, and card writing, as well as apprehension of fears concerning difficult family situations. SO how can we better embrace this season, THE REASON for the season, AND the graces God has in store for us? In the midst of all the busyness, family, and crowds, Jesus, the true “just shoot,” wants to help us embrace a sense of peaceful waiting and joyful expectation. As we intentionally set aside time to be with Him, he can help us lift our eyes to the heavens and ponder The Star that is approaching Bethlehem. He can also help us “prepare the way of the Lord” in our hearts as we consider the ways in which our lives have become cluttered with self-centeredness or anger or pride. Jesus, the “just shoot,” can give us the grace to see our signs and our anxieties more clearly and to bring them to Him for forgiveness and healing. If you are feeling the weight of expectations and perhaps the tensions of the coming weeks, you’re not alone. THIS Advent, DARE to do something different by committing yourself and your family to trusting Jesus. Invite Him and the Holy Spirit in (in family discussions, before & after meals, etc.), welcome them in (during work, difficult discussions, etc.), let them meet you wherever you are and make yourself ready to receive His presence at Christmas.

LORD, YOUR WAYS ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM MY WAYS. HELP ME TO RECEIVE ALL THE GRACE YOU HAVE FOR ME THIS ADVENT!

Stewardship Schedule	St. Lawrence First Saturday Dec 7 – 5:00 PM	St. Anthony Second Sunday of Advent Dec 8, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Second Sunday of Advent K of C 50 th Year Celebration Dec 8, 10:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Monday Immaculate Conception Dec 9, 7:00 AM	St. Anthony – Monday Immaculate Conception Dec 9, 7:00 PM
LECTORS	Janet Beck	Lynette Otto	Leroy Heckemeyer	Syl Kesel	Margie Chipman
SERVERS	Addyson Heckman Heath Heckemeyer Matthew Heckemeyer	Alyssa Perkins Lillian Wieberg Nick Wieberg	Mya Oligschlaeger Elise Scheulen Kendall Wieberg	Brennan Doerhoff Kiptyn Green Clarise Green Lucy Heckemeyer	Christina Bax Rachel Bax Skylar Bax Knox Buechter
GIFT BEARERS	Vic & Karen Wilde	Harold and Veronica Holtmeyer	Knights of Columbus	Quentin & Megan Wright	Jeffrey & Dorothy Holtmeyer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Diane Juergensmeyer Paul Beck	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Dale Holtmeyer	Deacon Schwartz Bert & Jane Doerhoff Joe Huhman	Deacon Schwartz Cathy Engelmeyer Catherine Kliethermes
SACRISTAN	Brett Holtmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Albert Frey	Stan Struemp	Mary Schulte
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeters: Cecilia Children’s Choir	Rosary: Betty Voss Greeter: Donna Dickneite Ushers: Richard, Ronnie, and Steve Holtmeyer & Jim Humphrey	Rosary: Brett Holtmeyer Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus	Rosary: Michele Renkemeyer	Rosary: Patsy Voss Greeter: Mary Schulte Ushers: David, Dennis, Jacob, and Sarah Kliethermes

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

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.



CCD Schedule for Wednesday, December 4, 2024

St. Anthony CCD begins at 6:30 PM with Adoration / Devotional; 10th – 12th Grades / Immediately following Devotion, **classes meet/stay** in Church for CCD Parish Directory Photos

St. Lawrence CCD begins at 6:30 PM with Mass; Ministries & Confessions – 6th Grade

IT'S A NEW FISCAL YEAR: 2024 - 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS As of 11/07/2024: Number of Registered Households - 290		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 11/26/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 84,814.84	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 111,315.41
Online Offerings	12,425.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	285.00 / 2,935.57	
Mission Collection	10,855.00	
	Other Income	40,158.45
	Total YTD Parish Income	151,473.86
	Expenses	\$ 155,461.59
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	\$ 5,970.78

IT'S A NEW FISCAL YEAR: 2024 -2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS As of 11/07/2024: Number of Registered Households - 140		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 11/26/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 34,068.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 41,229.52
Online Offering	4,415.00	
Loose	2,041.00	
Mission Collection	705.00	
	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	3,452.64 / 23,571.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	68,253.41
	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 48,528.93 / 14,139.56
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	\$ 2,270.25

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Monday, Dec 2, 7 PM: Adult Choir practice for Christmas Eve. All are welcome! Contact Peggy Wieberg with any questions.

Thursday, Dec 5, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, Dec 7, Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting held at the Old School House Boutique, 350 Main St, St. Anthony. Parade begins at 5 PM, Tree Lighting at 6 PM, and Pictures with Santa from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Chloe Hoecker performs 6 – 7 PM.

Sunday, Dec 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.

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 support in helping the Auxiliary sponsor a family in need is much appreciated!

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Dec 1, 5 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets to play cards! Pizza, salad, and dessert will be provided. New players are always welcome. Contact Rita Buschjost with any questions at 573-619-7565.

First Monday, Dec 2, 7 PM: Patriotic Rosary at St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join.

First Wednesday, Dec 4, 8 AM: Runner's Creed: REMEMBER the Unborn Jersey & Creed. All students from St. Elizabeth R-4 School are invited to meet at the Holy Family across from school to pray the Life Runners Creed. Community members are welcome to attend. If you are a student/member from another school, wear your jersey & send up a prayer with us! All in Christ for Pro-Life!

Wednesday, Dec 4, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room. All members are asked to attend as we prepare for the 50th Year Celebration on Dec 8.

Thursday, Dec 5, 7 PM: St. Lawrence Parish and Finance Council Meeting in the Church Basement.

First Friday, Dec 6: Join us for coffee/donuts immediately following 7:15 AM Mass in the Church Basement.

First Saturday, Dec 7, 5 PM Mass: Cecilia Children's Choir sings! **Practice begins at 3:30 PM** (in Church) and we are also beginning practice for Christmas Eve. ***YES, the St. Lawrence Adult Choir & Cecilia Children/s Choir both sing on Christmas Eve Mass at the 4:00 PM.*** The Children's Choir ***will also practice on CCD Wednesdays, Dec 4 and 11 beginning at 5:30 PM.*** If your child is interested in signing on Christmas Eve, they must attend one of the three practices. Contact Michele Renkemeyer with any questions.

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.

St. Anthony Church
Sunday Advent Rosaries @ 6:00 PM
December 1 & December 15

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.



Curt Schatz
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

2025 Parish Directory GROUP Photo Schedule

Please see the following group photo schedules for your parish. For these photos, we ask everyone to be mindful of attire and to please come dressed for Our Lord; meaning, in nice pants (no shorts) and shirt (not sleeveless or inappropriate images).

St. Anthony – ALL in Church	St. Lawrence – ALL in Church
<p>Sun, Dec 8, after 8 AM Mass Cemetery Committee, CYO, 4-H, Eucharistic Ministers, Food Committee, Lectors, Nursing Home Ministers, Organists/Adult Choir, Parish/Finance Councils, Rosary Leaders, Sacristans, Stewardship Committee, & Senior Citizens Club</p>	<p>Sun, Dec 8, after 10 AM Mass Knights of Columbus & St. Ann's. <i>KofC are to wear KofC shirts; St. Ann's to wear St. Ann's red ribbons.</i></p>
<p>Wed, Dec 11, Senior Citizens at Annual Christmas Party</p> <p>Wed, Dec 18, after CCD Devotional Hour CCD Classes, CCD Teachers, & Servers</p>	<p>Wed, Dec 11, after CCD Devotional Hour CCD Classes, CCD Teachers, Servers & Cecilia Youth Choir</p>
<p>Sun, Dec 29, after 8 AM Mass Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary. <i>KofC are to wear your KofC Shirt or coat.</i></p>	<p>Sun, Dec 15, after 8 AM Mass Cemetery Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Organists/Adult Choir, Parish/Finance Councils, Rosary Leaders, Sacristans, & Stewardship Committee</p>

For those unavailable for photos, we will do our best to include your name and mark as absent from photo. You can help! To ensure your name is listed, please send a text, including your name(s) and group, to Michele at 573-291-6638.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen

I Thessalonians 3:12-13

Let us enter this season of advent reflecting in thanksgiving for the most precious gift of love to nourish our hearts in holiness for God and one another.



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