# 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 Schwartze
Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary
Loren Otto / Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental
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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.

#### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

ST. LAWRENCE			WRENCE	ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Mar 11	<b>6:00 PM</b> 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker		
Wednesday	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
Thursday	Mar 13	7:15 AM	† Alfred & Mary Ann Doerhoff	<b>5:30 PM</b> 6:00 PM	Confessions † John & Mathilda Rehagen
Friday	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)
Saturday	Mar 15	<b>4:00 PM</b> 5:00 PM	Confessions † Kathleen Ritter		
Sunday	Mar 16	<b>9:30 AM</b> 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	<b>7:30 AM</b> 8:00 AM	Confessions † 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	St. Lawrence – Saturday	St. Anthony - Sunday	St. Lawrence – Sunday	
Ministry Schedule	March 8, 5:00 PM	March 9, 8:00 AM	March 9, 10:00 AM	
March 8 - 9 † Wayne Bax		† Raymond Holtmeyer & Charlotte Braun	Parishioner's Mass	
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Margie Chipman	Christine Hoecker	
SERVERS	LilyAnne Heckman	Riley Holtmeyer, Keaton Jones	Heath Heckemeyer	
	Rowan Juergensmeyer	Sarah Kliethermes	Matthew Heckemeyer	
Cooper Lueckenotto			Cameron Kesel	
GIFT BEARERS	Tyler & Jennifer Bax Family	Bill & Phyllis Brand	Connor & Macy Beck Family	
EUCHARISTIC	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze	
MINISTERS	Ivan Wieberg		Jennifer Oligschlaeger	
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Jane Doerhoff	
PRAYER	Rosary: Rose Buechter	Rosary: Delphine Dickneite	Rosary: Carl & Sharon Kemna	
HOSPITALITY	Greeters: Ben & Kara Scheulen	Greeters: Scott & Shawn Roark	Greeters: Brian & Carol Kirk	
SERVICE		Ushers: Alan & Sid Blomberg and Bill Brand		
		and Billy Jo Buechter		

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

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 289 / Individual Catholics: 730				
ST. LAWRENCE         Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals           OFFERINGS         07/01/2024 – 03/05/2025				•
Adult Envelopes	\$	169,359.52		
Online Offerings		21,905.00	Total 0	Offertory Contributions
Youth Envelopes / Loose	50	5.00 / 5,337.07	\$ 221,689.59	
Missions / Christmas Special	10,855	5.00/ 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				

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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		

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 142 / Individual Catholics: 318				
ST. ANTHONY         Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals           OFFERINGS         07/01/2024 – 03/05/2025				
Adult Envelopes	\$	61,015.46		
Online Offering		8,070.00	Total Offertory Contributions	
Loose		5,121.00	\$ 76,221.46	
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.

\$ 2,265.00

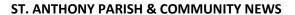
#### CCD Classes for Wednesday, March 12

February 2025

• St. Anthony Shadow Stations at 6:30 PM; Presented by Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

\$ 7,482.76

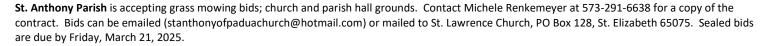
St. Lawrence begins with Mass at 6:30 PM; Ministries & Confessions: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
 St. Cecilia Children's Choir meets on Wed, Mar 12, in Church Basement at 5:30 PM.



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.



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 <u>WILL</u> 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

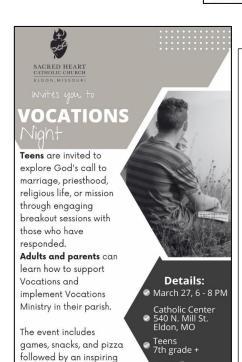
As we begin this season of Lent, let us reflect on the abundant gifts God has given us. Seek opportunities to deepen your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, drawing closer to the mystery of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Through his death, we are granted the gift of life.











night of discovery!

## 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!