

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

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, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



<https://www.stanthonycatholicchurch.org>



<https://www.stlawrencecatholicchurch.org>



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
February Prayer Intention**

For mutual respect of the unique roles and responsibilities we are given as members of the Body of Christ. May we recognize and draw strength from the distinctive gifts God has given each of us with a spirit of co-responsibility. We pray to the Lord.

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

Church Contact Information

Father Aubuchon @ 573-493-2301; caubuchon@diojeffcity.org / Deacon Steve Schwartz @ 573-680-9449; sswartz@diojeffcity.org

Parish Secretary: Michele Renkemeyer @ 573-291-6638 / 573-793-6550

Church Email Addresses: stanthonyofpaduachurch@hotmail.com / stlawrencegridiron@hotmail.com

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: FEBRUARY 4 - 9, 2025

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Feb 4	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Father William Korte		
Wednesday	Feb 5	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Tom Grogert Ministries & Confessions: 4 th Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional Ministries: 8 & 9 th Grades
Thursday	Feb 6	7:15 AM	† Vernita Block	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Carl & Theresa Rush
FIRST Friday	Feb 7	7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM – Noon	† Roger Kliethermes Confessions Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM 6:30 – 7:30 PM	† Father William Korte Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions
Saturday	Feb 8	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Evelyn Struempf		
Sunday	Feb 9	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Anton & Marcella Luetkemeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

February 2, 2025 Reflection: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary & St. Joseph must have replayed this scene in their minds many times. When they presented their newborn son to the Lord in the Temple, they hadn't expected a man name Simeon to prophesy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and "a sign that will be contradicted". But how and when would these things happen? And how would a sword pierce Mary's heart? The couple left the Temple amazed, but then returned to their ordinary lives; and, while the question of what would ultimately happen to Jesus hung over their heads, they knew God had given them a mission; to raise His Son. So, they have to stay in the Present and not let the future deter them. How often do you worry about the future, things you have no control over, or decisions and events which happen to someone else? Today, ask for the grace to focus on the responsibilities right in front of you, and trust that God will be with you, no matter what the future holds.

"Jesus, as I go about my day, I will place my trust in you."

Stewardship Ministry Schedule Feb 8 – 9, 2025	St. Lawrence – Saturday February 8, 2025, 5:00 PM † Evelyn Struempf	St. Anthony - Sunday February 9, 2025, 8:00 AM Parishioners' Mass	St. Lawrence – Sunday February 9, 2025, 10:00 AM † Anton & Marcella Luetkemeyer
LECTORS	Karla Buechter	Donna Dickneite	Kenney Schwartze
SERVERS	Matthew Heckemeyer Rowan Juergensmeyer Cooper Lueckenotto	Skylar Bax Knox Buechter Bryan Chipman	Mya Oligschlaeger Austin O'Neil Elise Scheulen
GIFT BEARERS	Lyle Buechter Family	Rodney Bax Family	Zach Buechter Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Kim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Theresa Struempf
SACRISTAN	Lindsey Holtmeyer	Linda Volmert	Stan Struempf
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Brett Holtmeyer Greeters: Dale & Andrea Holtmeyer	Rosary: Betty Voss Greeters: Chris & Julie Dye Ushers: Ben, Bill, Jaques, & Larry Wieberg	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff Greeters: Ben & Kara Scheulen

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 289		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 01/27/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 143,175.36	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 190,513.93
Online Offerings	17,870.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	430.00 / 4,455.57	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00 / 13,728.00	
	Other Income	51,919.94
	Total YTD Parish Income	242,433.87
	Expenses	\$ 229,667.26
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	September 2024	\$ 6,180.16
	October 2024	\$ 5,970.78
	November 2024	\$ 7,559.35
	December 2024	\$ 9,350.75

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 143		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 01/27/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 51,789.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 64,398.52
Online Offering	6,375.00	
Loose	4,219.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	4,626.90 / 23,321.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	92,346.67
	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 67,999.13 / 14,254.56
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	September 2024	\$ 2,095.85
	October 2024	\$ 2,270.25
	November 2024	\$ 2,121.14
	December 2024	\$ 2,712.41

CCD NEWS

CCD Classes for Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 PM: St. Anthony begins with Eucharistic Adoration; Ministries: 8 & 9th Grades
St. Lawrence begins Mass; Ministries & Confessions: 4th Grade.

TOTUS TUUS: Mark Your Calendars! Jul 13 – 18, 2025. The evening program (Grades 7-12) is Sunday - Thursday, July 13-17. The day program (Grades 1-6) is Monday – Friday, July 14 – 18. More information to come.

STEBENVILLE: IS A GO! Jul 18 – 20, 2025. We currently have 12 youth committed for this highly energized, faith-filled event. Event Organizers (Margie Chipman & Jennifer Oligschlaeger) are compiling details to be shared in the near future. Contact Jennifer or Margie with any questions.

St. Anthony Church
Sunday Rosaries @ 6:00 PM

February 2nd and 16th

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday, Feb 6, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, Feb 12, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for Cards and Bingo. Club will provide MEATLOAF; please bring a side dish.

Thursday, Feb 13, 6:40 PM: Parish and Finance Council Meeting in Lorenz.

Feb 13, 6:40 PM: St. Anthony Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, Feb 16, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM: St. Anthony Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast. Serving Quick Cured Smoked Ham, Whole Hog Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, and Applesauce. Adults: \$12, Ages 6-12: \$6, Ages 5 and Under: Free.

Monday, Feb 17: St. Anthony Parishioners will be quilting the 2025 Spring and Fall Supper quilts, starting the week of Mon., Feb 17. Everyone is welcome to come during the day or evenings. Contact Lisa Otto for details or questions.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Feb 2, 5 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets to play cards; please bring a snack to share. New members always welcome. Contact Rita Buschjost with any questions at 573-619-7565.

First Monday, Feb 3, 7 PM: Patriotic Rosary at St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join.

First Wednesday, Feb 5, 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, Feb 5, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room. All members are asked to attend.

Thursday, Feb 6, 7 PM: Parish and Finance Council Meeting in Church Basement

First Friday, Feb 7: Join us for Mass at 7:15 AM, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and then coffee/donuts in the Church Basement.

SECOND Saturday, Feb 8, 5 PM Mass: St. Cecilia Children's Choir will provide song on the SECOND Saturday of February; meet in for practice in the Church Basement at 3:45 PM. **ALSO: In preparation for Easter and to welcome any new students,** we will have children's choir practices beginning **on** CCD Wednesdays, at 5:30 PM, on MARCH 12, 19, and 26 and April 2, in the Church Basement. All ages are welcome!

Friday, Feb 14, Serving 4 – 7 PM: St. Elizabeth Anglers' Fish Fry, St. Elizabeth Community Center. Adults/Carry Outs - \$15. Ages 6 - 11, \$10. Under 6 – Free.

Saturday, Feb 15: St. Elizabeth Memorial American Legion Post 545 will host their annual Pitch Tournament at the St. Elizabeth Community Center. Tournament registration begins at 6:00 PM & play begins at 7:00 PM. There will be cash prizes for tournament finalists, 50/50 drawings, and a gun raffle drawing. For more information, contact Tom Oligschlaeger at 573-680-1421. Note: There will not be a chili supper this year.

Friday, Mar 21, 4 – 7 PM: St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Elizabeth Community Center. More details to come.

OTHER NEWS

Sunday, Feb 2, Serving 7:30 - 11 AM: Argyle/Koeltztown Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Pancake, Sausage & Egg Breakfast. Argyle K of C Hall. Dine In & Carry Out Available. Adults - \$12. Kids Under 12 - \$6.

Sunday, Feb 16, Serving 7:30 - 11 AM: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Argyle Post 8045 & Auxiliary, Argyle, MO. Annual BREAKFAST. Sausage & Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy, and Hash Browns & Coffee Cake. One Price - \$13.00.



Dakota Clarkston
Lorraine Hoecker
Bryan Hoecker
Bryleigh Wulff
Sherry Johnson
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

BE HIS VOICE

CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

Please prayerfully consider who you think God might be calling to priesthood or religious life

CALLLED BY NAME DIOCESE OF Jefferson City



CALLLED BY NAME SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 8 - 9, 2025

Prayerfully, be open to God's call and for those who are able, be open to the call to the priesthood or religious life. These vocations are beautiful gifts both to the Church and to those who are called. So be open, and be courageous if you hear the call. Spend time this week thinking about someone in our parish who God may be calling to the priesthood or religious life – someone with the qualities that you would want in your priest or religious sister.

Next week at all of the Masses, we will have cards for you to share that person's name and contact information. Bishop McKnight and our Vocation Director, Fr. Paul Clark, will then send them a letter of encouragement along with Fr. Clark's contact information should they wish to follow-up. God is the one who calls, but He often uses our voice of encouragement and invitation to do so. With your help, we can make this **Called By Name Sunday** a great success that will bear fruit in our diocese for generations to come. Thank you for your openness and generous participation.

CALLLED BY NAME

Thank you so much for nominating a person whom you think God might be calling to be a priest or religious sister or brother. These nominations will receive a letter from our bishop that congratulates them on living the Christian life in an exemplary way, gently invites them to begin formally discerning the vocation God may be calling them to and provides helpful information and resources. There are no requirements or commitments on their part – only a blessing invitation from the Lord.

Name of nominee: Male Female

Parent name (if under 18): _____ Age: _____

Email address of nominee: _____ Phone number of nominee: _____

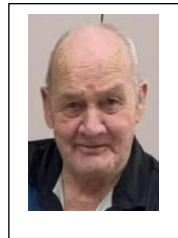
Your name: _____ Your relationship to this person: _____

Please tell us about this person: _____

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSED SOULS OF



FATHER WILLIAM KORTE
Priest of the Diocese of Jefferson City
Nov 4, 1957 - Jan 24, 2025



LARRY SCHULTE
Parishioner of St. Anthony Parish
Oct 5, 1937 - Jan 26, 2025

The family of Larry Schulte extends their heart-felt thanks and appreciation for the support, kind words, condolences, and prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to

Father Aubuchon for the beautiful service and visiting Larry at the nursing home. To John & Renea at Fancher Funeral Home for their guidance and support, Mason Otto, Deacon Steve, Organist Perry Wieberg & Choir Members Lisa Otto and Lucy Kliethermes, Server Bryan Chipman, Pall Bearers, and anyone who helped prepare for the services or helped in any way. A huge thank you to the Miller Co Care and Rehab Staff for the love and care provided to Larry. We appreciate BJ's Bar and Grill for accommodating the family after services. Warmest thanks, Family of Larry Schulte



VERONICA HOLTMEYER
Parishioner of St. Anthony Parish
Apr 27, 1938 - Jan 29, 2025
(photo next week)

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen

Next weekend throughout the diocese is **Called By Name Sunday**: an initiative of the Diocese of Jefferson City Vocations Office that celebrates God's call to each of us to follow Him in a particular way. Bishop McKnight is encouraging each of us to take this time to not only acknowledge the call given to each heart to be holy and fully in relationship with the One who made it, but also to consider the fact that the One who calls might be asking us to be His voice to others.