

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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

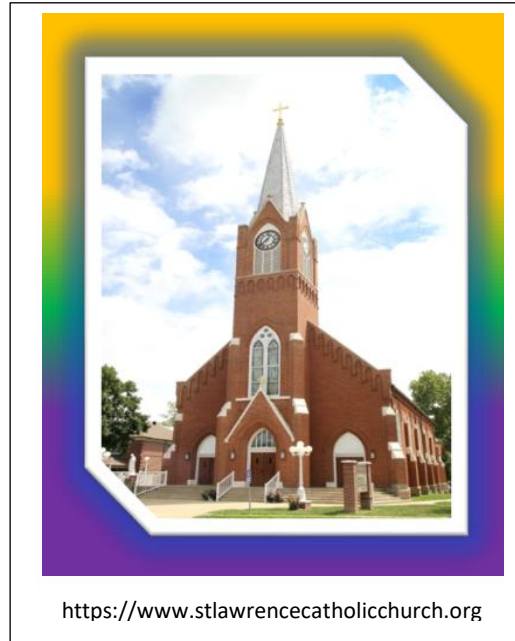
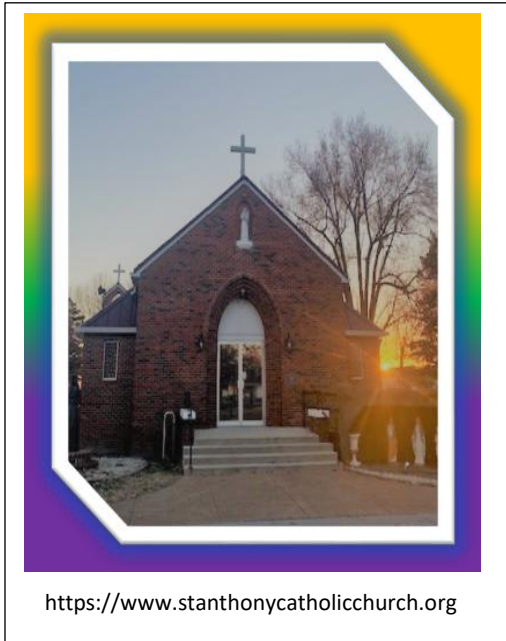
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartze

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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 Mary Schulte

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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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 24 - Easter

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Mar 24	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Word & Communion Service / **No Mass		
Wednesday	Mar 25	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Mary Jane Kesel CCD Stations of the Cross/ Grade 10	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Amos Ihler Ministries & Confessions: Grade 7
Thursday	Mar 26	7:15 AM	† Donna Hoeller	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Vincent & Carol Schaffer
Friday	Mar 27	7:15 AM 6:00 PM	† Loretta Weiler Stations of the Cross (Father)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Deacon)
Saturday	Mar 28	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Vic & Vernita Block		
Palm Sunday	Mar 29	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners' Mass	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Jimmie & Angie Schulte
Tuesday	Mar 31	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions † Evelyn Struempf		
Wednesday Last CCD Class	April 1	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Wilfred Hoecker Ministries & Confessions: Grade 7	6:30 PM	CCD Stations of the Cross Ministries: All Grades

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

Sunday Daily Reflection, March 22, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent: Martha's faith was being tested. Surely, she thought once she sent word to Jesus, of Lazarus being sick, He would come quickly to heal him. And yet John tells us that although Jesus "loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," he "remained for two days in the place where he was" (John 11: 5,6) How painful it must have been for Martha to watch helplessly as her brother died! How she must have wondered why Jesus hadn't come sooner. When Jesus does finally show up, Martha doesn't hide her disappointment. If he had arrived in time, she tells him, "My brother would not have died". Yet, her faith remains firmly intact: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you". And when Jesus tells her that her brother will rise, she proclaims her belief "in the resurrection on the last day". Martha must have been overjoyed when Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb! Martha's faith even in disappointment can be an inspiration for us, especially when we have "sent word" to Jesus, but he seems to be absent. Today's Gospel shows us that when the Lord's ways are confusing, he always has us on his heart and mind. He hears our prayers and has a plan for our lives even when we can't envision it. Martha came to believe that Jesus had the power to raise the dead and that his plans were higher than hers. Even though he hadn't healed her brother, she still trusted him. SO....when you are in a place of waiting or disappointment, you can bring your pain to Jesus. You can allow him to reassure you; he is your Loving Savior. He will strengthen your faith and hope. He will help you see his goodness in this life, and even more, in the life to come. ALWAYS remember, Jesus hears your prayers and while you may grow weary of prayer and short on patience, HE will ALWAYS answer you. It may not be in your time or on your schedule or exactly what you want, but Jesus always answers His faithful.

Lord, I put my trust in you!

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

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY		SEE INSERT FOR HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE
HOLY THURSDAY	April 2	7:00 PM 8 – 9 PM 8-Midnight	† Bernard & Barb Struempf Confessions Eucharistic Adoration			
GOOD FRIDAY	April 3	3:00 PM 8:00 PM	Stations (Deacon) Celebration	3:00 PM 3:30 – 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Stations (Father) Confessions Celebration	
HOLY SATURDAY	April 4	8:00 PM	† Parishioner's Mass			
EASTER	April 5	9:30 AM 9:50 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions St. Cecilia Children's Choir † Mary "Jane" Kesel	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Urban, Ron, & Randy Voss	

Holy Week Ministry Assignments are very important.

If you cannot fulfill your ministry role, please attempt to find a replacement or contact Michele at 573-291-6638.

Holy Week & Easter 2026 Ministry Schedules

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM @ St. Lawrence

Holy Week Ministry Assignments are very important. If you cannot fulfill your ministry role, please attempt to find a replacement or contact Michele at 573-291-6638.

Good Friday, April 3, St. Anthony Stations of the Cross: 3:00 PM (Father) Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 6:00 PM	
Lector-Readings / Voice / Narrator	Readings: Margie Chipman Donna Dickneite Narrator: Deacon Schwartz
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Schwartz
Sacristan	Mary Schulte
Rosary	Pasty Voss
<i>Servers – Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass</i>	Knox Buechter, Bryan Chipman, Augie Deardeuff
Greeters	Brandon & Amanda Buechter

Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:00 PM @ St. Lawrence

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 8:00 AM @ St. Anthony Mass Intention: † Urban, Ron, & Randy Voss	
Lector	Lynette Otto
Extraordinary Ministers	Margie Chipman, Mary Schulte
Offertory	Hayden & Josie Otto
Sacristan	Margie Wilson
Ushers	Norbert, Stanley, Walter Wiberg Dennis Wilson
Rosary	Dorothy Buechter
<i>Servers – Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass</i>	Ben Engelmeyer, Aiden & Cohen Faulkner, Grant Holtmeyer
Greeters	Billy Joe & Shelly Buechter

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM, St. Lawrence Mass Intention: † Bernard & Barb Struempf	
Lector	Kathleen Schwartz
Extraordinary Ministers	Paul Beck, Kim Plassmeyer, Cathy Reinkemeyer
Sacristan	Lora Luetkemeyer
Offertory	Kenneth & Myranda Schwartz
Rosary	Dianne Heckemeyer
<i>Servers – Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass</i>	Evelyn Buechter, Cooper Lueckenotto, Beckett & Austin O'Neil
Greeters	Abby Kemna

Good Friday, April 3, St. Lawrence Stations of the Cross: 3:00 PM (Deacon) Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 8:00 PM	
Lector-Readings / Voice / Narrator	Readings: Janet Weckenborg Voice: Ann Wieberg Narrator: Deacon Schwartz
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Schwartz, Kathleen Schwartz
Sacristan	Brett Holtmeyer
Rosary	Kaye Finn
<i>Servers – Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass</i>	Layla & Brennan Doerhoff Kiptyn Green
Greeters	Jim & Elaine Kesel

Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:00 PM @ St. Lawrence Mass Intention: Parishioner's Mass	
Lectors-Readings	First Reading: Rich Juergensmeyer Second & Third Readings: Leroy Heckemeyer Fifth Reading & Epistle: Paul Beck
Extraordinary Ministers	Mike Verhoff, Jim Plassmeyer, Leroy Heckemeyer
Offertory	Alan & Paula Struempf
Sacristan	Mike Verhoff
Rosary	Rose Buechter
<i>Servers – Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass</i>	Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer, Rowan Juergensmeyer, Cameron Kesel
Greeters	Brian & Carol Kirk

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 10:00 AM @ St. Lawrence Mass Intention: † Mary "Jane" Kesel	
Lector	Abby Kemna
Extraordinary Ministers	Jane Doerhoff, Joe Huhman, Dale Holtmeyer
Offertory	St. Cecilia Youth Choir
Sacristan	Stan Struempf
Rosary	Mary Ann Fennewald
<i>Servers – Please arrive 30 minutes before Mass</i>	Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer Ben & Harper Kemna
Greeters	Eric & Alysha O'Neil



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

March 27th



CCD CLASS for Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass / Ministries/Confessions: Grade 7
St. Lawrence begins with Stations of the Cross / Ministries: Grade 10
St. Cecilia Youth Choir Practice at 5:30 PM, Church Balcony

First Holy Communion Practice for Both Parishes Sunday, March 29

Where: St. Lawrence Church, following 10:00 AM Mass

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Anthony Parish Council Elections: Thank you to our nominees and to all those for voting. Your new Parish Council Members are Chelsie Deardeuff and Julie Wieberg. They will take office June 1.

St. Anthony Youth Choir: The Choir will be leading all the Mass hymns on Sunday, April 12, 2026. All participating Youth Choir members are asked to arrive by 7:55 AM.

Wednesday, March 25, 1:00 PM: Senior Citizens meet for cards. Snacks will be provided.

Friday, March 27: St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.

Palm Sunday/5th Sunday (March 29) & Knights of Columbus: The KofC Members have ministries on Palm Sunday (5th Sunday). Following 8 AM Mass, join the Knights for Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall.

April Sunday Rosary, 6:00 PM: April 19th in St. Anthony Church.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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

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 3 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. The Confirmation Reception will held immediately follow the ceremony in the Parish Hall; all are invited!
- **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 – 03/17/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 184,581.26	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 249,397.07
Online Offerings	29,645.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	2,315.00 / 6,916.66	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	12,389.15 765.00	
Other Income	44,185.55	
Total YTD Parish Income	293,582.47	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 278,872.70	
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 – 03/17/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 66,801.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 83,223.57
Online Offering	8,325.00	
Loose	5,857.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	1,343.00 0.00	
Other Income	9,837.85	
2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
Total YTD Parish Income	119,683.42	
Parish Ordinary Expenses	101,391.71	
2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,489.09	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 116,880.80	
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



**BAPTISMAL
CONGRATULATIONS**

*Clara Lavon Wilde
Child of
Brian & Megan (Kemna) Wilde*

*To be Baptized at
St. Lawrence Church on
Sunday, March 22, 2026*

BREAKING THE SILENCE OF ABUSE

As a diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop O'Donnell, please encourage them to write to us at reportabuse@diojeffcity.org.

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

ONLY TWO (2) SPOTS LEFT!

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.



Join Us

Bishop Ralph B. O'Donnell will bless the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens, and consecrate the Sacred Chrism.

Chrism Mass
March 31, 2026
Cathedral of St. Joseph
3:00 p.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. Reception Cana Hall
(All are welcome.)
RVSP by March 27:
diojeffcity.org/chrism-mass-rvsp

Fried Chicken and Baked Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Hosted by: St. Aloysius Church, Argyle & St. Boniface Chapel, Koeltztown

Country Fried Chicken and Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, and Assorted Desserts

Dine In or Drive Thru
\$16 Per Meal
Serving 11:00am to 5:30pm

Raffle and Country Store Available

Location: St. Boniface Annex Building
behind St. Boniface Church, Koeltztown, MO

WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY and WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. A week later, Christ would rise from the dead. During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into the Church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are to be appropriately gathered at the Church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the following year's Ash Wednesday observance. The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.