

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 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

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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Scott Roark Nikki Rowden

ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL

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Mary Schulte

POPE LEO'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Oligschlaeger, President

Abby Kemna, Secretary

Chris Beck

Kelli Green

Craig Oligschlaeger

Eric O'Neil

ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL

Ben Scheulen, President Janet Beck

Kaye Finn

Leroy Heckemeyer

Jim Plassmeyer

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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: December 1 – December 8, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Monday	Dec 1	7:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary		
Tuesday	Dec 2	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration *Communion Service Only (NO MASS)		
Wednesday	Dec 3	6:30 PM	CCD Mass/Ministries & Confessions: Grade 6 † Anton & Marcella Luetkemeyer	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary Ministries: Grade 3 & 4
Thursday	Dec 4	7:15 AM	† Cletus Schwartz		* NO MASS
First Friday	Dec 5	7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM–Noon	† Henry Struempf Confessions Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM 6:30 – 7:30 PM	† John & Mathilda Rehagen Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
First Saturday	Dec 6	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Florentine Schwartz		
Second Sunday Of Advent	Dec 7	9:30 AM 10:00 AM AFTER MASS	Confessions † Dennis Struempf 2ND Grade FIRST RECONCILIATIONS	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
Monday Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception	Dec 8	6:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence	7:00 PM	† Veronica Holtmeyer

***Father Aubuchon is assisting with evening Penance Services in neighboring parishes.**

Sun, Nov 30, 2025; First Sunday of Advent. Daily Reflection: Welcome to Advent! It's a season filled with anticipation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. It's also a season of waiting and hoping for his return at the end of time. Advent is a time both of certainty and uncertainty; certainty because we know for sure Jesus came into our world two thousand years ago, but uncertainty because we don't know when he will return. Yet, amidst the uncertainty, there is one sure fact we can rely on now, which is, "the Son of Man will come" (Matthew 24:44). He can come into our hearts each and every day. He can come and show us his love and care for us. He can heal us and give us new insights as we prayerfully read his word. HE CAN BRING PEACE AMID OUR ANXIETY AND HE CAN FAN FLAME INTO OUR HEARTS. And so every year at this time, Jesus urges us to "stay awake" (Matthew 24:42), because even as we are waiting, he will still be present to us and he doesn't want us to miss him! What can you expect? How does this become real to you? He might come to you in a whisper urging you to pray, go to Mass, or he might come to you in an anxious loved one, who draws you out of yourself to care for them. While Advent is a time of preparation, it's also a time to be on the LOOKOUT for the ways that Jesus will come into your life NOW! Because, you sure don't want to miss him.

Jesus, I want to be ready for You!

Stewardship Schedule Dec 6 – 7	FIRST SATURDAY St. Lawrence Dec 6, 5:00 PM † Florentine Schwartz	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Anthony Sunday, Dec 7, 8:00 AM Parishioners' Mass	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Lawrence Sunday, Dec 7, 10:00 AM † Dennis Struempf
LECTORS, SERVERS & GIFT BEARERS	6 th Grade CCD	5 th & 6 th Grade CCD	7 th Grade CCD
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartz Dianne Jurgensmeyer	Deacon Steve	Deacon Steve Dale Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartz	Catherine Kliethermes	Jane Doerhoff
PRAYER HOSPITALITY & SERVICE	Rosary: Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer Greeters/Ushers: 6 th Grade CCD ** St. Cecilia Youth Choir **	Rosary/Greeters/Ushers: 5 th & 6 th Grade CCD	Rosary/Greeters/Ushers 7 th Grade CCD

CCD PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: Our CCD students are an important part of celebrating Mass. Their participation during Mass inspires devotion and courage, along with building the next generation of faithful followers of Christ. Students are assigned various ministry roles based on their own requests or by their CCD Teacher. We humbly ask you attend Mass with your students and support their faith-filled journey.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Monday, Dec 8	St. Lawrence Monday, Dec 8, 6:00 AM Mass Parishioners' Mass	St. Anthony Monday, Dec 8, 7:00 PM † Veronica Holtmeyer
LECTORS	Kathleen Schwartz	Margie Chipman
SERVERS	Kiptyn Green, Matthew Heckemeyer Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer	Augie Dearduff, Aiden Faulkner Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Trevor & Sarah Luetkemeyer	Dennis & Doris Kliethermes
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Steve & Leroy Heckemeyer Doug & Karla Holtmeyer	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Steve & Catherine Kliethermes Cathy Engelmeyer
SACRISTAN	Albert Frey	Mary Schulte
PRAYER/SERVIC HOSPITALITY	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff	Rosary: Paul & Catherine Kliethermes / Greeters: Bill & Phyllis Brand Ushers: Ralph Engelmeyer & Abe, Aiden, & Cohen Faulkner

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 292 / Individual Catholics: 737			FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 322		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS		Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 11/25/2025	ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS		Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 11/25/2025
Adult Envelopes	\$	87,086.12	Adult Envelopes	\$	35,357.57
Online Offerings		16,835.00	Online Offering		3,595.00
Youth Envelopes / Loose		695.00 / 2,983.66	Loose		2,975.00
Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special		12,785.00	Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special		897.00
Other Income		27,176.57	Other Income		4,123.40
Total YTD Parish Income		147,561.35	2025 Fall Supper Income		26,622.00
Total YTD Parish Expenses		\$ 181,237.69	Total YTD Parish Income		73,569.97
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62			FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)	MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
July	\$ 7,687.85	\$ 1,697.00	July	\$ 2,383.02	\$ 798.00
August (5 Weeks)	4,380.60	1,805.00	August (5 Weeks)	1,513.06	708.00
September	6,548.11	2,576.00	September	2,946.34	1,043.00
October	7,289.90	1,613.01	October	2,092.75	688.00

CCD CLASSES – Wednesday, Dec 3, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary - Ministries: Grades 3 & 4
St. Lawrence begins with Mass & Confessions - Ministries: Grade 6

St. Anthony Sunday Rosaries

Dec 7 @ 5:30 PM
Dec 21 @ 6:00 PM

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Monday, Dec 1, 7:00PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, Dec 7, 6:00 PM: *It's the St. Anthony Parishioners' Christmas Party* featuring the CYO Christmas Play, treats and goodies, and a visit from Santa Claus! Prize donations can be brought to the party and each family is asked to bring a plate of cookies. The Parish will provide coffee and punch.

Wednesday, Dec 10, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens Christmas Party. We will have BBQ ribs and pork steaks (Thank You Greg Hoecker!) and a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 - \$15) for anyone that wants to participate.

Thursday, Dec 11, 5:30 PM: St. Anthony Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, Dec 13, 5:00 PM: The Old School House Boutique Christmas Parade, 350 Main Street, Iberia, MO. EVERYONE is welcome and anyone can put a float, tractor, or old car in the parade. Call Joise for more information at 573-619-2331. Also serving FREE Hot Chocolate and S'MORES!

The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Giving Tree again this year. The Giving tree is/will be set up in the back of church. Please select the tag(s) off the tree, gift wrap and attach the tag on the gift(s), and place in the back of church. Gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 15th. Your support in helping the Auxiliary sponsor families this holiday season is much appreciated!

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Cecilia Children's Choir Advent and Christmas Season Practices:

FIRST Saturday, Dec 6, 3:30 PM, Church Basement

Monday, Dec 1, 3:30 PM, After School, Church Balcony

Monday, Dec 8, 3:30 PM, After School, Church Balcony

MUST ATTEND Choir Practices: Wed, Dec 17, 5:30 PM (Church Balcony) and Wednesday, Christmas Eve (time to be determined). Questions: Contact Michele Renkemeyer at 573-291-6638.

FIRST Monday, Dec 1, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary in St. Lawrence Church.

Wednesday, Dec 3, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

FIRST Wednesday, Dec 3, 8 AM: LIFE RUNNER'S CREED: REMEMBER the Unborn Jersey & Creed. All students from St. Elizabeth R-4 School are invited to meet at the Holy Family across from school to pray the Creed. Community members are welcome to attend. If you are a student/member from another school, wear your jersey & send up a prayer with us. All in Christ for Pro-Life!

FIRST Friday, Dec 5: Join us for Holy Mass at 7:15 AM, followed by Adoration and Confessions. Donuts and coffee will be served in the Church Basement following Mass.

FIRST Sunday, Dec 7, 5 – 9 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets for cards in the Community Center; please bring a snack to share. We welcome any new parishioners!

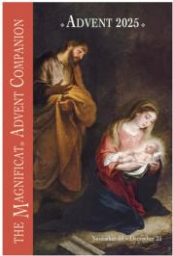
WE NEED YOUR HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS! ON Monday, Dec 15, FOOD PANTRY DAY: Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1–7 PM. We appreciate the assistance!

FIRST RECONCILIATIONS
SECOND GRADES



St. Lawrence 2nd Grade
Sunday, Dec 7, 2025
Following the
10:00 AM Mass

St. Anthony 2nd Grade
Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025
Following the 6:30 PM
CCD Mass



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES HERE & AROUND US

<i>Sacred Heart Church (Eldon)</i> <i>Tues, Dec 2, 5:30 PM</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Snows (Mary's Home)</i> <i>Wed, Dec 10, 5:00 PM</i>
<i>St. Anthony of Padua Church</i> <i>Thurs, Dec 11, 6:30 PM</i>	<i>St. Lawrence (St. Elizabeth)</i> <i>Sun, Dec 14, 5:30 PM</i>
<i>Our Lady of the Lake (Lake Ozark)</i> <i>Wed, Dec 17, 6:00 PM</i>	<i>St. Cecilia Church (Meta)</i> <i>Thurs, Dec 18, 6:30 PM</i>

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of St. Elizabeth School Dist. R-4, Miller County, that an election in said District will be held on April 7, 2026. The said election shall elect three (3) members to serve for a term of three years. All candidates must file with the board secretary between December 09, 2025 and December 30, 2025. Filing may occur during regular business hours on days school is in session, which is 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On December 30, filing will remain open until 5:00 p.m. Candidates wishing to file during Christmas Break please contact the Superintendent by email at doug@ste.k12.mo.us The school will close starting on December 22nd for the Holiday break. If school is cancelled during the filing dates, due to inclement weather, the business office will also be closed on those days. The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing. The terms of Doug Holtmeyer, James Wieberg and Natalie Kemna expire in April 2026.

Valarie Kesel, Board of Education Secretary
St. Elizabeth R-IV School
240 Church Street, PO Box 68



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| Fred Grellaur | Cathy Thompson |
| Donna Hoeller | Grant Lamb |
| Barb Brison | Deidra Buechter |
| Fred Schaffer | Emberlee, Josie, & |
| John Schaefer | Brody Boeckman |
| Helen Davis | Joel Gares |
| Travis Tomson | Jerry Herx |
| Larry Buckley | Mike Kesel |
| Clinton Luebbering | Louis Toebben |
| Dylan Nichols | Vicki Cox Bullock |
| Terry Yates | Ramona Bax |
| Dakota Clarkston | Bruce Berendzen |
| Lorraine Hoecker | Christopher Thompson |
| Bryan Hoecker | Nic Gilardi |
| Bryleigh Wulff | Patrick Holtmeyer |
| Sherry Johnson | Treyton Kemna |
| Sister Vicki Ewers | Joseph Volmert |
| Nolan Kesel | Gene Wilde |

MONDAY, DEC 8, 2025 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
6:00 AM Mass – St. Lawrence / 7:00 PM Mass – St. Anthony
(The early 6 AM Mass is to accommodate our working world.)

2025 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>
<i>4:00 pm St. Lawrence</i>	<i>8:00 am St. Anthony</i>
<i>6:30 pm St. Anthony</i>	<i>10:00 am St. Lawrence</i>

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE</u>	<u>NEW YEAR'S DAY</u>
<i>December 31, 2025</i>	<i>January 1, 2026</i>
<i>6:00 pm St. Lawrence</i>	<i>9:00 am St. Lawrence</i>
	<i>6:00 pm St. Anthony</i>