

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## February 16, 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

Loren Otto / Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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

Jacob Kliethermes, *President*

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Billy Buechter      Sandy Wieberg

Loren Otto      Scott Roark

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

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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**

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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

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**WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 18 - 23, 2025**

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Feb 18	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Keith Pigg		
Wednesday	Feb 19	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Leonard & Louise Beck Ministries & Confessions: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional Ministries: 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Thursday	Feb 20	7:15 AM	† George Holtmeyer	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Ray & Anna Kliethermes
Friday	Feb 21	7:15 AM	† Roger Kliethermes		
Saturday	Feb 22	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Mary Jane Kemna		
Sunday	Feb 23	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Vincent & Carol Schaffer

**February 16, 2025 Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Can you imagine telling someone without a job or place to live, “Look at how much God has blessed you!” That’s probably not something one should do, and it’s not what Jesus is doing in today’s Gospel. He is doing two things: 1) Proclaiming God’s care and concern for those who are materially poor, and 2) Announcing blessings on “his disciples,” who have “left everything and followed him”. He is blessing all those who have accepted the poverty, the hardship, and the rejection they are experiencing as followers of Jesus. Jesus knows how challenging it can be to live out the call to discipleship. He knows there are days when you feel as if you’re always swimming upstream. He sees the sacrifices you make to be generous and your humility as you strive to forgive those who have hurt you. If you can see yourself in ANY WAY, within these words, know that Jesus calls you blessed. Know that He is promising you all the joys of His Kingdom. And know He is blessing you *right here, right now!* As Jeremiah proclaimed in today’s first reading, He is making you as strong as a “tree planted beside the waters”. Even if you don’t feel particularly blessed today, you can still take heart because Jesus is faithful to all His promises.

***“Lord, help me to trust in your blessings when the call to discipleship feels hard.”***

Stewardship Ministry Schedule Feb 22 - 23	St. Lawrence – Saturday February 22, 5:00 PM † Mary Jane Kemna	St. Anthony - Sunday February 23, 8:00 AM † Vincent & Carol Schaffer	St. Lawrence – Sunday February 23, 10:00 AM Parishioners’ Mass
<b>LECTORS</b>	Ann Wieberg	Lisa Otto	Daniel Buechter
<b>SERVERS</b>	Daisy Bax Paisley Bax Addyson Heckman	Augie Dearduff, Ben Engelmeyer Sidney Engelmeyer	Lucy Heckemeyer Benton Heckemeyer Rowan Juergensmeyer
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Stephen Dickneite Family	Michael Bennett Family	Bert & Jane Doerhoff
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Deacon Schwartz Kathleen Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Dale Holtmeyer
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Diane Juergensmeyer	Mary Schulte	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Kaye Finn <b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Theresa Plassmeyer	<b>Rosary:</b> Patsy Voss <b>Greeters:</b> Loren & Kaylie Otto <b>Ushers:</b> Dennis Wilson, Joey & Kade Wright, and Danny Bax	<b>Rosary:</b> Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer

Stewardship Ministry Schedule March 1 - 2	St. Lawrence – Saturday March 1, 5:00 PM Parishioners’ Mass	St. Anthony - Sunday March 2, 8:00 AM † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss	St. Lawrence – Sunday March 2, 10:00 AM † Roger Heckemeyer
<b>LECTORS</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	Lynette Otto	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD
<b>SERVERS</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	Aiden Faulkner, Cohen Faulkner Grant Holtmeyer	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	Sid Blomberg Family	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Deacon Schwartz Janet Weckenborg	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Joe Huhman
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Kathleen Schwartz	Margie Wilson	Lora Luetkemeyer
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary, Greeters, Ushers:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD	<b>Greeters:</b> Clint & Jackie Perkins <b>Rosary:</b> Dorothy Buechter <b>Ushers:</b> Ethan, Larry, and Rodney Bax and Michael Bennett	<b>Rosary, Greeters, Ushers:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CCD <b>** St. Cecilia Children’s Choir **</b> <b>ALL GRADES WELCOME!</b>

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE, MARCH 5, 2025**

**7:00 AM** St. Lawrence; Ministries: CCD Class(s) TBD  
**6:15 PM** St. Anthony; Ministries: CCD Grades 8 - 12  
**8:00 PM** St. Lawrence; Ministries: CCD Class(s) TBD

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 290 / Individual Catholics: 730		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 02/12/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 157,113.17	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 206,474.74
Online Offerings	19,535.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	460.00 / 4,783.57	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00 / 13,728.00	
	Other Income	54,646.59
	Total YTD Parish Income	261,121.33
	Expenses	\$ 241,235.35
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	October 2024	\$ 5,970.78
	November 2024	\$ 7,559.35
	December 2024	\$ 9,350.75
	January 2025	\$ 6,750.94

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 318		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 02/12/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 56,109.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 69,929.52
Online Offering	7,060.00	
Loose	4,745.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	6,203.57 / 23,321.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	99,454.34
	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 72,875.62 / 14,254.56
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	October 2024	\$ 2,270.25
	November 2024	\$ 2,121.14
	December 2024	\$ 2,712.41
	January 2025	\$ 2,260.24

## CCD NEWS

**CCD Classes for Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 PM:** St. Anthony begins with Eucharistic Adoration; Ministries: 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades. St. Lawrence begins with Mass; Ministries & Confessions: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

## ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.

**Wednesday, Feb 19, 9:30 AM:** Senior Citizens meet for Cards and Bingo. Club will provide MEATLOAF; please bring a side dish.

**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.

**Friday, Mar 28:** St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Anthony, MO. More details to come.

*St. Anthony Church  
Sunday Rosary  
February 16, @ 6:00 PM*

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

**Friday, Mar 21, 4 – 7 PM:** St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Elizabeth Community Center. **St. Ann's** will be having **"Bag a Prize"** at the Fish Fry! Parishioners are encouraged to bring donations to the back of church or church basement by Tuesday, March 18, 2025! Contact Janet Weckenborg for details.

**Tuesday, Feb 25 & Wednesday, Feb 26, 8 AM: Community Center Picnic Quilting.** We will have quilting for the Community Center Picnic Quilts on these days beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. All quilters welcome! Hope you can join us! Contact Lora Luetkemeyer with any questions.

## 2025 PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Work continues on both Parish Directories as Directory Teams design and develop each directory. Our goal is to submit our final product to Universal Church Directory (UCD) by mid-March. Upon submission, it will take UCD up to 60 days to fully create our directories and return a completed product to us for one final review. The final review process and then printing could take an additional 90 days. Please contact Michele Renkemeyer with any questions. Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation.

## OTHER NEWS

**Thursday, Feb 20, 2 – 6 PM:** Blood Drive, Citizens Civic League, 301 Olive Street, Meta, MO 65058. **Give from the heart and help saves lives.**

**Sunday, Feb 23, Serving 11 AM – 4 PM: St. John's Lutheran Church Chili/Soup Time, "Babbtown", 7086 Hwy P, Westphalia, MO.** Serving chili, chili dogs, hot dogs, chicken noodle soup, cinnamon rolls, and lots of desserts. All You Can Eat - \$8.00.

**Sacred Music Information and Feedback Session:** Have you ever wondered how the music we sing at Mass is chosen? Why during certain times of the year there may not be as many instruments accompanying the singers? If so, we invite you to join us on Sunday, February 23 at 1pm at St. Patrick Chapel for an information and feedback session on the sacred music at Mass. Part of this session will be guided discussions on how the music at Mass impacts your faith and worship. Please RSVP at <https://diojeffcity.org/event/sacred-music-listening-session-sedalia/>

**Wednesday, Feb 25, 6:30 – 8 PM:** Southwest Global Deanery Meeting in Laurie, MO. All are welcome, especially members of Parish, Finance, and Stewardship Councils and Youth Ministers, Teachers, and other lay leaders.





Tripp Michael Schroeder  
 Child of Trenton & Maycee Schroeder  
 Born: February 11, 2025  
 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

## BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

Beau Joseph Minor  
 Child of Austin & Marie (Engelmeyer) Minor  
 Baptized on Saturday, February 15, 2025  
 St. Anthony of Padua Church

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSED SOUL OF



**CYRILLA ANNA DOERHOFF**  
 Parishioner of St. Lawrence  
 Feb-23, 1923 - Feb-6, 2025

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

## VERONICA HOLTMEYER

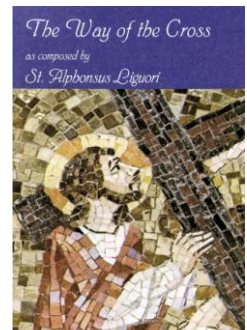
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*The family of Veronica Holtmeyer extends their heart-felt appreciation for the support, kind words, condolences, and prayers during this difficult time. We especially wish to thank Father Aubuchon & Deacon Steve for performing the Mass and to the servers assisting during Mass. Thank you to John & Renea Fancher for their support, help, and guidance and to those providing music and song! And to all our family, friends, and neighbors, thanks to all who brought or prepared food, worked in the Hall, came to the visitation or funeral, or helped in any way! All of us are very touched by the outpour of condolences and encouraging words and prayers.*

*Harold, Jeffrey (Dot), Jennifer (Mark)*

## The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a powerful and simple way to reflect on the final moments of Jesus' life. After Ash Wednesday (March 5), Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent, beginning on March 7, at both Churches and also prayed during our CCD Program. We encourage you and your family to attend Stations of the Cross to bring you and your family closer to the Passion of our Lord! Watch the Mass and CCD Schedules for details.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. Jesus is Condemned to Death
2. Jesus Carries the Cross
3. Jesus Falls for the First Time
4. Jesus Meets His Mother
5. Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
6. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus Falls a Second Time
8. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus Falls a Third Time
10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus Dies on the Cross
13. Jesus' Body is Removed from the Cross
14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

