

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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

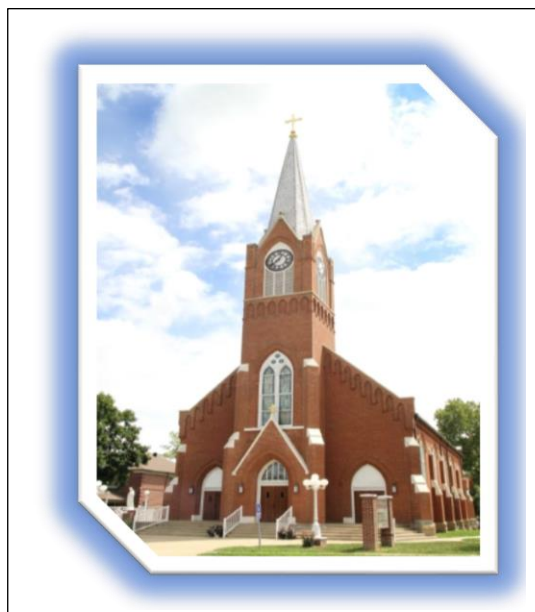
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Jackie Perkins

Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity.



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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: Week of December 12 - 17, 2023

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Dec 12	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Adoration/ Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker		
Wednesday	Dec 13	6:30 PM	CCD Mass (Ministries: 6 th Grade) † Herbert & Ludmilla Kliethermes		
Thursday	Dec 14	7:15 AM	† Leonard & Louise Beck	6:30 PM	Advent Penance Services NO Mass
Friday	Dec 15	7:15 AM	† Albert Kliethermes		
Saturday	Dec 16	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Paul & Wayne Bax		
Third Sunday of Advent	Dec 17	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Tim Otto	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Dean McDowell

Sunday, Dec 10, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent: Beginnings are important, and the beginning of Mark’s Gospel is no exception. His very first sentence reads, “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.” So where does Mark start the story? He takes us to the Judean desert, where John the Baptist, is preparing the way for the Christ, the Messiah. Contrary to expectations that the Messiah would bring Israel military liberation, John proclaims Jesus will baptize His people in the Holy Spirit. He will open the way for God himself to dwell in them! That’s why John offered baptism for the forgiveness of sins. Repentance was the key to help the Jews – and us – to receive this surprising good news. Repentance is the good news because it opens our hearts to Jesus.

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Dec 16, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Dec 17, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday Dec 17, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg	8 th / 9 th CCD Class	Christine Hoecker
SERVERS	Cameron Kesel Cooper Lueckenotto Tyson Otto	8 th / 9 th CCD Class	Alayna Oligschlaeger Mya Oligschlaeger Austin O’Neil
GIFT BEARER	Nathan & Krista Kesel	8 th / 9 th CCD Class	Robert & Judy Kesel
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Ivan Wieberg	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Teresa Struemp
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Margie Wilson	Stan Struemp
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS USHERS	Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Janet & Paul Beck	8 th / 9 th CCD Class Ronnie & Randy Holtmeyer John Chipman, John Deardeuff, Kenney Dickneite, Chris Dye	Mary Ann Fennwald Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer

FISCAL YEAR: 2023 - 2024 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS For 2023: Number of Registered Households - 281			FISCAL YEAR: 2023 - 2024 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS For 2023: Number of Registered Households - 138		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 12/06/23		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 12/06/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 70,798.56	\$ 86,077.74 Total Offertory Contributions	Adult Envelopes	\$ 38,677.99	\$ 46,087.04 Total Offertory Contributions
Online Offerings	11,700.00		Online Offering	4,830.00	
Youth Envelopes	285.00		Youth	0.00	
Loose	3,294.18		Loose	2,579.05	
Other Income (Includes Organ Donations)		100,495.02	Other Income (Includes Fall Supper Income)		42,087.75
Total Parish Income		186,572.76	Total Parish Income		88,174.79
Expenses (Include Pipe Organ Restoration)		237,201.94	Expenses (Includes Fall Supper Expenses)		68,988.22
Budget 23-24 \$ 384,100 Per Week: \$7,386.54 (52 Weeks per Year)	Month End	Weekly Average Offerings by Month	Budget 23-24 \$ 144,870 Per Week: \$2,785.96 (52 Weeks per Year)	Month End	Weekly Average Offerings by Month (Excludes Fall Supper)
	August	\$ 7,835.19		August	\$ 2,542.75
	September	5,301.28		September	1,856.45
	October	3,669.14		October	2,153.65
	November	13,148.94		November	2,440.56

If you or your child are unable to fulfill a ministry, we ask you please find a replacement. Thank you to all for helping fulfill our stewardship ministries during the Christmas and New Year Seasons!

Last Sunday of Advent & Christmas 2023 Stewardship Ministry Schedule

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Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Dec 23, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony Last Sunday of Advent Mass Dec 24, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Last Sunday of Advent Mass Dec 24, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Dale Buechter	Margie Chipman	Bert Doerhoff
SERVERS	Noah Wieberg Allie Williams Gavin Williams	Sidney Engelmeyer Aiden Faulkner Cohen Faulkner	Elise Scheulen Abram Wankum Kendall Wieberg
GIFT BEARER	Shawn & Val Kesel	Family of Adolph & Cecilia Dickneite	Family of Cency Luetkemeyer
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Diane Juergensmeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Ashley Buechter
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Catherine Kliethermes	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	Kay Finn & Dianne Heckemeyer Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Chris & Julie Dye USHERS: Ralph Engelmeyer, Abe Faulkner, Earl Finch, & Adam Green	Syl & Mary Kesel Eric & Alysha O'Neil

ST. ANTHONY Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Anthony Christmas EVE – Dec 24, 4:00 PM	St. Anthony Christmas DAY – Dec 25, 8:00 AM
LECTORS	Lisa Otto	Donna Dickneite
SERVERS	Christina Bax Skylar Bax Mason Otto Lillian Wieberg	Grant Holtmeyer Riley Holtmeyer Keaton Jones Alyssa Perkins
GIFT BEARER	Family of Rosemary Wieberg	Keith & Lynette Otto
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze
SACRISTAN	Mary Schulte	Margie Wilson
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	No Rosary / Choir Begins @ 3:30 PM Stanley & Sandy Wieberg USHERS: Eddie Green, Dustin Hagenhoff and Harold & Jeffrey Holtmeyer	Betty Voss Kenney & Donna Dickneite USHERS: Jerry & Larry Herx, Bernard and Daniel Holtmeyer

ST. LAWRENCE Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence Christmas EVE – Dec 24, 6:30 PM	St. Lawrence Christmas DAY – Dec 25, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Kristi Green	Kathleen Schwartze
SERVERS	Tyson Otto Harrison Plassmeyer Preston Plassmeyer Landon Plassmeyer	Benton Heckemeyer Lucy Heckemeyer Mya Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARER	Family of Francis L. Struempf	Family of Leonard & Marie Schanzmeyer
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Janet Weckenborg Doug Holtmeyer Karla Holtmeyer	Deacon Schwartze Jennifer Oligschlaeger
SACRISTAN	Albert Frey	Kathleen Schwartze
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	No Rosary / Choir Begins @ 6 PM Janet & Paul Beck	Tim & Jennifer Oligschlaeger Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger

Penance Services, Last Sunday of Advent, & Christmas Mass Schedule		St. Anthony	St. Lawrence
Thurs	Dec 14 – Penance Services @ St. Anthony	6:30 PM	----
Sat	Dec 23 – Regular Weekend Mass	----	5:00 PM
Sun	Dec 24 – Last Sunday of Advent Mass <i>NOTE: Parishioners are obligated to fulfill the Last Sunday of Advent Mass AND a Christmas Mass.</i>	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Sun	Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass <i>NOTE: Balcony is reserved for Adult & Youth Choir Members and their immediate families.</i>	4:00 PM	6:30 PM
Mon	Dec 25 – Christmas Day Mass	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Sun	Dec 31 – Regular Weekend Mass	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Sun	Dec 31 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Evening Mass	----	5:00 PM
Mon	Jan 1, 2024 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Morning Mass	7:00 PM	8:00 AM

SEE insert for the Last Sunday of Advent & Christmas 2024 Stewardship Ministry Schedule. THANK YOU to all who are taking part in any of the Masses. Your commitments are very much appreciated!

Christmas Special Collection – Weekend of Dec 16-17, 2023. This collection is for the benefit of the education of our seminarians as well as helping us provide for the needs of our infirm priests. We ask you prayerfully reflect and consider making this a part of your giving during this Christmas season. Again this year, our diocese is providing special envelopes for this collection. They will be inserted in the Dec. 15 edition of the Catholic Missourian newspaper. You can use that envelope or any envelope marked for this collection to make your gift. You can bring your gift to Mass and place it in our collection basket or bring it to our parish office at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

CCD News/Events

Wednesday, Dec 13, is the LAST CCD Class of the Year. St. Anthony begins class at 7:00 PM. St. Lawrence begins with Mass at 6:30 PM; Ministries – 6th Grade. CCD Classes resume on January 10, 2024.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary have placed The Giving Tree in the back of Church. Gifts WITH tags are to be returned (to the back of Church) by Dec 11 or can be giving to any Auxiliary member.

DATE CHANGE - Thursday, Dec 14, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, Dec 10, 6 PM: Parish Christmas Party! Door prize donations are welcome and each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies or another finger food snack. The parish will provide drinks and set ups. St. Anthony CYO will provide entertainment for the evening.

Wednesday, Dec 13, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for cards, Bingo, and BBQ; compliments of Greg Hoecker. White elephant exchange too, so bring your \$10-15 gift to participant. **The Club** is sponsoring a food drive and have placed a box in the back of church until Dec 17. Please consider helping fill it up!

Sunday, Dec 17, 6 PM: December Rosary at St. Anthony Church.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Choir Practice, Friday, Dec 15, at 3:15 PM: Final practice will be held Friday, Dec 22 at 3:15 PM. All members (especially Youth Choir members) are to be present for the Final Practice, to run through entire Christmas Program.

Sunday, Dec 10, Noon – 4 PM, HOLIDAY HOME TOURS IS A GO! This year's tour includes the homes of Eric & Alysha O'Neil, Rick Doerhoff, and Diane (Roger) Heckemeyer, and also, the St. Elizabeth Firehouse. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at Shell Trading and St. Elizabeth TV & App. Please contact Brian Bax at 573-301-2894 with any questions. **PLUS the Schell Trading Store will be open from Noon – 4 PM and Santa will make an appearance from 1 – 3 PM. See flyer on back.**

OTHER NEWS

***** 2024 Liturgical Calendars *** ARE IN!** Supplies are limited. Thank you once again to our faithful sponsors; Fancher – Rekus Funeral Home and St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance. We appreciate your support!

Monday, Dec 18: Food Pantry Day! Help is needed to fill orders. Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1 – 7 PM. All **Helping Hands** on deck are needed to fill orders and very much appreciated!

**JESUS AND THE
JEWISH ROOTS OF THE
EUCHARIST**

**GET YOURS TODAY!
LOCATED IN BACK OF BOTH
CHURCH**

SOME STILL LEFT! GET YOURS NOW!

SUNDAY, DEC 10TH
SCHELL TRADING WILL OPEN
NOON – 4 PM

VISIT SANTA & MRS CLAUS
1 PM – 3 PM

Snacks and drink to share
Come in 'n help spread Christmas Cheer!

While the kids see Santa, you can browse & get some Thriftmas Shopping Done!

Colette Hicks
Brad Niemeier
Ramona Bax
Carol Schaffer
Bruce Berendzen
Mary Jane Kemna
Tony Libbert
Kenneth Brown
Stacey Luttrell
Christopher Thompson

Nic Gilardi
Patrick Holtmeyer
Adan Tellman
Trevor Burrows
Treyton Kemna
Dane Steenburgen
Josie Boeckman
Joseph Volmert
Stacia Kimball
Robert (Bob) Kesel

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

*St. Anthony of Padua Church &
St. Lawrence Church Prayer List*
(Begins with those RECENTLY added)

Darrin Tellman
Diane Bax
Ed Grellner
Frank Bax
Dale Reinkemeyer
Pam Tipton
Michael Wansing
Henry Kemna
Maggie Dickneite
Milinda Hoecker

Melody Welschmeyer
Keith Pigg
Joe Fuemmeler
Paige Bax
Rachel Woehr
Bernie Forck
Gene Wilde
Wanda Clark
Patti Trinklein
Bruce Kemna
Mike Herx