

# LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 21, 2025

# CHRISTMAS

## December 25, 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

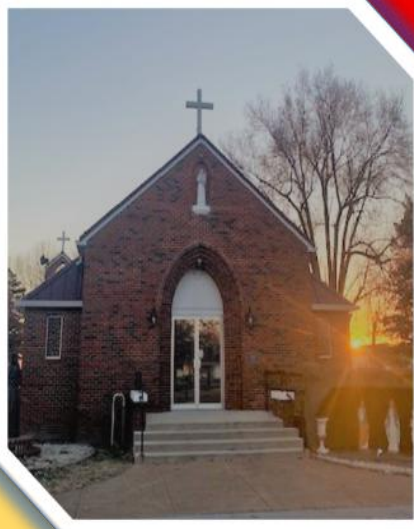
### **Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor**

Deacon Steve Schwartze

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

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#### **POPE LEO'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**



#### **FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT**

Let us pray that  
Christians living in areas  
of war or conflict,  
especially in the Middle  
East, might be seeds of  
peace, reconciliation  
and hope.

#### **ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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# WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 23, 2025 – January 1, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Dec 23	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker		
Wednesday	Dec 24	3:25 PM 4:00 PM	Choir Begins † Daniel Scheulen	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Choir Begins Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
Thursday	Dec 25	10:00 AM	† William & Carmen Luetkemeyer	8:00 AM	† Roger Kliethermes
Christmas Day					
Friday	Dec 26	No Mass	-----		
Saturday	Dec 27	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Wanda Clark		
The Holy Family					
Sunday	Dec 28	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Vic & Vernita Block	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
The Holy Family					
Tuesday	Dec 30	No Mass	-----		
Wednesday	Dec 31, 2025	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Urban Wieberg		
New Year's Eve					
New Year's Day	Jan 1, 2026	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	6:00 PM	† John & Mathilda Rehagen
Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God					

## 2025 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass & Stewardship UPDATED Schedules

Stewardship CHRISTMAS Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence Christmas Eve <u>Vigil Mass (Pg 78)</u> Dec 24, 4:00 PM Choir Begins @ 3:25 PM † Daniel Scheulen	St. Anthony Christmas Eve <u>Mass During the Night (Pg 82)</u> Dec 24, 6:30 PM Choir Begins @ 6:00 PM Parishioners' Mass	St. Anthony Christmas Day <u>Mass at Dawn (Pg 84)</u> Dec 25, 8:00 AM † Roger Kliethermes	St. Lawrence Christmas Day (Pg 85) Dec 25, 10:00 AM † William & Carmen Luetkemeyer
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg	Emma Musick	Lynette Otto	Daniel Buechter
SERVERS	Preston & Harrison Plassmeyer Evelyn Buechter, Cameron Kesel	Leo & Rita Wieberg Ben Engelmeyer, Alyssa Perkins	Lillian & Nick Wieberg Christina & Rachel Bax	Benton & Lucy Heckemeyer Mya & Alayna Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARERS	Ben & Kara Scheulen Family	Ethan & Haley Musick Family	David & Dennis Kliethermes	Blaine & Jackie Luetkemeyer
COMMUNION MINISTER	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz, Paul Beck Kim Plassmeyer Cathy Reinkemeyer	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Margie Chipman Mary Schulte	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Catherine Kliethermes Liz Voss	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz, Macy Beck Bert & Jane Doerhoff
SACRISTAN	Brett Holtmeyer	Margie Wilson	Catherine Kliethermes	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
HOSPITALITY Seminary Collection (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	Choir begins @ 3:25 PM/No Rosary <b>Greeters:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade CCD <b>Ushers:</b> Brett Holtmeyer, Dale Renkemeyer, Jim Plassmeyer, Ben Scheulen	Caroling begins @ 6 PM/No Rosary <b>Greeters:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade CCD <b>Ushers:</b> Jerome & Larry Herx and David & Jeffrey Holtmeyer	No Rosary <b>Greeters:</b> Brandon & Amanda Buechter <b>Ushers:</b> Randy, Richard, Ronnie, and Steven Holtmeyer	No Rosary <b>Greeters:</b> Leroy & Shelia Heckemeyer <b>Ushers:</b> Leroy Heckemeyer, Tom Oligschlaeger, Craig Oligschlaeger, Eric O'Neil

***If you are unable to fulfill the assigned Christmas ministry, please attempt to find a replacement OR contact Parish Secretary Michele Renkemeyer as soon as possible (call/text 573-291-6638) so an alternate(s) can be assigned.***

***Thank you to all during the Christmas Season!***

Stewardship Schedule The Holy Family	SATURDAY, Dec 27, 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Wanda Clark	SUNDAY, Dec 28, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners' Mass	SUNDAY, Dec 28, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Vic & Vernita Block
LECTORS	Ann Wieberg	Nikki Rowden	Brian Kirk
SERVERS	Paisley Bax, Rowan Juergensmeyer Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer	Skylar & Rylan Bax Beau & Knox Buechter	Kane Kemna, Hudson Kemna Cameron & Jakob Kesel
GIFT BEARERS	Devin & Madasyn Oligschlaeger Family	David & Kay Ladenberger	Andy & Shelly Oligschlaeger Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Kathleen Schwartz, Mike Verhoff, Jim Plassmeyer	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Cathy Engelmeyer Lynette Otto	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Theresa Struempfler, Ashley Buechter, Dale Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartz	Mary Schulte	Sharon Kemna
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	<b>Rosary:</b> Dianne Heckemeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	<b>No Rosary</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Billy & Shelly Buechter <b>Ushers:</b> Jim Humphrey and David, Dennis, and Jacob Kliethermes	<b>Rosary:</b> Mary Ann Fennwald <b>Greeters:</b> Craig & Glenda Oligschlaeger

**Sun, Dec 21, 2025; Fourth Sunday of Advent Daily Reflection:** What an interesting thing to say about Joseph: he was “righteous” yet “unwilling to expose” Mary “to shame”. It seemed as if there were two different impulses in Joseph as he struggled to decide how to respond to Mary’s pregnancy. Today’s Gospel tells us that Joseph was a righteous man and a devout observer of the Mosaic law. He was just in his intention to break his union with Mary; after all, she seemed to have violated their union. Still, he didn’t want Mary to become an object of ridicule and shame. So he was merciful in his desire to find a quiet solution (divorce) that avoided public scandal. His solution however was not to be as the angel appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream and assured him that he didn’t need to leave Mary! The angel explained the child she carried was part of God’s plan to redeem the world. He was Emmanuel, God-with-us, who would fulfill both justice and mercy in himself. Joseph accepted the angel’s words and he came to see that God’s plans were bigger and better than his own, righteous though they were. Be this a lesson for us... God is always calling us into a deeper relationship with him. He might ask us to set aside our plans or take a step in a direction we don’t understand or even want to go, but He leads us for a reason. Today and when God calls, be like Joseph, be willing to obey God’s call and trust in his goodness for you.

***Lord, help me to trust in the goodness of your plan so that I can grow closer to you.***

### **ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Thank You from the St. Anthony Ladies Auxilary!** To everyone who selected a tag and fulfilled a wish of a family in need. We appreciate your spirit of giving and generosity this Christmas season!

**St. Anthony Sunday Rosary, Dec. 21, 6:00 PM:** Join us for the Rosary in St. Anthony Church. All are welcome!

**St. Anthony Christmas Caroling** begins at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve in Church. Both Youth and Adult Choirs will lead caroling. All choir members are asked to arrive by 5:55 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus with song. There will be no caroling on Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 28, the Youth Choir will lead caroling and are asked to arrive by 7:30 am.

### **ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**St. Cecilia Children’s Choir - Christmas Eve:** On Christmas Eve, Dec 24, we will meet in the Church Basement at 2:30 PM with practice starting at 2:45 PM.

**Sunday, December 21, following the 10:00 AM Mass:** St. Lawrence Church Christmas decorating. Any help is appreciated.



**Support our Seminarians & Infirm Priests**  
Through the Christmas Special Collection

Give now at  
[diojeffcity.org/Donate-Christmas](http://diojeffcity.org/Donate-Christmas)

Or, look for the envelope in the December 12 issue of *The Catholic Missourian* and bring it to Mass or the parish office

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CHRISTMAS Special Collection envelopes can be found in your church envelop packets and/or in the Catholic Missourian. This special offering can be made any time during the Christmas Season with second collections being done during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. ***Please consider supporting our diocesan seminarians and infirm priests.***

**Christmas, Dec 25, 2025. The Nativity of the Lord Daily Reflection:** *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* Christmas is ALMOST HERE! On this joyous day, we will join with all the angels and saints in proclaiming that Jesus, the “light” that “shines in the darkness,” has come! He has come so that we could enter into his own triumph over the darkness. On the night of Jesus’ birth, it seemed that darkness would prevail. Joseph and Mary were unable to secure a clean, safe place where Jesus could be born. They had to settle for a cave and a manger. Then came the harrowing flight into Egypt so that Jesus could be shielded from Herod’s attempt to have him put to death. Even after his family settled in quiet Nazareth, Jesus continued to face darkness and opposition. The devil tempted him, his neighbors tried to throw him off a cliff, and people accused him of being in league with demons. But never, not even in the deepest darkness of his suffering and death, did the darkness win out. Jesus rose in victory! Jesus doesn’t just promise to overcome darkness, he does it! On Christmas Day, rejoice that Jesus, the Light, has come into the world and into YOUR world. He has come to bring peace, hope, and victory. Whatever darkness you’re facing this Christmas, Jesus is with you. No matter what person may try and steal your peace, hope, joy, or victory this Christmas, keep your eye fixed on Jesus! He’s the one who can help you overcome anything and any one! Jesus is the reason we have a Christmas season.

***Jesus, I praise you for coming and dispelling the darkness!***



**REJOICE!**  
Join us for adoration and worship  
WITH CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC BY THE  
REHAGEN FAMILY  
December 21st 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Westphalia, MO



FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS

Number of Registered Households: 292 / Individual Catholics: 737

ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 12/17/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$	100,231.48
Online Offerings		19,750.00
Youth Envelopes / Loose	755.00 / 3,383.66	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 136,955.14
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special	50.00	
Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income		29,077.91
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>		<b>166,033.05</b>
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>204,557.35</b>
<b>FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62</b>		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
August (5 Weeks)	4,380.60	1,805.00
September	6,548.11	2,576.00
October	7,289.90	1,613.01
November (5 Weeks)	5,330.55	2,349.00

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS

Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 322

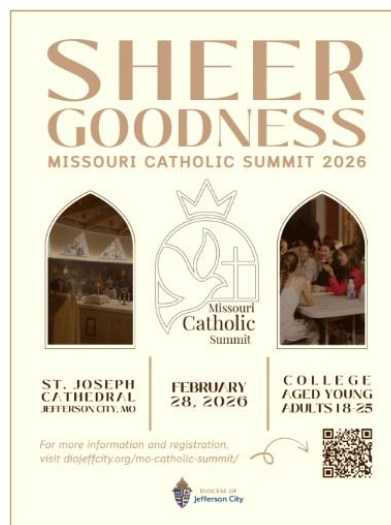
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 12/17/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$	43,391.57
Online Offering		4,230.00
Loose		3,458.00
Missions		897.00
Christmas Special		0.00
Easter Special		0.00
Other Income		4,803.32
2025 Fall Supper Income		26,622.00
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>		<b>83,401.89</b>
Parish Ordinary Expenses		68,207.40
2025 Fall Supper Expenses		15,514.09
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>83,721.49</b>
<b>FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08</b>		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
August (5 Weeks)	1,513.06	708.00
September	2,946.34	1,043.00
October	2,092.75	688.00
November (5 Weeks)	2,276.43	1,064.00



Fred Grellaur  
Donna Hoeller  
Barb Brison  
Fred Schaffer  
John Schaefer  
Helen Davis  
Travis Tomson  
Larry Buckley  
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 Toeppen  
Vicki Cox Bullock  
Ramona Bax  
Bruce Berendzen  
Christopher Thompson  
Nic Gilardi  
Patrick Holtmeyer  
Treyton Kemna  
Joseph Volmert  
Gene Wilde



Missouri Catholic Summit (MCS) is a large gathering of Catholic young adults, ages 18-25, from across Missouri. The summit is a day dedicated to celebrating the Christian life and fostering fellowship among faithful young adults. Participants grow together in a warm and lively environment through inspiring talks by esteemed speakers, reflection, and prayer. Please invite young people in your community to join us for the MO Catholic Summit 2026 on February 28, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, MO!

<https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2025/12/15/december-15/>



Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

It is with an overwhelming love and joy for the coming of Christ, Our Savior, that I wish each of you a very Holy and Merry Christmas. May you be richly blessed with the wonders of Christmas and refreshed and renewed in the quiet peace and tranquility of the Season. I am forever blessed to be your Pastor and Spiritual Father!

To Jesus, through the Blessed Mother Mary,  
Father Christopher Aubuchon

