

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2025

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua

132 Main Street
Iberia, MO 65486

St. Lawrence

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St. Elizabeth, MO 65075

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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.

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 2, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Feb 25	NO Adoration or Mass due to Southwest Deanery Meeting in Laurie, MO. Mass Intention has been moved.			
Wednesday	Feb 26	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Joe & Bernard Struempf Adoration/Devotional; Ministries: 9 th Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † John & Mathilda Rehagen Ministries & Confessions: 5-6 th Grades
Thursday	Feb 27	7:15 AM	† Frank Schmidt	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Roger Kliethermes
Friday	Feb 28	7:15 AM	† Vernita Block		
Saturday	Mar 1	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
Sunday	Mar 2	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Roger Heckemeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss

February 23, 2025 Reflection: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. (Luke 6:37). Whether it's a person you meet on the street, someone who wears clothing different from you or has different food choices, or someone that likes different hobbies than you or who you perceive as poorer than you, we can find it so easy to pass judgment on people. And if we're honest, it may even seem like a very acceptable thing to do, but IS IT? Jesus is very clear in His message today, "Stop judging...Stop condemning" (Luke 6:37). So what should we do instead? The line that immediately precedes this passage gives us the answer: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful". When you catch yourself judging another person, think about the love God has for you; He sent His Son to die for you when you didn't deserve it, when you didn't even ask for it! Be merciful and think before you speak harshly, choose your words wisely and be kind, and above all, extend to all persons compassion and grace. Only God is the perfect judge. We can trust HIM to do HIS job without any help from us.

"Father, help me to be a reflection of your merciful love today."

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
LECTORS	5 th Grade CCD	Lynette Otto	4 th Grade CCD
SERVERS	5 th Grade CCD	Aiden Faulkner, Cohen Faulkner Grant Holtmeyer	4 th Grade CCD
GIFT BEARERS	5 th Grade CCD	Sid Blomberg Family	4 th Grade CCD
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartz Janet Weckenborg	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Joe Huhman
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartz	Margie Wilson	Lora Luetkemeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers: 5 th Grade CCD	Greeters: Clint & Jackie Perkins Rosary: Dorothy Buechter Ushers: Ethan, Larry, and Rodney Bax and Michael Bennett	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers: 4 th Grade CCD ** St. Cecilia Children's Choir ** ALL GRADES WELCOME!

ASH WEDNESDAY Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence March 5, 7:00 AM † William & Carmen Luetkemeyer	St. Anthony March 5, 6:15 PM † Urban, Ron & Randy Voss	St. Lawrence March 5, 8:00 PM Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS	Syl Kesel	8 – 12 th CCD Grades	Kathleen Schwartz
SERVERS	Brennan Doerhoff Layla Doerhoff Hudson Kemna	8 – 12 th CCD Grades	Daisy Bax Paisley Bax Brennan Doerhoff
GIFT BEARERS	Brice & Marylyn Luetkemeyer	8 – 12 th CCD Grades	Scott & Stephanie Bax
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ASHES	Deacon Schwartz Mike Verhoff	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Jim Plassmeyer
SACRISTAN	Brett Holtmeyer	Linda Volmert	Diane Juergensmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY / SERVICE	Rosary: Albert & Dolores Frey Greeter: Michele Renkemeyer	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers 8 – 12 th CCD Grades	Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeters: Jim & Elaine Kesel

CCD NEWS

CCD Classes for Wednesday, Feb 26, 6:30 PM: St. Anthony begins with Mass; Ministries & Confessions: 5 - 6th Grades.
St. Lawrence begins with Eucharistic Adoration; Ministries: 9th Grade.

To make up for canceled classes due to snow, CCD Class WILL BE HELD ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

ATTENTION St. Cecilia Children's Choir: 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, 26 and April 2, in the Church Basement. All ages are welcome!

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 290 / Individual Catholics: 730			FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 318		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 02/20/2025		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 02/20/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 159,856.17	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 210,075.74	Adult Envelopes	\$ 57,294.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 71,326.52
Online Offerings	20,225.00		Online Offering	7,130.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	470.00 / 4,941.57		Loose	4,887.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00/ 13,728.00		Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
	Other Income	57,632.35	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income		6,373.57 / 23,321.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	267,708.09	Total YTD Parish Income		101,021.34
	Expenses	\$ 243,492.70	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 74,022.87 / 14,254.56
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	October 2024	\$ 5,970.78		October 2024	\$ 2,270.25
	November 2024	\$ 7,559.35		November 2024	\$ 2,121.14
	December 2024	\$ 9,350.75		December 2024	\$ 2,712.41
	January 2025	\$ 6,750.94		January 2025	\$ 2,260.24

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Feb 23, 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 24: St Anthony Parishioners will be quilting the 2025 Spring and Fall Supper quilts, starting the week of Mon., Feb 24. Everyone is welcome to come during the day or evenings. Contact Lisa Otto for details or questions.

Wednesday, Feb 26, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for Cards and Bingo. Club will provide MEATLOAF; please bring a side dish.

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

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU! St. Elizabeth Memorial Post 545 would like to thank all who attended their annual Pitch tournament! We had a great evening of playing cards and visiting with the community. Proceeds will assist with maintaining the St. Elizabeth Veterans Monument and helping local veterans.

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.

FIRST Sunday, March 2, 10 AM Mass: St. Cecilia Children's Choir will provide song and will meet in the Church Basement at 9:15 AM. All Grades and new members are MOST welcome!

Thursday, March 6, 6:30 PM: ST. ANN's Meeting in the church basement to discuss the Bag-a Prize fund raiser, Easter decorations and other items. Bag-a-Prize donations will be accepted until March 18th, please tag them and leave them in the church basement or in the back of church or get them to one of the officers (Diane J, Darlene W or Janet W.) If you are not a member but would like to know more about St. Ann's, please join us.

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!

OTHER NEWS

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.

Sunday, March 16, Noon – 6 PM: Chicken Dinner/St. Louis of France Catholic Church, Bonnots Mill Parish Hall. Country Store-50/50. Online Silent Auction on the St. Louis of France Catholic Church Facebook page. Bidding starts Sunday, March 9th and ends March 14th at 7:00 PM. Cafeteria Style Dine-In or To-Go - \$16 per plate.

Men/Women Cursillo 2025: The next Cursillo opportunity will be in June at Father Tolton High School in Columbia with the Men's weekend on June 5-8 and the women's weekend June 12-15. Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives. For more information, contact Becky Sander at 573-808-3758 or email jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com.

Memorial services for Darlene (Kemna), who passed away on December 7, 2025 will be Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Shephard Funeral Home, 9255 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO. Darlene's parents were Otto & Lucy (Bax) Kemna who grew up in St. Elizabeth, MO. Submitted by Karen Otto. <https://www.shephardfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/Darlene-Ruf?obId=34168321>



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
 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

SUMMER MISSIONARIES RECRUITMENT 2025



From the Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City: We are in the recruitment stage for 2025 Summer, Missionary Staff! We are looking for young adults, ages 18 to 25, who have the gift of sharing faith with others, and would thrive in a Catholic community focused on growing in relationship with God. Each summer, we hire at least 24 young adults to serve as Totus TUUS and Camp Staff Missionaries. For more information on how to apply, go to:
<https://diojeffcity.org/summer-missionaries/>

2025 Lenten Regulations & Admonitions

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025, the Catholic Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969). To foster a greater spirit of penance, reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, which guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, the Church reminds us of the following obligations of fast and abstinence during Lent, and also admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship.

Abstinence

All who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting

Everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest. Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, Internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

Almsgiving

The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish and support of charities.

Prayer

To deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged to participate in the sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily Mass and frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation

Lent is also a privileged time for celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation, including its communal celebration. Church law does not permit general absolution at communal celebrations of Reconciliation. Regarding the sacrament of Reconciliation for baptized adults seeking full communion with the church, any previously baptized adult to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church should appropriately celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation before the Easter Vigil.

Timing of the Easter Vigil

According to U.S. Naval Oceanography tables, astronomical twilight, defined as that point in the evening when the sun does not contribute to sky illumination, will occur in Jefferson City on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 8:26 pm. Therefore, **in the Diocese of Jefferson City, it is legitimate to begin the Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm.** According to the document from the CDW in 1988 on "The Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts," "The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall."

For more information and the full article, go to the Diocese webpage at:
<https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2025/02/10/lenten-regulations-and-admonitions-for-2025/>