

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 9, 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**

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Loren Otto     Scott Roark

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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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Andrea Holtmeyer

Eric O'Neil

Chris Beck

Tom Oligschlaeger

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Kaye Finn

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Janet Beck

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**WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: MARCH 11 - 16**

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mar 11	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mar 12	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Vernita Block Ministries & Confessions; 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6:30 PM	** Shadow Stations ** Presented: CCD Grades 2 & 7
<b>Thursday</b>	Mar 13	7:15 AM	† Alfred & Mary Ann Doerhoff	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Confessions</b> † John & Mathilda Rehagen
<b>Friday</b>	Mar 14	7:15 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM	† Laverne Holtmeyer Miller County Care & Rehab Center Mass Stations of the Cross (Father)	6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross (Deacon)
<b>Saturday</b>	Mar 15	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Confessions</b> † Kathleen Ritter		
<b>Sunday</b>	Mar 16	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b> Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b> † Heather Luttrell & Colette Hicks

**March 9, 2025 Reflection: First Sunday of Lent**

*If you are the Son of God..... (Luke 4:3)*

Well, that's one way for the devil to try and trip Jesus up! Get Him to doubt His Father's love and care for Him.

*Come on, Jesus! You're the Son of God. You don't need to punish yourself like this. Look, here are some rocks you could use! Or, Son of God? No one will ever believe you...you look like an everyday carpenter. If you want followers, you need to do something dramatic. I know! How about jumping off the roof of the Temple? That will draw people to yourself much more quickly. But as tempting as all this must have been, Jesus could see through the devil's twisted logic. Being the Son of God isn't about special perks and privileges. It isn't about never going hungry or never being able to walk out the front door without being met by admirers. It's about being like your Father; pouring yourself out to lift up the wounded. It's about loving everyone selflessly, even if it means giving up your life on the cross. As a child of God, you too, will encounter temptations this Lent. Perhaps to hold a grudge, treat someone poorly, lie, cheat, steal.... No matter what you face, it's founded on some version of the lie that the devil tries to use on you. So when you find yourself, AND you will, in this predicament, face the devil head on and speak these words,*

***"Back with you Satan, there is no room for you here for my heart belongs to Jesus!"***

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
<b>LECTORS</b>	Rich Juergensmeyer	Margie Chipman	Christine Hoecker
<b>SERVERS</b>	LilyAnne Heckman Rowan Juergensmeyer Cooper Lueckenotto	Riley Holtmeyer, Keaton Jones Sarah Kliethermes	Heath Heckemeyer Matthew Heckemeyer Cameron Kesel
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Tyler & Jennifer Bax Family	Bill & Phyllis Brand	Connor & Macy Beck Family
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Deacon Schwartz Ivan Wieberg	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Jennifer Oligschlaeger
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Jane Doerhoff
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Rose Buechter <b>Greeters:</b> Ben & Kara Scheulen	<b>Rosary:</b> Delphine Dickneite <b>Greeters:</b> Scott & Shawn Roark <b>Ushers:</b> Alan & Sid Blomberg and Bill Brand and Billy Jo Buechter	<b>Rosary:</b> Carl & Sharon Kemna <b>Greeters:</b> Brian & Carol Kirk

Stewardship Ministry Schedule March 15 - 16	St. Lawrence March 15, 7:00 AM † Kathleen Ritter	St. Anthony March 16, 6:15 PM † Heather Luttrell & Collette Hicks	St. Lawrence March 16, 8:00 PM Parishioners' Mass
<b>LECTORS</b>	Janet Weckenborg	Nikki Rowden	Bert Doerhoff
<b>SERVERS</b>	Harrison Plassmeyer Preston Plassmeyer Noah Wieberg	Keaton Jones Mason Otto Alyssa Perkins	Ben Kemna Harper Kemna Kane Kemna
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Chad & Mary Doerhoff Family	Pat Buechter, Linda Volmert, Madeleine Cochran, Nikki Rowden	Nicolas & Marisa Doerhoff Family
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Deacon Schwartz Diane Juergensmeyer	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Kim Plassmeyer
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Kathleen Schwartz	Mary Schulte	Lora Luetkemeyer
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Kenny & Alice Oligschlaeger <b>Greeter:</b> Dennis & Chris Beck	<b>Rosary:</b> Paul & Catherine Kliethermes <b>Greeters:</b> Frankie & Mary Schulte <b>Ushers:</b> Pat & Brandon Buechter and Tucker & Wes Jones	<b>Rosary:</b> Mary Ann Fennewald <b>Greeters:</b> Eric & Alysha O'Neil

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 – 03/05/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 169,359.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 221,689.59
Online Offerings	21,905.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	505.00 / 5,337.07	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855.00 / 13,728.00	
Other Income	58,237.34	
Total YTD Parish Income		279,926.93
Expenses		\$ 251,245.47
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)
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 : 142 / Individual Catholics: 318		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 03/05/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 61,015.46	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 76,221.46
Online Offering	8,070.00	
Loose	5,121.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	6,629.01 / 23,321.25	
Total YTD Parish Income		106,171.72
Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 75,203.13 / 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)
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.**

**CCD Classes for Wednesday, March 12**

- St. Anthony Shadow Stations **at 6:30 PM**; Presented by Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Lawrence begins with Mass **at 6:30 PM**; Ministries & Confessions: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**St. Cecilia Children's Choir meets** on Wed, Mar 12, in Church Basement at 5:30 PM.



**ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Thursday, Mar 13, 6:40 PM:** Parish and Finance Council Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

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

**Thursday, Mar 20, 6:00 PM:** St. Anthony Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

**St. Anthony Parish** is accepting grass mowing bids; church and parish hall grounds. Contact Michele Renkemeyer at 573-291-6638 for a copy of the contract. Bids can be emailed (stanthonypaduachurch@hotmail.com) or mailed to St. Lawrence Church, PO Box 128, St. Elizabeth 65075. Sealed bids are due by Friday, March 21, 2025.

**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 Spring Supper Survey Feedback:** On Sunday, March 2, 2025, St. Anthony Parishioners provided feedback on whether or not to continue to have the Spring Suppers. The results:

- 61% (No longer have the Spring Suppers and instead, have families donate money in lieu of the Spring Supper)
- 33 % (Yes, continue the Spring Suppers)
- 6 % (Either way / No Comment)

Based on the majority feedback of 61% saying No, the Spring Suppers will be discontinued and every year in May, donations will be sought, in lieu of not having the Spring Supper. These donations are needed to help cover parish operating and restoration expenses. We **WILL** continue to have the annual Fall Supper in October! Your Parish and Finance Councils will meet on March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps. Please direct any questions or comments to your Council Members.

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

**Friday, Mar 21, 4 – 7:00 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!

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

**OTHER NEWS**

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

**Sunday, Mar 9, 8 – 11:30 AM:** **St. Thomas the Apostle County Ham & Sausage Breakfast.** Adults: \$13, Ages 6 – 12: \$6, 5 & Under: Free.

**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



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  
 Frank Bax  
 Pam Tipton  
 Michael Wansing  
 Henry Kemna  
 Maggie Dickneite  
 Milinda Hoecker  
 Melody Welschmeyer  
 Rachel Woehr  
 Gene Wilde

## BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

Tripp Michael Schroeder  
 Child of Trenton & Maycee (Roark) Schroeder  
 Baptized on Saturday, March 8, 2025  
 St. Anthony of Padua Church



DIANE MARY BAX  
 May she rest in peace.

## Thank You

The family of Diane Bax extends appreciation and heartfelt thank for the support, kind words, beautiful stories, condolences, and prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to Father Aubuchon, Deacon Steve, Tiffany, Lisa, and the servers for the beautiful service and to John & Renea Fancher for your help and direction. To those who helped with the meal and in any other way, your kindness and thoughtfulness are truly appreciated. God Bless.

The Diane Bax Family

## Did you know....

Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, fasting and praying, before starting his public ministry. Also, Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float; and, Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.

*"Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, Lord, have given me." You shall set them before the Lord, your God, and you shall bow down before the Lord, your God.*

Deuteronomy 26:10

As we begin this season of Lent, let us reflect on the abundant gifts God has given us. Seek opportunities to deepen your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, drawing closer to the mystery of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Through his death, we are granted the gift of life.



Stewardship  
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DIocese of  
 Jefferson City

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Fish Fry**  
**Friday, March 21**  
 4 pm - 7 pm

\$12 per person  
 Dine in or Carry Out

St. Elizabeth  
 Community Center

Bag-a-prize Drawing  
 Sponsored by St. Ann Sodality

**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

SACRED HEART  
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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.

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

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

## 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!