

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 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, Parochial Administrator**

Deacon Steve Schwartze

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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## **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 January Prayer Intention**

For our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice.

## **ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Brett Holtmeyer, President

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Andrea Holtmeyer

Eric O'Neil

Chris Beck

Tom Oligschlaeger

## **ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL**

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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: JANUARY 14 - 19, 2025**

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan 14	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions</b> † George Holtmeyer		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jan 15	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional Ministries: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Father Michael Buckley Ministries: 10 - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades
<b>Thursday</b>	Jan 16	7:15 AM	† Joe Struempf	<b>5:30 PM</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Confessions</b> † Father Dennis Conway
<b>Friday</b>	Jan 17	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Hallie Phillips Miller Co Care & Rehabilitation Center		
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan 18	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Confessions</b> Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan 19	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b> † Roger Heckemeyer	<b>7:30 AM</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b> † John & Nettie Voss

**January 12, 2025 Reflection**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, it's the sign to start putting away Christmas decorations and return to Ordinary Time. As Pope Benedict XVI explained in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, "Jesus inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners." By accepting Baptism, Jesus accepted His coming death for the sins of all mankind. He anticipated His submission to His Father's will during the agony in the garden, and He pointed us toward His suffering and death on The Cross. Just as He would in those more painful moments, Jesus began His ministry by saying yes to His mission as the Savior of the World. So as we return to Ordinary Time, make sure you celebrate your salvation.

*"Thank you, Jesus, for embracing my humanity!"*

**January 19, 2025 Reflection**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, John tells how Jesus rescued a wedding reception by changing water into wine. This was Jesus' first miracle, and John tells us when the disciples saw Jesus do it, they "began to believe in him". (John 2:11) John also makes clear this was the beginning of the disciples' journey of faith, not the end. That journey would include times they trusted in Jesus' power and compassion *and* times when fear, pride, or sin caused them to doubt Jesus. Like the disciples, we too, are on a journey of faith marked by highs and lows and times when we trust in Jesus and times when we fail Him! This week and during our roughest times, let's choose to BELIEVE.

*"Lord, make us one!"*

**January 26, 2025 Reflection**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

If you could sum up Jesus' mission in just a few words, you might say that He came to set us free. That's what He told the townspeople in the Nazareth synagogue as He read from the prophet's scroll: He had been sent "to proclaim liberty to captives" and "to let the oppressed go free". So what would you like to be set free from right now? Perhaps worry, stress, guilt, fear, regret, or sin. Does it keep you awake are night? Is it holding you captive? TODAY, stop the madness, and give it up to the Lord. TOMORROW, give back to the Lord through prayer and being a blessing to others.

*"Jesus, thank you for setting me free!"*

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence – Saturday January 18, 2025, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony - Sunday January 19, 2025, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday January 19, 2025, 10:00 AM
<b>LECTORS</b>	Janet Beck	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	Kristi Green
<b>SERVERS</b>	Matthew Heckemeyer Rowan Juergensmeyer Cooper Lueckenotto	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	Lucy Heckemeyer Benton Heckemeyer Hudson Kemna
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Scott Bax Family	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	Tyler Bax Family
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Deacon Schwartz Diane Juergensmeyer	Deacon Schwartz Mary Schulte	Deacon Schwartz Bert Doerhoff
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Jane Doerhoff
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Rose Buechter <b>Greeters:</b> Joe & Kim Plassmeyer	<b>Rosary, Greeters, &amp; Ushers</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	<b>Rosary:</b> Syl & Mary Kesel <b>Greeters:</b> Brian & Carol Kirk

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 290		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 01/09/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 132,222.27	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 178,078.84
Online Offerings	16,770.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	385.00 / 4,118.57	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00/ 13,728.00	
	Other Income	46,564.62
	Total YTD Parish Income	224,643.43
	Expenses	\$ 209,624.07
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 - 141		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 01/09/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 47,245.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 59,111.52
Online Offering	6,235.00	
Loose	3,616.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	4,247.60 / 23,321.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	86,680.37
	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 60,019.94 / 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 Classes for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass; Ministries: 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
St. Lawrence Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional; Ministries: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Wednesday, Jan 15, 9:30 AM:** Senior Citizens meet for cards and Bingo. It's potluck soup and/or please bring a side dish.

**Sunday Rosaries, Jan 19, 6 PM:** Held in St. Anthony Church.

**FROM THE ST. ANTHONY LADIES AUXILIARY**

**THANK YOU** to all who selected a Giving Tree Christmas tag and fulfilled the wish of a family in need. We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

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

**Mark Your FRIDAY FISH FRY Calendars:**

**February 14:** St. Elizabeth Anglers Fish Fry, St. Elizabeth Community Center

**March 21:** St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Elizabeth Community Center



**OTHER NEWS**

**Saturday, Jan 18, 4 – 7:30 PM:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of Italy, St. Geroge Activity Center, Linn, MO. \$17 in advance/\$19 at the door. Silent and Live Auction, along with featured wineries.

**Monday, Jan 20, Food Pantry Day:** Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1 – 7 PM. All **Helping Hands** on deck are needed to fill orders and very much appreciated!

**Saturday, Feb 22, Comets Kikin' it with Kapital Kicks:** Join us at the Westphalia Lions Club for dinner (Chicken, Ham, Sides, and Desserts), silent auction, and performance by Mr. A with Kaptial Kicks, and Fatima Jazz Band. Adults: \$30, Students: \$15, Kids 5 and Under eat free. Must be purchased by February 10, 2025; no tickets at door. Obtain tickets through Eventbrite at <https://cometskickinit.eventbrite.com>. Benefits the Fatima Music Boosters. Contact: Jennifer Baumhoer at [jbaumhoer@holyfamilyfreeburg.com](mailto:jbaumhoer@holyfamilyfreeburg.com).

**Wednesday, Feb 25, 6:30 – 8 PM:** Southwest Global Deanery Meeting in Laurie, MO.

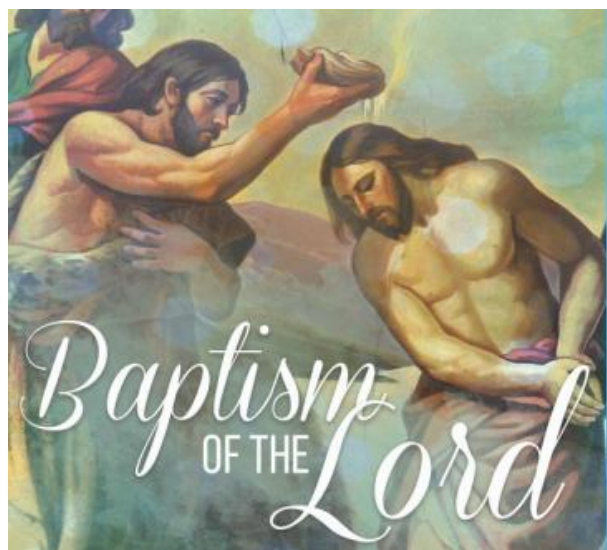
*Please pray for the reposed soul of  
Roger "Big Rog" Kliethermes  
of St. Lawrence Parish  
January 25, 1959 - January 8, 2025*

*Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in Peace.  
Amen*



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



**Baptism of the Lord Prayer**

*Eternal Father, who at The Baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit, Grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to You, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfill our unique and definite purpose.  
 Amen.*

**THANK YOU**

For all the gifts, cards, Masses, and Happy Birthday wishes, I received over the holidays, THANK YOU! It has touched my heart and I greatly appreciate all of you.  
 Deacon Steve

**PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE/  
 UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Many parishioners have received their family/individual photos and/or ordered packages. These were mailed end of December 2024. In the event you have **NOT** received your photos/packet or you have any issues with your order, please contact Universal Church Directory via email or customer service (See Below). You will need to reference your

Church ID Number:

St. Lawrence Church: MO363A

St. Anthony Church: MO363B

PHONE: 419-522-5011 / 888-742-5823 (Toll Free)  
<https://ucdir.com/contact/>

Our Parish Project Teams continue to work on creating and organizing the Directories. More updates at a later time.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

After the Baptism of The Lord on January 12, 2025, we will return to Ordinary Time (Green Altar Cloths). However, the Christmas Season is still celebrated through February 2, 2025! Meaning, our beautiful Christmas decorations, in both Churches, will remain until after Masses on February 2, 2025.



<https://steubystl.com>

Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Our conference is an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.  
 2025 Conference Dates are July 18-20, 2025.

To join us, complete the Steubenville Form and return to any of the following: Margie Chipman, Cathy Engelmeyer, Liz Heckemeyer, Lauren Kliethermes, or Kara Scheulen by Wednesday, January 15, 2025. The form can be found on our Church Websites or contact any of the individuals above. Upon having attendee numbers, our parishes will prepare and share registration & travel information and expenses.