

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 15, 2026

First Sunday of Lent February 22, 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

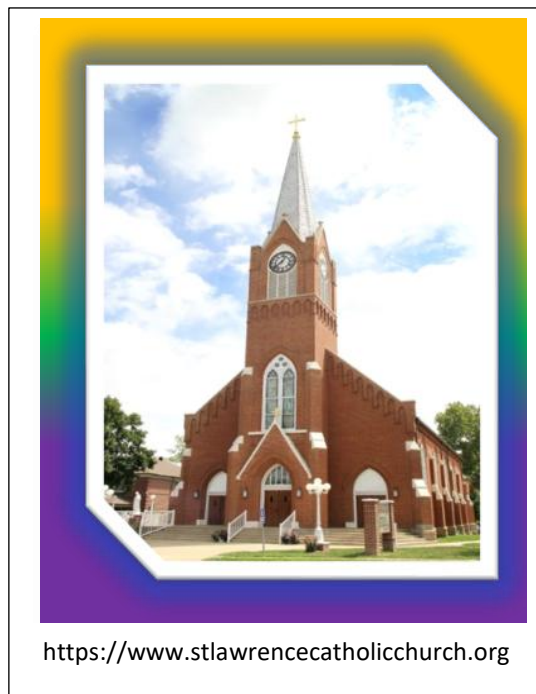
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

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Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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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.

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

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Ben Scheulen, *President* Janet Beck
Kaye Finn Leroy Heckemeyer
Jim Plassmeyer

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: February 17 – March 1, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Feb 17	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Daniel Wankum		
Ash Wednesday Lent Begins	Feb 18	7:00 AM 8:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Morning Mass † Emil Lindenbusch Ash Wednesday Evening Mass / Parishioners' Mass	6:15 PM	Ash Wednesday Evening Mass † Joe & Bernard Struempf
Thursday	Feb 19	7:15 AM	† Daniel & LaVerne Dubbert	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Ray & Anna Kliethermes
Friday	Feb 20	7:15 AM 6:00 PM	† George Holtmeyer Stations of the Cross (Deacon)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Father)
Saturday	Feb 21	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Donna Hoeller		
Sunday	Feb 22	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Cyrilla Doerhoff	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners' Mass
Tuesday	Feb 24	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Leonard & Louise Beck		
Wednesday	Feb 25	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Gerard & Joyce Blomberg CCD SHADOW STATIONS / 7th Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Vincent & Carol Schaffer Ministries: Grade 5-6
Thursday	Feb 26	7:15 AM	† Norbert & Betty Kemna	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Diane Bax
Friday	Feb 27	7:15 AM 6:00 PM	† Vic & Vernita Block Stations of the Cross (Father)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Deacon)
Saturday	Feb 28	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Lewis & Regina Plassmeyer		
Sunday	Mar 1	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners' Mass	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss

ASH WEDNESDAY Stewardship Schedule	Feb 18, 2026 7:00 AM St. Lawrence † Emil Lindenbusch	Feb 18, 2026, 6:15 PM St. Anthony † Bernard & Joseph Struempf	Feb 18, 2026, 8:00 PM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS			Ann Wieberg
SERVERS	CCD Ministries – Grade 7	CCD Ministries – 7 th Grade	Hudson Kemna, Cameron & Jakob Kesel
GIFT BEARERS			Travis & Tracy Otto Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz / Kim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz / Dale Buechter
SACRISTAN	Albert Frey	Margie Wilson	Kathleen Schwartz
PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE	Rosary: Cathy Reinkemeyer Greeters/Ushers: CCD Ministries – 7 th Grade	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers CCD Ministries – 7 th Grade	Rosary: Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer Greeters: Eric & Alysha O'Neil

Stewardship Schedule LENT	SAT, Feb 21, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Donna Hoeller	SUN, Feb 22, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners' Mass	SUN, Feb 22, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Cyrilla Doerhoff
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Donna Dickneite	Daniel Buechter
SERVERS	Emmalyn, Harrison, Preston Plassmeyer	Augie Dearduff Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer	Matthew Heckemeyer Sofia & Gemma Holtmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Joe & Kim Plassmeyer	Clinton & Amanda Otto Family	Brad & Kaitlin Perry Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz / Cathy Reinkemeyer	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz / Leroy Heckemeyer
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Linda Volmert	Albert Frey
PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE	Rosary: Dianne Heckemeyer Greeters: Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger	Rosary: Betty Voss Greeters: Stanley & Sandy Wieberg Ushers: Thomas Schulte and Dana, Ethan, and Josh Strutton	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff Greeters: Craig & Glenda Oligschlaeger

Stewardship Schedule LENT	SAT, Feb 28, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Lewis & Regina Plassmeyer	SUN, March 1, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss	SUN, Mar 1, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg		
SERVERS	Daisy Bax, Cooper Lueckenotto Augusta Schanzmeyer	CCD Ministries – Grades 10 - 12	CCD Ministries – Grade 9
GIFT BEARERS	Jim & Theresa Plassmeyer Family		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz / Kathleen Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz / Doug Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Stan Struempf
PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE	Rosary: Kaye Finn Greeters: Jim & Theresa Plassmeyer	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers CCD Ministries – 10 th – 12 th Grades	Rosary, Greeters, Ushers CCD Ministries – 9 th Grade

Sunday Daily Reflection, Feb 15, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, God has revealed to us.* That's quite a bold statement! St. Paul is saying that, through Jesus' Death and Resurrection, the Holy Spirit has revealed something that no one had ever seen or heard of before. Paul calls that something "God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory". *For our glory...* that's not just a throwaway phrase. It's the actual revelation that God has made manifest; the promise that everyone who believes in Christ can be glorified, just as Jesus, "the Lord of Glory," is now glorified! Sit with that truth for a moment. Prophets and kings from the past, great saints like Abraham, Isaiah, and Moses, all had amazing revelations about the Lord and his plans. But only now, after Jesus' Resurrection, has our own resurrection become so clearly revealed! This is part of the "mysterious, hidden" plan God has now revealed in Christ. Jesus, the Risen and Glorified Lord, is our true destiny. He has made us for Heaven!

Jesus, thank you for revealing your awesome hidden wisdom to me!

Sunday Daily Reflection, Feb 22, 2026 – First Sunday of Lent: Of course Jesus was hungry! Who wouldn't be, after 40 days of fasting. Surely his stomach ached and his head throbbed. It's true that he is the Son of God who needs nothing. But he was also a real human being with real needs and so this Divine Son...got hungry. Matthew wants to make sure we understand this truth. Jesus decided to become a man and face trials in a human body like our own. In his hunger, he confronted the temptation to provide for himself instead of trusting God, a test our first parents had failed. *Is God truly good and will he provide for me?* In Eden, the serpent asked, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees?" Now, Jesus heard a similar enticement: "If you are the Son of God, command these stones become loaves of bread". It seemed logical that God would not want you to starve and there would be a better way to bring in the kingdom. But Jesus held fast to the word of God: It is written... "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God". He was recalling Exodus, when God provided manna for his hungry people so that they could learn to rely on him. Jesus, defeated the devil by trusting his Father and aligning himself with the Father's will. We all face tests as Jesus did and within our doubt and through our temptations, we can prevail if we depend fully on the strength of Jesus. ***Lord, help me to trust in your ways and resist temptatic***



STATIONS OF THE CROSS – EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT, 6:00 PM

Begins Friday, February 20, in both Parishes.



CCD CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY 18th & 25th

ASH Wednesday, February 18, (MAKEUP CCD Class)

St. Lawrence CCD Class: 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

St. Anthony CCD Class: 7:15 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass / Ministries: Grades 5 & 6

St. Lawrence ***SHADOW STATIONS*** / Present by: Grade 7

2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday Rosaries, 6:00 PM: February 15 and March 1 and 15 in St. Anthony Church.

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

Wednesday, Feb 25, 1:00 PM: Senior Citizens meet in the Parish Hall for cards. Snacks will be provided.

Thursday, March 12, 5:30 PM: LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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



2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELPING HANDS! ON Monday, Feb 16, FOOD PANTRY DAY: Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1–7 PM. We appreciate the assistance!

Friday, Feb 20: St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Setup will begin on Thurs, Feb 19, 6 PM and preparations will start at 11 AM on Friday, Feb 20. ***All active Knights' Members are NEEDED and APPRECIATED!*** St. Ann's hosting the "Bag of Prizes" too! Please put donated items in the back of the church with a note, "Bag of Prize", by Monday, Feb 16.

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!

St. Cecilia Youth Choir Easter Practice Schedule in Church Balcony: First Saturday, March 7 at 3:30 PM AND Wednesdays, March 18, 25, and April 1 at 5:30 PM. The Choir will sing at the Easter Sunday Mass, 10:00 AM.

Sunday, March 8, 5:30 PM: LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 9, 5:30 PM: Picnic Managers are asked to attend this Community Center Board Meeting. Thank You!

GRASS MOWING BIDS BEING ACCEPTED: St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District is now accepting mowing/weed eating bids. Bid deadline is March 13, 2026. Bids should be on a per cutting basis. Time frame will be for the 2026 grass cutting season. Indicate on outside of envelope "grass bid".

Fire House Cleaning BIDS BEING ACCEPTED: St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District is now accepting cleaning bids. Bid deadline is March 13, 2026. Bids should be on a per cleaning basis, once per quarter. Bid should include the cleaning of two bathrooms, one kitchen, the meeting room, two offices and hallway. To see area prior to bidding, contact: Chief Logan Schanzmeyer (573) 644-3564. Indicate on outside of envelope "cleaning bid".

Mail bids referenced above to: St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District, PO Box 125, St. Elizabeth MO 65075 or drop bid off to Megan Wright at St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance.

ATTENTION: The Parish Office will be closed the week of February 16 – 20, 2026.

For assistance during this time, please contact Deacon Schwartze at 573-680-9449 or Father Aubuchon at 573-493-2301.

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

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS

Number of Registered Households: 292 / Individual Catholics: 742

ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 02/09/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 150,555.80	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 209,048.61
Online Offerings	25,390.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	2,175.00 / 5,003.66	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	12,389.15 750.00	
Other Income	40,316.96	
Total YTD Parish Income	249,365.57	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 256,628.96	

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)
October	7,289.90	1,613.00
November (5 Weeks)	5,330.55	2,349.00
December	8,058.32	3,062.00
January 2026	7,249.47	1,845.00

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

ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS

Number of Registered Households : 147 / Individual Catholics: 322

ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 02/09/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 58,911.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 71,858.57
Online Offering	5,640.00	
Loose	5,067.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	1,343.00 0.00	
Other Income	7,757.68	
2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
Total YTD Parish Income	106,238.25	
Parish Ordinary Expenses	90,429.34	
2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,514.09	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 105,943.43	

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)
October	2,092.75	688.00
November (5 Weeks)	2,276.43	1,064.00
December	3,518.42	1,223.00
January 2026	2,102.42	563.00



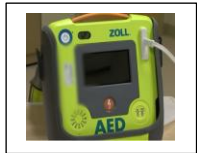
BAPTISMAL BLESSINGS!
Karsyn Lynn Schulte
Child of Jacob & Sara Schulte
Baptized at St. Anthony Church
Sunday, February 15, 2026

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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 Thompson |
| Bryan Hoecker | Nic Gilardi |
| Bryleigh Wulff | Patrick Holtmeyer |
| Sherry Johnson | Treyton Kemna |
| Nolan Kesel | Joseph Volmert |
| Cathy Thompson | Gene Wilde |
| Grant Lamb | |

Automated External Defibrillator & First Aid Kit - There's both in YOUR CHURCH!

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine is a portable, medical device that analyzes a person's heart rhythm and delivers an electric shock (defibrillation) to restore a normal rhythm if the heart has stopped due to sudden cardiac arrest. Designed for use by laypersons (someone with no or little experience), from the second it's powered on, it provides step-by-step voice prompts and visual instructions, making it a critical tool in emergencies

to help restart the heart and save lives before professional medical help arrives. Our AED Cabinets are located in the back of both Churches by the Confessionals and a First Aid Kit is on top of both AED cabinets. Please access this link to watch a video and learn more about and see how to use an AED: <https://youtu.be/BPxxFPdGpKE?si=VpcD3SPjXxvdyEJm>. If you don't have the internet or don't know how to get on your phone or computer, please ask a tech-savvy family member or friend for assistance or contact Michele Renkemeyer.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

ALL YOU CAN EAT
\$12 per person
Dine in or Carry out

Friday, February 20
3:30 pm – 7 pm

St. Elizabeth Community Center

Bag - prize Drawing Sponsored by St. Ann Sodality

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

ST. THOMAS FISH FRY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 2149

Gluten Free Hand-breaded Fish fillets
Hushpuppies (Not Gluten Free)
Baked potatoes
French fries
Baked beans
Coleslaw
Dessert

All You Care to Eat
Dine In or Carry Out

Adults: \$14
Children: \$6
5 & younger: free

February 27, 2026 4:30-7:00 pm
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH CENTER ST. THOMAS, MO 65076

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FISH FRY FRIDAYS
FEBRUARY 20 & 27
MARCH 13 & 27

4:30-7:30 pm
Dine-in or Carry-out

\$15
Fried fish or boiled shrimp, baked potato or fries, slaw, hushpuppies, baked beans, ice cream, tea & coffee

Kids burger & fries - \$7
Cash or check ONLY

Knights of Columbus Hall