

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

## March 15, 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

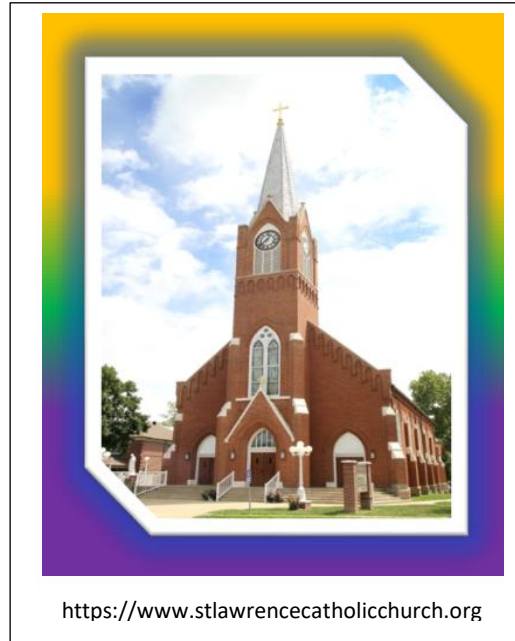
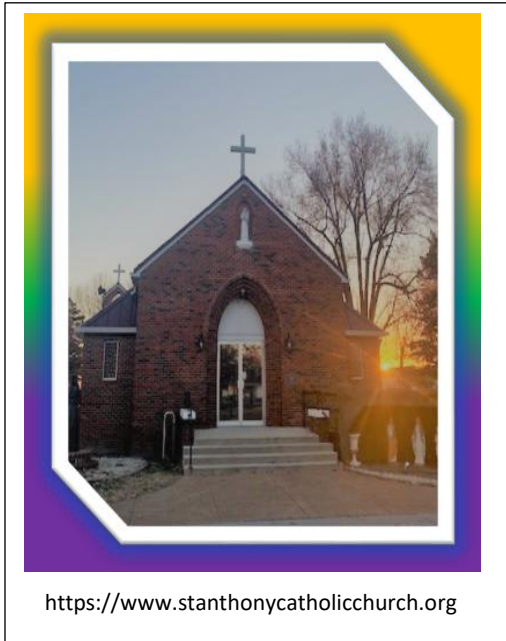
**Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor**

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



**ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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**POPE LEO'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION**



Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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 Jim Plassmeyer

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 Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Summer Office Hours (June – August, Tues – Fri, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM)  
 Faith Formation Coordinators Lauren Kliethermes/Kara Scheulen  
[faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com)

**MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULES**

**ST. ANTHONY**

Thursday, 6:00 PM  
 Confessions, 5:30

Sunday Mass, 8:00 AM  
 Confessions, 7:30 AM

**Please see inside cover for weekly Holy Mass Schedules.**

**ST. LAWRENCE**

Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
 Adoration/Confessions, 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Friday, 7:15 AM

Saturday Mass, 5:00 PM  
 Confessions, 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass, 10:00 AM  
 Confessions, 9:30 AM

## WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: March 17 - 22, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mar 17	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions Litany of Peace † LaVerne Holtmeyer ( <b>CORRECTION</b> )		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mar 18	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Joseph Struempfh Ministries: Grade 8	6:30 PM	CCD Stations of the Cross Ministries: Grades 2 - 4
<b>Thursday</b>	Mar 19	7:15 AM	† Leonard & Louise Beck	6:00 PM	Word & Communion Service (Deacon) <b>**No Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Mar 20	7:15 AM 6:00 PM	† George Holtmeyer Stations of the Cross (Deacon)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Father)
<b>Saturday</b>	Mar 21	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Confessions</b> † Cletus Schwartz		
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Mar 22	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b> † George & Dorothy Heckemeyer	<b>7:30 AM</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Confessions</b> Parishioners' Mass

**\*\*Father is assisting with Penance Services in neighboring Parishes.**

**Sunday Daily Reflection, March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent:** It's no wonder St. Paul uses the analogy of light when he exhorts us to live in a manner worthy of our calling as disciples. Light is necessary to sustain life. It's essential for the photosynthesis process so plants can provide us with food and produce the oxygen we need to breathe. Light helps to regulate our sleep cycle, our mood, and our hormones, and strengthens our immune system. LIGHT keeps us alive. As once in darkness, it is through Baptism we receive His Spirit and have light within us. We aren't just recipients of His light; we ARE the light. Meaning, we need to "take no part in the fruitless works of darkness". We can reject sin and commit to loving God and our neighbor. So Paul gives us some advice on what living as "children of light" looks like. He tells us to "learn what is pleasing to the Lord", and how do we do that? Be being consistent in prayer, by pondering the Scriptures, and by staying "awake" to the Spirit. When we let Jesus shed His light into our hearts, we experience greater freedom and healing from sin. As we allow His light to shine through us, we are able to guide others to Him. In the same way in which natural light is essential for our physical life, we need the spiritual light of Christ to keep our inner life healthy. AND when His light shines through us we will produce "every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth".

***Jesus, you are my light! Help me to let your light shine through me!***

Stewardship Schedule 5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	SATURDAY, March 21, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Cletus Schwartz	SUNDAY, March 22, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners' Mass	SUN, Mar 22, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † George & Dorothy Heckemeyer
<b>LECTORS</b>	Paul Beck	Lynette Otto	Kristie Green
<b>SERVERS</b>	Daisy & Paisley Bax Cooper Lueckenotto	Alyssa Perkins Lillian & Nick Wieberg	Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer Heath Heckemeyer
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Mark & Cathy Reinkemeyer	Gary & Mary Ann Otto	Dale & Michele Renkemeyer
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	Deacon Schwartz / Jim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz / Chad Green
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Kathleen Schwartz	Linda Volmert	Sharon Kemna
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Dianne Heckemeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Frank & June Bax	<b>Rosary:</b> Paul & Catherine Kliethermes <b>Greeters:</b> Dennis & Margie Wilson <b>Ushers:</b> Jacques, Justin, Larry, and Leroy Wieberg	<b>Rosary:</b> Dale & Michele Renkemeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Nick & Kelli Green

Stewardship Schedule PALM SUNDAY	SATURDAY, March 28, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Vic & Vernita Block	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY, March 29, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony † Jimmie & Angie Schulte Mass begins with the Procession of Palms from the Parish Hall	SUN, Mar 29, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass Mass begins with the Procession of Palms from the Community Center
<b>LECTORS</b>	Narrator: Deacon Schwartz Voice: Karla Buechter	Narrator: Deacon Schwartz Voice: Knights of Columbus	Narrator: Deacon Schwartz Voice: Leroy Heckemeyer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Preston, Harrison Emmalyn Plassmeyer	Christina & Rachel Bax Skylar & Rylan Bax	Matthew Heckemeyer, Sofia & Gemma Holtmeyer, Rowan Juergensmeyer
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Logan & Whitney Schanzmeyer	Knights of Columbus	Nathan & Olivia Scheulen
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Deacon Schwartz Kim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartz Cathy Engelmeyer, Catherine Kliethermes	Deacon Schwartz / Chris Beck Bert & Jane Doerhoff
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Lora Luetkemeyer
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Kenney & Alice Oligschlaeger <b>Greeters:</b> Paul & Janet Beck	<b>Rosary:</b> Betty Voss <b>Greeters &amp; Ushers:</b> Knights of Columbus	<b>Rosary:</b> Carl & Sharon Kemna <b>Greeters:</b> Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer

### **CCD CLASS for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 6:30 PM**

St. Anthony begins with Stations of The Cross / Ministries: Grades 2-4

St. Lawrence begins with Mass / Ministries: Grade 8

St. Cecilia Children's Choir Practice at 5:30 PM, Church Balcony



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

March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>



### ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

**March Sunday Rosary, 6:00 PM:** March 15<sup>th</sup> in St. Anthony Church.

**St. Anthony Youth Choir:** The Choir will be leading all the Mass hymns on Sunday, March 22 and April 12, 2026. All participating Youth Choir members are asked to arrive by 7:55 AM. More information about the April 12 performance will be shared later.

**Thursday, March 26, 6:45 PM:** St. Anthony Parish/Finance Council Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

**Friday, March 27:** St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. See flyer on back page.

**Palm Sunday/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday & Knights of Columbus:** The K of C Members have ministries on Palm Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday). Following 8 AM Mass, join the Knights for Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall.

**St. Anthony Community Park** is accepting grass cutting bids. If anyone is interested or has questions, please reach out to one of the park members; Jeffrey Holtmeyer 573 619 6234, Hayden Otto 573 418 4626 or Loren Otto 573 418 6964. Bids need to be in by April 1.

### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**March 17 & 18, 8:00 AM:** St. Elizabeth Community quilting for picnic quilts BEGINS! We will be in the St. Elizabeth Community Center. All quilters welcome. Lunch will be provided.

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

**ST ELIZABETH R-IV SCHOOL:** Now accepting bids for lawn services for 2026. All bids need to be turned in by March 10, 2026. Please mail your bid to St. Elizabeth R-IV School, PO Box 68, St. Elizabeth MO 65075 or hand deliver it to the office. You may pick up a bid sheet from the office or download one from our web site. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Kempker at 573-493-2246 or email at doug@ste.k12.mo.us.

	<b>FISH FRY</b>	
Fried Fish with Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, and Applesauce		
Hosted by St. Anthony Knights of Columbus		
When: <b>March 27, 2026</b>		
Where: <b>St. Anthony Parish Hall</b> <b>St. Anthony, Missouri</b>		
Serving Time: <b>5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>		
Cost: Adults - \$12.00 Children Ages 6 to 12 - \$6.00 Children Ages 5 and under - Free		
All You Can Eat    Carry Outs Available		
"Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing." Mark 6:41		

### **2026 UPCOMING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS**

- **Sunday, March 29, after 10 AM Mass at St. Lawrence:** First Holy Communion Practice for BOTH Parishes at St. Lawrence Church; Confessions to follow.
- **Holy Thursday, April 2:** Washing of the Feet Volunteers are being sought! ONLY 5 spots are left. Contact Michele to volunteer.
- **Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM, St. Anthony Church:** Confirmation PRACTICE for both Confirmation Candidates AND their Sponsors. Confirmation Candidates: Going to Confession before Confirmation is crucial to ensure you are in a "state of grace," which is necessary to fully receive the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. It cleanses the soul of mortal sin, restores your friendship with God, and prepares you to worthily receive the Sacrament.
- **Sunday, April 12:** Divine Mercy Sunday and First Communion Ceremonies for our Second Graders in both Parishes at both morning Masses.
- **Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 PM:** Confirmation Ceremonies (for both parishes) will be held in St. Anthony of Padua Church. His Excellency, Bishop Ralph O'Donnell will officiate the ceremonies.
- **Sunday, May 10:** Baccalaureate Masses both Parishes. 8:00 AM at St. Anthony and 10:00 AM at St. Lawrence. 2026 Graduation Seniors and College Graduates are encouraged to wear their caps/gowns and join Father and Deacon in the procession.
- **June 14 – 19, 2026:** Totus TUUS. Contact your Faith Formation Coordinator with any questions.
- **July 10 – 12, 2026:** Steubenville. Contact Jennifer Oligschlaeger or Margie Chipman with any questions.

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 – 03/11/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 174,529.99	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 238,062.80
Online Offerings	28,505.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	2,295.00 / 6,808.66	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special	12,389.15	Other Income 43,981.40
Easter Special	750.00	
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>		<b>282,044.20</b>
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 274,055.28</b>
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)
December	8,058.32	3,062.00
January 2026	7,249.47	1,845.00
February 2026	8,553.37	2,729.00

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 – 03/11/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 64,141.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 80,314.57
Online Offering	8,255.00	
Loose	5,678.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special	1,343.00	Other Income 9,292.55
Easter Special	0.00	
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>		<b>116,229.12</b>
Parish Ordinary Expenses		92,371.81
2025 Fall Supper Expenses		15,489.09
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 107,860.09</b>
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)
December	3,518.42	1,223.00
January 2026	2,102.42	563.00
February 2026	2,728.72	961.00



- Ed Franko  
Fred Grellaur  
Barb Brison  
John Schaefer  
Helen Davis  
Travis Tomson  
Larry Buckley  
Clinton Luebbering  
Dylan Nichols  
Terry Yates  
Dakota Clarkston  
Lorraine Hoecker  
Bryan Hoecker  
Bryleigh Wulff  
Sherry Johnson  
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

**BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS**

*Leo Francis Schanzmeyer*  
Child of  
*Logan & Whitney (Kolb) Schanzmeyer*

To be Baptized at  
*St. Lawrence Church on*  
*Saturday, March 14, 2026*

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Abby Kemna, Cathy Reinkemeyer, and Leon & Rita Buschjost for cleaning and clearing all the tree limbs and twigs from the St. Lawrence Church yard last week. Your help in making the Church yard mow-ready was greatly appreciated!

**Why should I consider getting my feet washed on Holy Thursday?**

It serves as a profound reminder of Christ's call to humility, service, and love for one another, and acts as a spiritual cleansing that prepares you for the Eucharist.



**John 13: 14-15 – Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
103 E. Jefferson Ave. Owensville 573-437-3086

**FISH FRY**  
FEBRUARY 20TH, and 27TH  
MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH and 27TH

SERVING FROM 3:30PM - 6:30PM

DINE IN & CARRY OUT  
Meal Prices  
Adult: \$15.00  
Children: (6-10): \$8.00  
Children 5 & Under: FREE

Menu Includes:  
Fried Catfish, Cod Square, & Shrimp, Mac & Cheese, Sweet Corn Hushpuppies, French Fries, Applesauce, Dessert and Drink

FISH ONLY PRICES:  
Fried Catfish: \$6.00 – Fried Cod Square: \$6.00 – 10 Piece Shrimp: \$8.00

COME MEET OLD FRIENDS & MAKE NEW ONES  
AND HAVE A DELICIOUS MEAL TOGETHER.

All Proceeds will Benefit the Parish

Fr. John Schmitz will preside  
A celebration of outdoor Stations of the Cross

**Walking the Way of the Cross**

Friday, March 27, 2026 3:00pm  
All are invited

National Shrine of Mary  
176 Marian Dr, Laurie, MO

**St. Jude Prayer for Lent**

St. Jude, walk with me this Lent. Open my heart to the wisdom of God in His Word, and give me the strength to share that wisdom with others. Through this time of reflection, may I arrive at Easter energized to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and more ready than ever to receive God's love.

Amen.