

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

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

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**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 5 – December 10, 2023

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Dec 5	6:30 PM	Advent Penance Services NO Adoration or Mass		
Wednesday	Dec 6	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Betty Kemna Guest Speaker Father Clark	6:30 PM	Guest Speaker Father Clark @ St. Lawrence (NO CCD Mass)
Thursday	Dec 7	7:15 AM	† George & Dorothy Heckemeyer	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions † Rosemary Wieberg
Friday – Holy Day Immaculate Conception	Dec 8	7:00 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	† Cletus & Florentine Schwartze Miller County Rehab Center Mass Parishioners St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
Saturday	Dec 9	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Henry & Marie Fennewald		
SECOND Sunday of Advent	Dec 10	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Dean McDowell

Sunday, Dec 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent: As we begin another liturgical year (Year B), the readings pick up right where we left off last week: focusing on the second coming of Christ. Whereas in the gospel, Mark presents Jesus issuing a stern warning (“What I say to you I say to all: Watch!”), the prophet Isaiah sets a different tone: “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.” It seems as though Isaiah is reminding God of God’s attributes, as though he were telling God something new: You are mighty, you are our Father, you are the Potter, you are our Redeemer. Yes, we watch and we wait. But we must do more. In prayer, song, worship, and service, we call upon our good God, and thus we get ourselves ready to meet the Lord at the same time.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Stewardship Schedule	St. Anthony - Thursday Dec 7, 7:00 PM	St. Lawrence – Friday Dec 8, 7:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Friday Dec 8, 7:00 PM
LECTORS	Lisa Otto	Syl Kesel	Ann Wieberg
SERVERS	Christine Bax Lillian Wieberg Rita Wieberg	Elise Scheulen Abram Wankum	Allie Williams Gavin Williams Brennan Doerhoff
GIFT BEARER	Hayden & Josie Otto	Nathan & Krista Kesel	Randy & Loretta Kemna
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Bert Doerhoff	Deacon Schwartze Mike Verhoff
SACRISTAN	Catherine Kliethermes	Albert Frey	Kathleen Schwartze
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS USHERS	Dorothy Buechter Jacob & Lauren Kliethermes Larry Buckley / Brandon, Jason, & Jeremy Buechter	--- Michele Renkemeyer Offertory Will Be Taken	Cathy Reinkemeyer Dale & Andrea Holtmeyer Offertory Will Be Taken

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Dec 9, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Dec 10, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday Dec 10, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Lynette Otto	Abby Kemna
SERVERS	Daisy Bax Paisley Bax Addyson Heckman	Rachel Bax Skylar Bax Knox Buechter	Harper Kemna Hudson Kemna Kane Kemna
GIFT BEARER	Vic & Roni Kemna	Clinton & Amanda Otto	Ryan & Erin Kemna
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Jim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Macy Beck
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Mary Schulte	Albert Frey
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS USHERS	Kenny & Alice Oligschlaeger Kaye Finn	Delphine Dickneite Billy Jo & Shelly Buechter Billy Jo, Joe, Patrick, & Warren Buechter	Carl & Sharon Kemna Ben & Kara Scheulen



NOTE: Multiple masses will be scheduled during the weekend of Dec 23, 24, and 25, 2023 and Dec 31 – Jan 1, 2024.
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!



FISCAL YEAR: 2023 - 2024 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS For 2023: Number of Registered Households - 274			FISCAL YEAR: 2023 - 2024 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS For 2023: Number of Registered Households - 168		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 11/30/23		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 11/27/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 65,715.02	\$ 79,193.20 Total Offertory Contributions	Adult Envelopes	\$ 36,976.99	\$ 43,699.04 Total Offertory Contributions
Online Offerings	10,080.00		Online Offering	4,195.00	
Youth Envelopes	275.00		Youth	0.00	
Loose	3,123.18		Loose	2,527.05	
Other Income (Includes Organ Donations)		96,937.71	Other Income (Includes Fall Supper Income)		41,877.55
Total Parish Income		176,130.91	Total Parish Income		85,576.59
Expenses (Include Pipe Organ Restoration)		208,958.22	Expenses (Includes Fall Supper Expenses)		64,406.29
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

Penance Services, Last Sunday of Advent, & Christmas Mass Schedule		St. Anthony	St. Lawrence
Tues	Dec 5 – Penance Services @ St. Lawrence	----	6:30 PM
Thurs	Dec 7 – Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception	7:00 PM	
Fri	Dec 8 - Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception	----	7:00 AM & 7:00 PM
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	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

CCD News/Events

CCD, Wed, Dec 6: Grades 3rd – 12th are invited to St. Lawrence to hear Father Clark’s presentation on “A Walk Through the Mass”. Grades 1 and 2 will have their regular CCD Class, in the classroom.

“A WALK THROUGH THE MASS” – Join Us & Guest Speaker Father Paul Clark, Wednesday, Dec 6, 6:30 PM @ St. Lawrence

Have you ever wondered why certain gestures, prayers and actions take place in the celebration of Holy Mass? To help gain a better understanding of these Catholic traditions, we are excited to announce our Parishes will be hosting, “A Walk Through the Mass” with Fr. Paul Clark on Wed, Dec 6, from 6:30 -8:00 PM. The event is for both St. Anthony and St. Lawrence CCD Students, **Grades 3rd – 12th** and students are to meet in church for the event. Grades 1 and 2 will have their normal class. **Parishioners are most welcome and encouraged to attend!**

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.

Thursday, Dec 7, 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.

DECEMBER ROSARIES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 6 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6 PM

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!

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Choir Practice, Thursday, Dec 7 & Friday, Dec 15, both 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 to run through entire Christmas Program.

Sunday, Dec. 3, 5:00 PM: The St. Elizabeth Card Club will be meeting on its regular night, the first Sunday of the month. Fried chicken provided; sides and desserts are welcome. Bring a friend and join us. Card playing begins following the meal.

First Monday, Dec 4, 7 PM: Patriotic Rosary at St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join.

First Wednesday, Dec 6: REMEMBER the Unborn Jersey and Creed. Each first Wednesday of the month, 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. The Life Runners Creed is a prayer said to protect children in the womb. Community members are welcome to attend. If you are a student/member from another school, wear your jersey and send up a prayer with us! All in Christ for Pro-Life!

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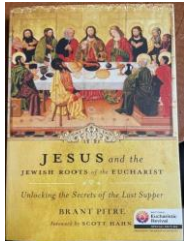
Sunday, Dec 10, Noon – 4 PM, HOLIDAY HOME TOURS IS A GO! This year’s tour includes the homes of Eric & Alysha O’Neil, Rick Doerhoff, and Diane (Roger) Heckemeyer, and also, the St. Elizabeth Firehouse. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at Shell Trading and St. Elizabeth TV & App. Please contact Brian Bax at 573-301-2894 with any questions.

OTHER NEWS

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!

Parish Bookkeeper/Secretary Job Announcement:


Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Mary’s Home/Eugene Missouri is currently seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to join our team. This role plays a crucial part in supporting the financial and administrative functions of the parish. This is a full-time position with a comprehensive benefit package. Please submit your application to be considered to Fr. Alex Ekka at alexekka@hotmail.com. Questions: Contact the parish at 573-498-3820.



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

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

Congratulations !



Hailee Keith Dickneite

*Child of Stephen & Briana
(Juergensmeyer) Dickneite*

*Baptized at St. Lawrence
Sunday, December 3rd, 2023*

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