

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

February 1, 2026

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

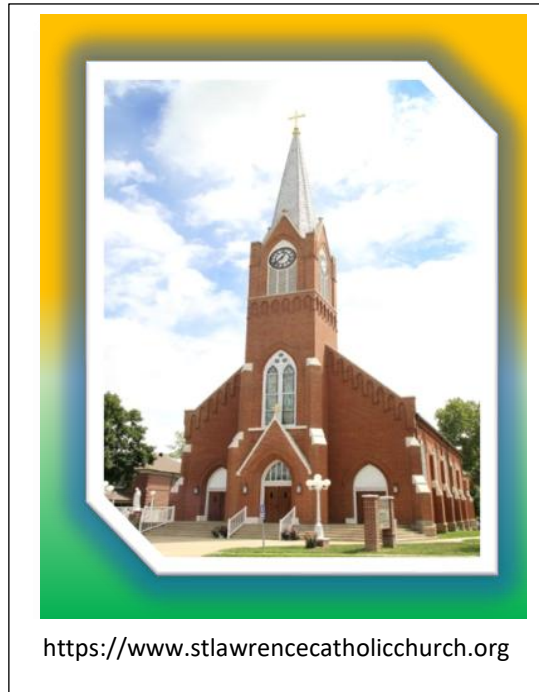
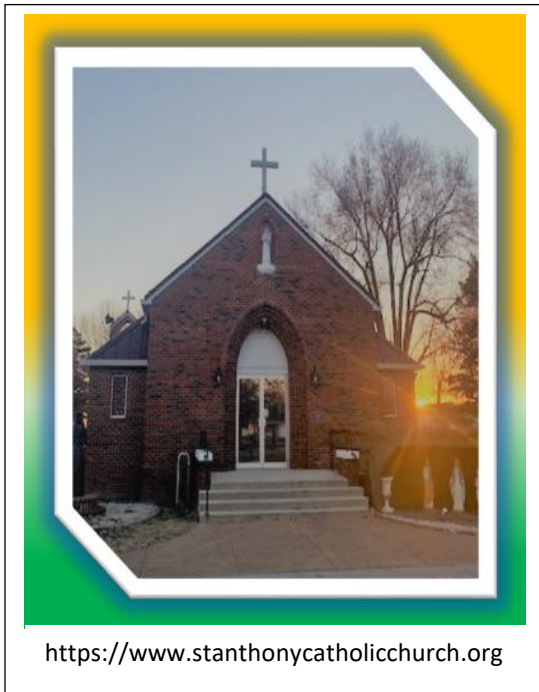
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

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Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Scott Roark Nikki Rowden

ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL

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Mary Schulte

POPE LEO'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION



Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Oligschlaeger, *President*
Abby Kemna, *Secretary*
Chris Beck Kelli Green
Craig Oligschlaeger Eric O'Neil

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Ben Scheulen, *President* Janet Beck
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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: February 3 - 8, 2026

| ST. LAWRENCE | | | | ST. ANTHONY | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Tuesday | Feb 3 | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Loretta Weiler | | |
| Wednesday | Feb 4 | 7:15 AM 6:30 PM | † Mary Jane Kesel Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary Ministries: Grades 11-12 | 6:30 PM | CCD Mass / † Vincent & Carol Schaffer Ministries: Grade 7 |
| Thursday | Feb 5 | 7:15 AM | † Judy Bax | 5:30 PM 6:00 PM | Confessions † John & Mathilda Rehagen |
| First Friday | Feb 6 | 7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM–Noon | † Cyrilla Doerhoff Confessions Eucharistic Adoration | 6:00 PM 6:30 –7:30 PM | † Larry Schulte Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions |
| First Saturday | Feb 7 | 4:00 PM 5:00 PM | Confessions † Fred & Lorene Heckemeyer (Ministries: 3 rd Grade) | | |
| Sunday | Feb 8 | 9:30 AM 10:00 AM | Confessions † Evelyn Struempf | 7:30 AM 8:00 AM | Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence |

Sunday Daily Reflection, February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time: In today's second reading, St. Paul addresses the Corinthians, who were fighting among themselves. One group favored the Apostle Peter, another preferred Paul, and still another followed Apollos. But Paul rebukes them for their rivalries and reminds them that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord. Quite the opposite: God delights in choosing "the lowly". Jesus tells his disciples something similar in the Gospel for today: "Blessed are the poor in spirit". This probably surprises them, because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God's blessing, but Jesus turns them upside down with his teaching that humility is the path to blessing. That's because when we are poor in spirit, we recognize God is the source of all that we have and are; we understand what it means to rely fully on God. Everything is a gift from him. So when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, and his grace. Why did Jesus preach this beatitude? One reason is it keeps us humble. No matter how gifted we may be, we can't boast about our accomplishments or think of ourselves as superior to anyone else because of them. There is no pecking order with God! Second, when we are poor in spirit, we ARE blessed! Our hearts are more free and more open to God. We trust in him to fulfill our needs rather than trying to prove ourselves or rely on our own resources. We are at peace with who we are and the way God made us and our lives are more fruitful because we are "lowly" enough to ask him to guide us and to bless our efforts. Today at Mass, come before the Lord poor in spirit and knowing that you are loved by God.

Thank you, Lord, for choosing me and blessing me today!

| Stewardship Schedule | SAT, Feb 7, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Fred & Lorene Heckemeyer | SUN, Feb 8, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners' Mass | SUN, Feb 8, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Evelyn Struempf |
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| LECTORS | CCD Ministries – Grade 3 | Nikki Rowden | Kenney Schwartze |
| SERVERS | | Rachel Bax Skylar & Rylan Bax | Brennan & Layla Doerhoff Kiptyn Green |
| GIFT BEARERS | | Alphonse & Brenda Otto | Patrick & Helen Otto |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Deacon Schwartze Jim Plassmeyer | Deacon Schwartze | Deacon Schwartze Joe Huhman |
| SACRISTAN | Mike Verhoff | Catherine Kliethermes | Jane Doerhoff |
| PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE | Rosary & Greeters: CCD Ministries – Grade 3 | Rosary: Dorothy Buechter Greeters: Matt & Nikki Rowden Ushers: Jerry Rustemeyer, Aaron Schaffer, Jeff Schmitt, Trenton Schroeder | Rosary: Syl & Mary Kesel Greeters: Jim & Elaine Kesel |

| Stewardship Schedule | SAT, Feb 14, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass | SUN, Feb 15, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony † Urban, Ron, & Randy Voss | SUN, Feb 15, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Ray & Rosetta Doerhoff |
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| LECTORS | Karla Buechter | Margie Chipman | Kaye Finn |
| SERVERS | Daisy & Paisley Bax Cooper Lueckenotto | Knox & Beau Buechter Bryan Chipman | Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer Heath Heckemeyer |
| GIFT BEARERS | Richard & Pam Otto | Charles & Bea Otto | Abby Kemna Family |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Deacon Schwartze Paul Beck | Deacon Schwartze | Deacon Schwartze Jennifer Oligschlaeger |
| SACRISTAN | Diane Juergensmeyer | Mary Schulte | Lora Luetkemeyer |
| PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE | Rosary: Kenny & Alice Oligschlaeger Greeters: Paul & Janet Beck | Rosary: Rosetta Holtmeyer Greeters: Frankie & Mary Schulte Ushers: Dennis, Frank, Jacob, and Richard Schulte | Rosary: Alberty & Dolores Frey Greeters: Brian & Carol Kirk |

| FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 292 / Individual Catholics: 742 | | |
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| ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS | Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 01/28/2026 | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 137,662.04 | Total Offertory Contributions \$ 194,199.85 |
| Online Offerings | 23,775.00 | |
| Youth Envelopes / Loose | 2,115.00 / 4,723.66 | |
| Missions | 12,785.00 | |
| Christmas Special | 12,389.15 | |
| Easter Special | 750.00 | |
| Other Income | 36,496.31 | |
| Total YTD Parish Income | 230,696.16 | |
| Total YTD Parish Expenses | \$ 248,285.16 | |
| FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62 | | |
| MONTH | Weekly Average Offertory Contributions | Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income) |
| September | 6,548.11 | 2,576.00 |
| October | 7,289.90 | 1,613.00 |
| November (5 Weeks) | 5,330.55 | 2,349.00 |
| December | 8,058.32 | 3,062.00 |

| FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 147 / Individual Catholics: 322 | | |
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| ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS | Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 01/28/2026 | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 54,183.57 | Total Offertory Contributions \$ 66,233.57 |
| Online Offering | 5,075.00 | |
| Loose | 4,735.00 | |
| Missions | 897.00 | |
| Christmas Special | 1,343.00 | |
| Easter Special | 0.00 | |
| Other Income | 5,739.01 | |
| 2025 Fall Supper Income | 26,622.00 | |
| Total YTD Parish Income | 98,594.58 | |
| Parish Ordinary Expenses | 86,465.59 | |
| 2025 Fall Supper Expenses | 15,514.09 | |
| Total YTD Parish Expenses | \$ 101,979.68 | |
| 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) |
| September | 2,946.34 | 1,043.00 |
| October | 2,092.75 | 688.00 |
| November (5 Weeks) | 2,276.43 | 1,064.00 |
| December | 3,518.42 | 1,223.00 |

CCD CLASS for Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass / Ministries: Grade 7

St. Lawrence begins with Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary / Ministries: Grades 11-12

2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Monday, Feb 2, 7:00PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, Feb 5: St. Anthony Parish/Finance Council Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

FIRST Friday, Feb 6: Join us for Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions at 6:00 PM.

Wednesday, Feb 11, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for cards & Bingo. The club will provide fried chicken; please bring a snack to share.

Thursday, Feb 12, 7:45 PM: St. Anthony Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

Sunday, Feb 22, 7:30 AM – 11:30 PM: Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast!

Friday, March 27: St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. More details to come.

2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST Sunday, Feb 1, 5 – 9 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets in the Community Center; please bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

FIRST Monday, Feb 2, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary in St. Lawrence Church.

FIRST Wednesday, Feb 4, 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!

Wednesday, Feb 4, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

FIRST Friday, Feb 6: 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 Saturday, Feb 7, 3:30 PM: St. Cecilia Children's Choir meets for practice in the church basement and sings at the 5 PM Mass.

Friday, Feb 20: St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry; serving 3:30 – 7:00 PM. St. Ann's will be hosting the "Bag of Prizes" too! If you could kindly donate an item(s), it would be greatly appreciated. Please put the item in the back of the church with a note, "Bag of Prize", by Monday, Feb 16. Thank you so much once again, and as always, we are very appreciative of your generosity to our sodality.

Saturday, Feb 21, 6:00 PM: American Legion Post 545 Annual Pitch Tournament and Chili Supper, St. Elizabeth Community Center. Registration begins & Chili is served at 6:00 PM; Tournament starts at 7:00 PM. Public event. Come join the FUN!

Grass Mowing Bids: The St. Elizabeth Community Center Board is seeking bids for mowing grass (area to the sides and behind the community center building). To submit a bid and/or questions, contact Braydon Holtmeyer @braydonholtmeyer2@gmail.com or Brad Libbert at 573-694-4202. Bids must be submitted by March 1, 2026, 5:00 PM.



LENT 2026



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026


Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

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|  <p>1st Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026</p> |  <p>Palm Sunday March 29, 2026</p> |
|  <p>2nd Sunday of Lent March 01, 2026</p> |  <p>Maundy Thursday April 02, 2026</p> |
|  <p>3rd Sunday of Lent March 08, 2026</p> |  <p>Good Friday April 03, 2026</p> |
|  <p>Laetere Sunday March 15, 2026</p> |  <p>Holy Saturday April 04, 2026</p> |
|  <p>5th Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026</p> |  <p>Easter Sunday April 05, 2026</p> |

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

7:00 AM St. Lawrence
6:15 PM St. Anthony
8:00 PM St. Lawrence

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| Fred Grellaur | Deidra Buechter |
| Barb Brison | 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 |
| Bryan Hoecker | Thompson |
| Bryleigh Wulff | Nic Gilardi |
| Sherry Johnson | Patrick Holtmeyer |
| Sister Vicki Ewers | Treyton Kemna |
| Nolan Kesel | Joseph Volmert |
| Cathy Thompson | Gene Wilde |
| Grant Lamb | |



Thurs, Feb 19, 2026
2 – 6 PM
Citizens Civic League
Blood Drive
Main Room
301 Olive Street
Meta, MO

DRIVE THRU/ CARRY OUT WITH SEATING AVAILABLE

ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Whole Hog Sausage, Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits & Gravy
Hash Browns & Coffee Cake



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Serving from 7:30 - 11:30 am

ARGYLE VFW HALL

\$13.00



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
ARGYLE POST 8045 AND AUXILIARY
ARGYLE, MISSOURI



VFW

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Drive Thru

K of C Council 2027

FISH FRY

Fish - Boneless & Delicious
Hush Puppies • Parsley Potatoes
Cole Slaw • Baked Beans •
Homemade Tartar Sauce



FRIDAY, FEB. 13

FRIDAY, MAR. 13

SERVING 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

LOOSE CREEK SCHOOL

-DRIVE THRU ONLY-

\$14.00 PER MEAL

-FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS -

Find MORE Diocese Events at:
<https://diojeffcity.org/events/>



BREAKFAST



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Ham, Whole Hog Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy,
Scrambled Eggs and Applesauce

Hosted by St. Anthony Knights of Columbus

When: February 22, 2026

Where: St. Anthony Parish Hall
St. Anthony, Missouri

Serving Time: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Adults - \$12.00
Children Ages 6 to 12 - \$6.00
Children Ages 5 and under - Free

Dine-in and Carry Outs Available

Raffle will be held - \$10.00 per ticket

Prizes are:
Winchester SXP Universal Hunter 12 Gauge 3" 28" MO DNA Shotgun
\$100.00 Cash
\$50.00 Cash
\$25.00 Cash