

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 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

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Jackie Perkins

Bishop McKnight's March Prayer Intention

For the spirit of humility and repentance, that we may confess our sins and seek reconciliation in preparation for the Easter feasts.

May our hearts be purified and opened to the grace of God.

We pray to the Lord.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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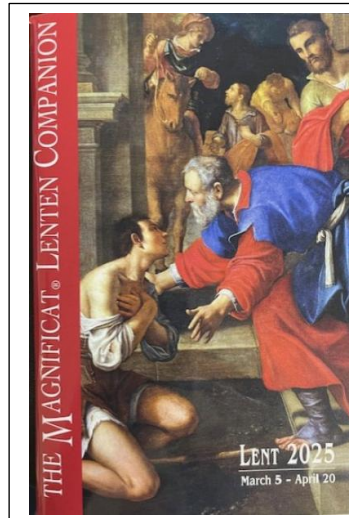
WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: MARCH 4 - 9, 2025 & ASH WEDNESDAY

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Mar 4	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions † Keith Pigg		
Ash Wednesday	Mar 5	7:00 AM 7 – 8 PM 8:00 PM	† William & Carmen Luetkemeyer CCD Class Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	6:15 PM 7 – 8 PM	† Urban, Ron, & Randy Voss CCD Class
Thursday	Mar 6	7:15 AM	† Ray & Rosetta Doerhoff	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Ben & Anna Bax
First Friday	Mar 7	7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM–Noon 6:30 PM	† Mary Jane Kemna Confessions Eucharistic Adoration Stations of the Cross (Deacon)	6:00 PM 6:30–7:30 PM	† Veronica Holtmeyer Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions
Saturday	Mar 8	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Wayne Bax		
Sunday	Mar 9	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Raymond Holtmeyer & Charlotte Braun	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

March 2, 2025 Reflection: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A tree is meant to bear fruit, but as Sirach reminds us, the quantity and quality of the fruit are determined by the way the tree has been cared for. Jesus' words in today's Gospel echo Sirach's observations. Like the Old Testament sage, Jesus tells His disciples, "For every tree is known by its own fruit". But he also says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good". That means, what you put into the "storehouse" of your heart and mind, what you take in to nourish yourself, eventually flows out of you, for better or worse. So, *how can I fill the storehouse of my heart with good?* There are some obvious answers: 1) Regular prayer can help you set down deep roots in and with the Lord; 2) Committing Scripture to memory can create behaviors (like giving, sharing, caring, being a blessing to others) to help you produce good fruit (like kindness, patience, courage, joy, grace, or empathy) and, 3) being around people and friends who share your faith and encourage you (to be a better example) and to produce and bear GOOD fruit. God created us all to bear good fruit and steer away from the bad fruit (like gossip, judgement, bitterness, jealousy, arrogance, envy, anger).

WHAT KIND OF FRUITS DO I BEAR?



Let *The Magnificat Lenten Companion* be your guide through the holy season of Lent. This handy little booklet provides a series of inspiring daily reflections to help you and your family through EVERY precious day of Lent.

Supplies are limited and located at the back of both churches.

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	REVISED! Daisy & Paisley Bax Kiptyn Green
GIFT BEARERS	Brice & Marylyn Luetkemeyer	8 – 12 th CCD Grades	Scott & Stephanie Bax
EUCHARISTIC 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

Stewardship Ministry Schedule March 8 - 9	St. Lawrence – Saturday March 8, 5:00 PM † Wayne Bax	St. Anthony - Sunday March 9, 8:00 AM † Raymond Holtmeyer & Charlotte Braun	St. Lawrence – Sunday March 9, 10:00 AM Parishioner's Mass
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Margie Chipman	Christine Hoecker
SERVERS	LilyAnne Heckman Rowan Juergensmeyer Cooper Lueckenotto	Riley Holtmeyer, Keaton Jones Sarah Kliethermes	Heath Heckemeyer Matthew Heckemeyer Cameron Kesel
GIFT BEARERS	Tyler & Jennifer Bax	Bill & Phyllis Brand	Connor & Macy Beck
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartz Ivan Wieberg	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Jennifer Oligschlaeger
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Jane Doerhoff
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Rose Buechter Greeters: Ben & Kara Scheulen	Rosary: Delphine Dickneite Greeters: Scott & Shawn Roark Ushers: Alan & Sid Blomberg and Bill Brand and Billy Jo Buechter	Rosary: Carl & Sharon Kemna Greeters: Brian & Carol Kirk

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 289 / Individual Catholics: 730		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 02/26/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 166,388.85	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 217,043.92
Online Offerings	20,415.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	480.00 / 5,177.07	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00 / 13,728.00	
Other Income	58,027.35	
Total YTD Parish Income		275,071.27
Expenses		\$ 247,110.34
FY Budget 24-25: \$ 324,079.35 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,232.00		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
October 2024	\$ 5,970.78	\$ 1,911.00
November 2024	\$ 7,559.35	\$ 2,854.00
December 2024	\$ 9,350.75	\$ 3,063.00
January 2025	\$ 6,750.94	\$ 1,917.00

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 142 / Individual Catholics: 318		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 02/26/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 58,545.46	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 72,693.46
Online Offering	7,200.00	
Loose	4,933.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	6,493.57 / 23,321.25	
Total YTD Parish Income		102,508.28
Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 75,177.53 / 14,254.56
FY Budget 24-25: \$ 126,780.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,438.00		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
October 2024	\$ 2,270.25	\$ 706.00
November 2024	\$ 2,121.14	\$ 995.00
December 2024	\$ 2,712.41	\$ 1,143.00
January 2025	\$ 2,260.24	\$ 745.00

Finance Questions? Feel free to contact your Finance Council President, Michele Renkemeyer, or send email to stlawrencegridiron@hotmail.com.

CCD NEWS

CCD Classes WILL BE HELD ON ASH WED, MARCH 5, 2025; classes begin at 7 PM.

CCD Classes for Wednesday, March 12

- St. Anthony begins with Stations of the Cross **at 6:40 PM**; Ministries: 7th Grade.
- St. Lawrence begins with Mass **at 6:30 PM**; Ministries & Confessions: 8th Grade
St. Cecilia Children's Choir also meets on Wed, Mar 12, in Church Basement at 5:30 PM.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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

FIRST Friday, Mar 7: Join us for Mass at 6:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions.

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

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Mar 2, 5 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets to play cards; please bring a snack to share.

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

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

Thursday, Mar 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.

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

Friday, Mar 21, 4 – 7 PM: St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Elizabeth Community Center. Dine in or carry out: \$12 per person. **St. Ann's** will be having "Bag a Prize" at the Fish Fry!

OTHER NEWS

Argyle Knights of Columbus DRIVE THRU ONLY Fish Fries: Feb 28, Mar 14, and Apr 4, serving 4:30 – 6:30 PM. All drive thru meals: \$12.00.

Friday, March 7, 5 – 8 PM: Osage Bend Fish Fry, St. Margaret's Parish, Osage Bend. Adults: \$14, Children 6 – 12: \$6, Children 5 and Under: Free. Carry Outs: \$14 per plate.

Fire House Cleaning BIDS BEING ACCEPTED: St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District is now accepting cleaning bids. Bid deadline is April 18. Bids should be on a per cleaning basis, once per quarter. Bid should include the cleaning of two bathrooms, one kitchen, the meeting room, two offices and hallway. To see the area prior to bidding contact: Chief Logan Schanzmeyer (573) 644-3564. Indicate on outside of envelope "cleaning bid".

GRASS MOWING BIDS BEING ACCEPTED: St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District is now accepting mowing and weed eating bids. Bid deadline is April 18. Bids should be on a per cutting basis. Time frame will be for the 2025 grass cutting season. Indicate on outside of envelope "grass bid". Mail To: St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District, PO Box 125, St. Elizabeth MO 65075 Or drop bid off to Megan Wright at St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance

**** SHADOW STATIONS ****
Wed, March 12, 6:30 PM
St. Anthony Church
Presented by:
St. Anthony CCD, Grades 2 - 7
Highly Attended Event. Don't miss it!

SUNDAY ROSARIES
St. Anthony Church, 6 PM
March 2 and March 16



Terry Yates
 Trevin White
 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
 Stacey Luttrell
 Christopher Thompson
 Nic Gilardi
 Patrick Holtmeyer
 Trevor Burrows
 Treyton Kemna
 Dane Steenburgen
 Joseph Volmert
 Stacia Kimball
 Robert (Bob) Kesel
 Frank Bax
 Pam Tipton
 Michael Wansing
 Henry Kemna
 Maggie Dickneite
 Milinda Hoecker
 Melody Welschmeyer
 Rachel Woehr
 Gene Wilde

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSED SOULS OF



DIANE MARY BAX
 Parishioner of St. Anthony
 Apr 8, 1959 - Feb 25, 2025



JOYCE MARIE BLOMBERG
 Parishioner of St. Lawrence
 Feb 2, 1952 - Feb 25, 2025

Visitation will be on Monday, March 3, 5 – 7 PM at the St. Elizabeth Community Center. Mass of Christian Burial is Tuesday, March 4, 10 AM at St. Lawrence Church.

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

How Do I Prepare for Ash Wednesday?

To prepare for Ash Wednesday, you can reflect on your spiritual life, plan your Lenten practices (like fasting or giving something up or doing something more), attend a confession beforehand, and consider attending a special Ash Wednesday Mass where you will receive ashes on your forehead, signifying repentance and a commitment to a period of self-examination during Lent. Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for most Catholics. Some key aspects of preparing for Ash Wednesday are:

Spiritual reflection: Take time to consider your relationship with God and areas where you want to grow spiritually during Lent.

Choose Lenten practices: Decide what you will give up or take on during Lent, such as fasting from certain foods, dedicating more time to prayer, or performing acts of charity.

Go to confession: Many people choose to go to confession before Ash Wednesday to start Lent with a clean slate.

Check your church schedule: Find out the time and location of your church's Ash Wednesday Mass and Stations of the Cross.

Understand the meaning of ashes: Ashes symbolize mortality and are accompanied by the phrase "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Fasting and abstinence: On Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, Catholics typically fast (eating only one full meal and two smaller meals) and abstain from meat.

Don & Ruth Ann Schnieders Annual Pro-Life Event
 Tuesday, March 25, 2025
 Luncheon Noon - 1:30 p.m., \$50
 Dinner 6:30 - 9 p.m., \$100
 Capitol Plaza Hotel | 415 W. McCarty St. | Jefferson City, Missouri

Keynote: Seth Dillon
 CEO of The Babylon Bee

Register to attend the Don & Ruth Ann Schnieders Annual Pro-Life Event on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. The luncheon & program are from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the dinner & program take place from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person for lunch and \$100 per person for dinner. To purchase tickets or for more information on attending or sponsoring the event, please visit vitaefoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.