THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS September 14, 2025

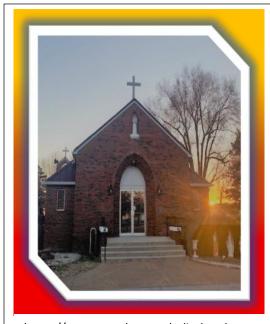
Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua 132 Main Street Iberia, MO 65486

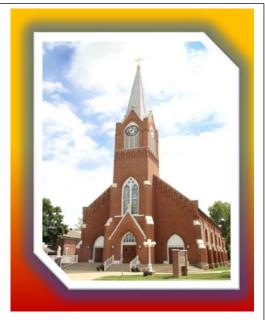
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POPE LEO'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



For collaboration between religious traditions
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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Parish Office: St. Lawrence Church Basement / Hours: Mon – Fri, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM / SUMMER HOURS (Jun – Aug): Tues-Fri, Closed Mondays

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: September 16th – 21st, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE			AWRENCE	ST. ANTHONY			
Tuesday	Sept 16	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions				
		7:00 PM	† Mary Jane Kemna				
Wednesday	Sept 17	7:15 AM	NO Morning Mass	6:40 PM	CCD Devotional/Rosary		
		6:30 PM			Ministry: Grades 10 - 12		
			Ministry: Grade 9				
Thursday	Sept 18	7:15 AM	† Clarence & Alice Weckenborg	5:30 PM	Confessions		
				6:00 PM	† Vincent & Carol Schaffer		
Friday	Sept 19	7:15 AM	† Frank & Clara Schmidt				
Saturday	Sept 20	4:00 PM	Confessions				
		5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony				
Sunday	Sept 21	9:30 AM	Confessions	7:30 AM	Confessions		
		10:00 AM	† Donna Scheulen	8:00 AM	† Veronica Holtmeyer		

Sunday, Sept 14, 2025 – Daily Reflection: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him....might have eternal life. (John 3:16) This verse from the Gospel of John may be the most famous passage in the whole Bible. It's especially appropriate on this feast of the Exaltation of The Cross because it's a concise summary of why The Cross of Christ is central to our faith. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son".... God is a communion of three persons, with love and unity beyond our comprehension. Yet, this triune God so desired to share his perfect love with us that the Son of God became man. Out of that love, Jesus was willing to suffer and die on The Cross, all so that he could save us. This kind of love has no bounds. "...so that everyone believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life"... God never wanted us to die. In Adam, we brought death upon ourselves when we turned away from God and went our own way. But on The Cross, Jesus offered himself up in atonement for our sins. Meaning, we don't have to be a prisoner of our sins, but instead God is there to give us his mercy and forgiveness. Love and Life is the message of The Cross!

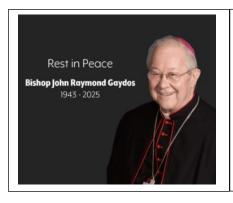
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may The Cross always remind me of your overflowing love for me.

Stewardship Schedule Sept 20- 21	St. Lawrence Saturday, Sept 20, 5:00 PM Parishioners' Mass	St. Anthony Sunday, Sept 21, 8:00 AM † Veronica Holtmeyer	St. Lawrence Sunday, Sept 21, 10:00 AM † Donna Scheulen Kristi Green		
LECTORS	Paul Beck	Emma Musick			
SERVERS	Cooper Lueckenotto Addyson & LilyAnne Heckman	Knox Buechter, Bryan Chipman Augie Dearduff	Kiptyn Green Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer		
GIFT BEARERS	Robert & Judy Kesel	Adam & Amy Green Family	Shawn & Val Kesel Family		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Mike Verhoff	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Theresa Struemph		
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Margie Wilson	Jennifer Oligschlaeger		
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Rose Buechter Greeters: Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger	Rosary: Delphine Dickneite Greeters: Matt & Nikki Rowden Ushers: Josh Strutton and Ben, Buck, and Mark Voss	Rosary: Mary Ann Fennewald Greeters: Dianne Heckemeyer & Kaye Finn		

Stewardship Schedule Sept 27 - 28	St. Lawrence Saturday, Sept 27, 5:00 PM † Frank & Eleanor Wilde	St. Anthony Sunday, Sept 28, 8:00 AM † Alfred & Viola Lepper	St. Lawrence Sunday, Sept 28, 10:00 AM Parishioners' Mass		
LECTORS	Rich Jurgensmeyer	Lisa Otto	Leroy Heckemeyer		
SERVERS	Harrison & Preston Plassmeyer Kendall Wieberg	Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer Aiden Faulkner	Rowan Juergensmeyer Cameron & Jakob Kesel		
GIFT BEARERS	Brian & Carol Kirk	Eddie & Donna Green	Syl & Mary Kesel		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Jim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Ashley Buechter		
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Linda Volmert	Brett Holtmeyer		
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Greeters: Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Rosary: Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Greeters: Frankie & Mary Schulte Ushers: Rick & Wyatt Voss and Bill Werdehausen & Tony Wieberg	Rosary: Syl & Mary Kesel Greeters: Nick & Kelli Green		

CCD CLASSES for Wednesday, September 17, 2025

St. Anthony begins with Devotional/Rosary at **6:40 PM**; Ministry: Grades: 10-12 St. Lawrence begins Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary **at 6:30 PM**; Ministry: Grade 9



All are invited to join us in giving thanks for his decades of faithful service and in praying for the repose of the soul of Bishop Emeritus John Raymond Gaydos.

The wake and visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, September 15, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph with a Vigil Service and prayers at 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 16, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, with Metropolitan Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis presiding and Archbishop Emeritus George J. Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska, preaching the homily.

All ceremonies are open to the public. We ask that everyone please consider carpooling to these events. The funeral will also be live-streamed online at facebook.com/diojeffcity.

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 289 / Individual Catholics: 730				FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 143 / Individual Catholics: 320				
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 09/09/2025			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 38,753.15			Adult Envelopes	\$ 16,997	7.57		
Online Offerings	8,435.00	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 61,815.31		Online Offering	1,975	5.00	Total Offertory Contributions	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	285.00 / 1,557.16			Loose	1,337	7.00	\$ 21,206.57	
Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	12,785.00			Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	897	7.00	22,200.07	
	10,960.90		Other Income 2,614.33			2,614.33		
	72,776.21		Total YTD Parish Income 23,820.			23,820.90		
Expenses (Property Insurance Dues Paid in July) \$ 73,265.63				Expenses (Property I	nsurance Dues Paid in	July)	\$ 35,246.25	
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 32	FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62				3,400.00 / Weekly A	vg Offe	ertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08	
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)		MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contribut		Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)	
July 2025	\$ 7,687.85	\$ 1,697.00		July 2025	\$ 2,383.02 \$ 798.		\$ 798.00	
August 2025 (5 Weeks)	4,380.60	1,805.00		August 2025 (5 Weeks)	1,513.06		708.00	

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

September Sunday Rosary: September 21st, 6:00 PM at the St. Anthony Church. In keeping with today's Gospel Daily Reflection (see LEFT), come and say the Rosary with us and give back to God for ALL he gave to us!

Wednesday, Sept 24, 1:00 PM: Senior Citizens will be playing cards. The club will provide snacks.

ST. ANTHONY FALL FESTIVAL IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19: Please consider where you/your family can help.

- Food Donations: Contact Belinda Faulkner at 573-502-4044, Dennis Schulte at 573-690-1960, Jordyn Bax at 573-286-5319, or Derek Bax at 573-619-7119
- Country Store Donations: Baked goods, jelly, craft items, produce, plants, etc.: Contact any Parish/Finance Council member.
- <u>Pie & Bread Donations</u>: Donations towards PIES may be put in the collection envelope marked *PIES*; \$25 is requested. Be sure to include your name on the envelope. Each family is asked contribute to 3 pies (through donation or homemade pies) & 2 loaves of bread.
 - o PIE Donations to Date: \$ 190.00 / GOAL: \$500.00
- Raffle Donations: Contact any Parish or Finance Council Member or Michele Renkemeyer to make a donation.
- Hall Cleaning is Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 7:00 AM. All council members are asked to be available.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday, Sept 18, 7:00 PM: St. Lawrence Parish/Finance Council Meeting in the Church Basement.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Wednesday, October 29: Flu Clinics

St. Anthony Parish Hall: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM St. Elizabeth Community Center: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM





Our Lady's Apparitions
June 18 – 29, 2026
This pilgrimage includes a visit to the site of the purported Marian apparitions and offers opportunities for prayer, reflection, and connection with other pilgrims. Truly experience our Blessed Mother's presence and allow Her to touch your heart.
Bookings occurring now! For more information, contact Alice
Oligschlaeger at 573-694-5534.







Donna Hoeller Barb Brison Fred Schaffer John Schaefer Helen Davis Travis Tomson Larry Buckley Judy Doyle Clinton Luebbering **Dylan Nichols** Terry Yates Dakota Clarkston Lorraine Hoecker Bryan Hoecker Bryleigh Wulff Sherry Johnson Sister Vicki Ewers Nolan Kesel

Cathy Thompson **Grant Lamb** Deidra Buechter Emberlee, Josie, & **Brody Boeckman** Joel Gares Jerry Herx Mike Kesel Louis Toebben Vicki Cox Bullock Ramona Bax Bruce Berendzen **Christopher Thompson** Nic Gilardi Patrick Holtmeyer Treyton Kemna Joseph Volmert Gene Wilde







PEACE UPON US.





Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You. Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Give Your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to Your will.

Amen.



