

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 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 Schwartze

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Loren Otto / Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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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.

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: MARCH 25 - 30, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Mar 25	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions † Louis & Regina Plassmeyer		
Wednesday	Mar 26	7:15 AM 6:40 PM	† Norma Beck CCD Stations of the Cross; 10 – 12 th Grades	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Father William Korte Ministries & Confessions: 1 – 12 th Grades
Thursday	Mar 27	7:15 AM	† Tim Otto	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Larry Schulte
Friday	Mar 28	7:15 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM	† Marvin “Bill” Plank Miller County Care Center Mass Stations of the Cross (Father)	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross (Deacon)
Saturday	Mar 29	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Vernita Block		
Sunday	Mar 30	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony PENANCE SERVICES	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Ray & Anna Kliethermes

March 23, 2025 Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent. In today’s Gospel, Jesus concludes His call to repentance with a parable about a barren fig tree. The owner of the tree, after three years without any fruit, decides to cut it down. The gardener intervenes; however saying, “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.” The crowd listening to this parable likely recalled that Israel was called “the vineyard of the Lord,” which “yields its fruit in season”. They knew God was looking for His people to bear fruit in good deeds, but Jesus reminded them that God was also willing to show patience to sinners. In His mercy, He would “cultivate” and “nourish” them while He delayed their day of reckoning. We all know that God is patient, but we don’t know when our day of reckoning will come. Look what happened to the Galilean Jews that Pilate killed. The people who heard of this tragedy asked Jesus what these victims had done to deserve such a fate. Were they being punished for their sins? Jesus refutes this logic and reminds His listeners; they were no greater sinners than anyone else. Instead, He warns, this tragedy should urge us all to repent. God calls us not only to repent, BUT to “produce good fruits as evidence of repentance” AND, He gives us Jesus, as our faithful gardener, to tend the soil of our hearts, prune the branches that lead us to sin, and pour out His grace to help us grow.

“Thank you, Lord for helping me to repent of my sins and bear fruit!”

Stewardship Ministry Schedule March 29 - 30	St. Lawrence March 29, 5:00 PM † Vernita Block	St. Anthony (5 th Sunday) March 30, 8:00 AM † Ray & Anna Kliethermes	St. Lawrence March 30, 10:00 AM Parishioners’ Mass
LECTORS	Paul Beck	Knights of Columbus	Leroy Heckemeyer
SERVERS	Addyson & LilyAnne Heckman Noah Wieberg	Christina Bax Leo & Rita Wieberg	Alayna & Mya Oligschlaeger Austin O’Neil
GIFT BEARERS	Wesley & Jennifer Doerhoff Family	Knights of Columbus	Corey & Brenda Duemmel Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Dale Buechter	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Doug Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Linda Volmert	Albert Frey
PRAYER HOSPITALITY / SERVICE	Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeters: Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers Knights of Columbus	Rosary: Albert & Dolores Frey Greeters: Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer

Stewardship Ministry Schedule April 5 - 6	St. Lawrence – Saturday April 5, 5:00 PM † Keith Pigg	St. Anthony - Sunday April 6, 8:00 AM † Parishioner’s Mass	St. Lawrence – Sunday April 6, 10:00 AM † Felix & Genevieve Juergensmeyer
LECTORS	Karla Buechter	Margie Chipman	Abby Kemna
SERVERS	Addyson Heckman Harrison & Preston Plassmeyer	Rachel Bax Lillian & Nick Wieberg	Brennan Doerhoff, Kiptyn Green Elise Scheulen
GIFT BEARERS	Alan & Joann Evers	Larry & Cathy Buckley	Josh & Lindsey Evers Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Kim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Karla Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Lindsey Holtmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
PRAYER HOSPITALITY / SERVICE	Rosary: Brett Holtmeyer Greeters: St. Cecilia Children’s Choir	Rosary: Betty Voss Greeters: Stanley & Sandy Wieberg Ushers: Jason, Jeremy, Joe, and Warren Buechter	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff Greeters: Abby Kemna

**PENANCE SERVICES @ ST. LAWRENCE
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 @ 5:30 PM**

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 – 03/20/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 175,811.17	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 229,136.24
Online Offerings	22,535.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	555.00 / 5,652.07	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00/ 13,728.00	
Other Income	61,433.20	
Total YTD Parish Income		290,569.44
Expenses		\$ 262,299.74
FY Budget 24-25: \$ 324,079.35 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,232.00		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithes (BASED on tithable Income)
November 2024	\$ 7,559.35	\$ 2,854.00
December 2024	\$ 9,350.75	\$ 3,063.00
January 2025	\$ 6,750.94	\$ 1,917.00
February 2025	\$ 7,482.76	\$ 2,265.00

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS
 Number of Registered Households: 143 / Individual Catholics: 320

ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 03/20/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 64,336.46	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 79,961.46
Online Offering	8,210.00	
Loose	5,400.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	7,104.01 / 23,321.25	
Total YTD Parish Income		110,386.72
Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 81,356.37 / 14,254.56
FY Budget 24-25: \$ 126,780.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,438.00		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithes (BASED on tithable Income)
November 2024	\$ 2,121.14	\$ 995.00
December 2024	\$ 2,712.41	\$ 1,143.00
January 2025	\$ 2,260.24	\$ 745.00
February 2025	\$ 2,179.10	\$ 798.00

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

**HOLY THURSDAY - WASHING OF THE FEET
 WE ARE HALF WAY THERE!
 CALLING ALL "DISCIPLES"**

Last year, a number of you volunteered for this faith-filled, moving experience. We are seeking just SIX (6) more parishioners/ "Disciples" for Holy Thursday Service.
 Text Michele to volunteer; 573-291-6638.

2025 EASTER TRIDUUM MASS/CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

St. Lawrence			St. Anthony	
Holy Thursday, April 17	7:00 PM 8 – 9 PM 8 – Midnight	Mass Confessions Adoration		
Good Friday, April 18	3:00 PM 8:00 PM	Stations Celebration	3:00 PM 3:30 – 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Stations Confessions Celebration
Holy Saturday, April 19	8:30 PM	Mass		
Easter Sunday, April 20	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Mass	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Mass

CCD Classes for Wednesday, March 26

- St. Anthony begins with Mass @ 6:30 PM; Ministries & Confessions: 1 – 12th Grades
- St. Lawrence begins with Stations of the Cross @ 6:40 PM; Ministries: 10 – 12th Grades. St. Cecilia Children's Choir meets in Church Basement at 5:30 PM.
- LAST CCD Class is Wednesday, April 2.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Council Nominations/Elections: Current Members are: President Jacob Kliethermes, Secretary Julie Dye, Billy Buechter, Donna Dickneite, Loren Otto, Scott Roark, & Sandy Wieberg. The terms of Jacob Kliethermes and Donna Dickneite are ending as of May 31, 2025; therefore, Parish Council nominations will be sought Sunday, March 23, at the 8 AM Mass. Elections for Parish Council will take place on Sunday, March 30, 2025 at the 8 AM Mass. **THANK YOU, Jacob and Donna, for your leadership and commitment to our Parish! Your contribution was immense and greatly appreciated!**

Food Committee Elections: The terms of Mike & Daphne Bennett, Dustin Hagenhoff, Darla Kliethermes, and Sara Schulte are ending as of May 31, 2025. Elections for new members (3 women & 2 men) will be on Sunday, May 20, 2025. To align with Parish Council Term Limits, the Food Committee Term Limits have been changed to 3 Years. With the new 3-Year Term and no longer having the Spring Supper, that's just 3 suppers total. **Why FIVE new members?** Mike & Daphne volunteered to extend their terms during the last election; therefore, the need for additional members this year. This Committee is vital to the Supper events and if elected, parishioners have a responsibility to the Parish to serve. Newly elected members will be notified of their appointment to the Committee and must be Virtus compliant. New members will join the current members: Jordyn Bax, Joe Buechter & Dennis Schulte.

THANK YOU, Daphne, Mike, Dustin, Darla, and Sara, for your service on the Food Committee!

WEEK of Mar 24, 8:00 AM: Quilting begins for a second quilt for the Fall Supper! For those who cannot make it during the day, we will quilt in evening at 6 PM. Contact Sandy Wieberg for details.

Wednesday, Mar 26, 1:00 PM: Senior Citizens meet for snacks and cards.

Friday, Mar 28, 5:00 – 8:00 PM: St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, St. Anthony Parish Hall. Adults: \$12, Children 6 – 12: \$6, and Children 5 and Under: Free. Dine in or Carry Out!

St. Anthony Comm Park is accepting mowing bids. If interested, please contact Jefferey Holtmeyer, Hayden Otto or Loren Otto for a copy of the contract. All bids need to be received by Sunday, April 6, 2025 in a SEALED envelope. Send to: Lisa Otto, 1318 Hwy A, Iberia, MO 65486 or hand-deliver to a Park Board Member.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday, Mar 27, 7:00 PM: Parish and Finance Council Meeting in the Church Basement.

FISH FRY

Fried Fish with Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans,
Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, and Applesauce

Hosted by St. Anthony Knights of Columbus

When: March 28, 2025

**Where: St. Anthony Parish Hall
St. Anthony, Missouri**

Serving Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Cost: Adults - \$12.00
Children Ages 6 to 12 - \$6.00
Children Ages 5 and under - Free**

All You Can Eat Carry Outs Available

"Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing." Mark 6:41

OTHER NEWS

Wednesday, Mar 26, 12:30 – 5:30 PM: The St. Elizabeth R-IV Student Council is hosting a Blood Drive at the St. Elizabeth Community Center. To make an appointment, please visit www.redcross.org or e-mail becky@ste.k12.mo.us.



Dylan Nichols
 Terry Yates
 Trevin White
 Dakota Clarkston
 Lorraine Hoecker
 Bryan Hoecker
 Bryleigh Wulff
 Sherry Johnson
 Curt Schatz
 Sister Vicki Ewers
 Nolan Kesel
 Cathy Thompson
 Grant Lamb
 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
 Frank Bax
 Pam Tipton
 Michael Wansing
 Henry Kemna
 Maggie Dickneite
 Milinda Hoecker
 Melody Welschmeyer
 Rachel Woehr
 Gene Wilde

PLEASE text Michele if any names can be removed from the Prayer List. 573-291-6638. Thank You.

**TWO WEEK BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT
 April 6th & 13th, 2025**

Parish Offices will be closed Monday – Saturday, April 7 – 12; therefore, a 2-week bulletin, for the Sundays of April 6th and 13th. ***Please submit any announcements for these bulletins no later than Noon, Thursday, April 3.*** For all matters during April 7 - 12, please contact Deacon Steve (573-680-9449) or Father Aubuchon (573-493-2301) for assistance. Thank you kindly, Michele Renkemeyer

2025 PARISH PICTORAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

The St. Anthony Directory draft has been completed and is being reviewed by Father. The St. Lawrence Directory continues to be developed and the Parish Directory Team is currently working through all the group photos.

The 2025 Parish Directory is a multi-parish directory, whereby both parishes are in the same binding and allowing for each parish to be the front page. Universal Church Directory requires both directory drafts to be submitted at the same time. Our extended goal is to submit sometime in April. Thank you for your patience!

Important !: If you/your family did NOT have a picture taken or did NOT submit a photo AND are a registered member(s) of your parish, your name(s), address, and/or phone number (as on file) WILL be published in the roster section only of the directory. To ALL parishioners wanting to review your information or have any questions, contact Michele Renkemeyer at 573-291-6638 before March 31, 2025.

You're Invited!

Join us for Vocations Night as we welcome all local parishes for an evening of faith and discernment! This is a wonderful opportunity for teens (7th grade & up) to explore God's calling in their lives. Parents are highly encouraged to attend to help nurture holy and healthy vocations in the home.

WHEN: March 27, 6 PM
WHERE: Sacred Heart Catholic Center
 540 North Mill Street, Eldon MO

Fr. Paul Clark will be sharing valuable insights on starting a Vocations Ministry in your parish, and Maureen Quinn will provide details about upcoming youth camps this summer!

Help us spread the word—invite young families, grandparents, and friends as we come together to foster holy vocations throughout the diocese! Please share!

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CENTER
 540 NORTH MILL STREET
 ELDON, MISSOURI

Invites you to
VOCATIONS Night

Teens are invited to explore God's call to marriage, priesthood, religious life, or mission through engaging breakout sessions with those who have responded.

Adults and parents can learn how to support Vocations and implement Vocations Ministry in their parish.

Details:
 • March 27, 6 - 8 PM
 • Catholic Center
 • 540 N. Mill St. Eldon, MO
 • Teens
 • 7th grade +

The event includes games, snacks, and pizza followed by an inspiring night of discovery!

FINDING HOPE IN SUFFERING
 A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING PILGRIMAGE
APRIL 5
 9:30 A.M. — 3:30 P.M. COST: \$15
 LUNCH IS PROVIDED
 DOORS OPEN AT 9AM

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 197 STATE HWY P, RHINELAND, MO

REGISTER AT
diojeffcity.org/wm-spring-pilgrimage-registration

MEET OUR SPEAKER
Mary Lenaburg

Mary Lenaburg is a best-selling author, speaker, wife and mother sharing her testimony about God's redeeming love. Mary has served her local parish as Liturgy Coordinator, youth ministry, and Confirmation catechist. She travels the country speaking to all age groups, sharing laughs and building faith.

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