

PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua

132 Main Street
Iberia, MO 65486

St. Lawrence

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St. Elizabeth, MO 65075

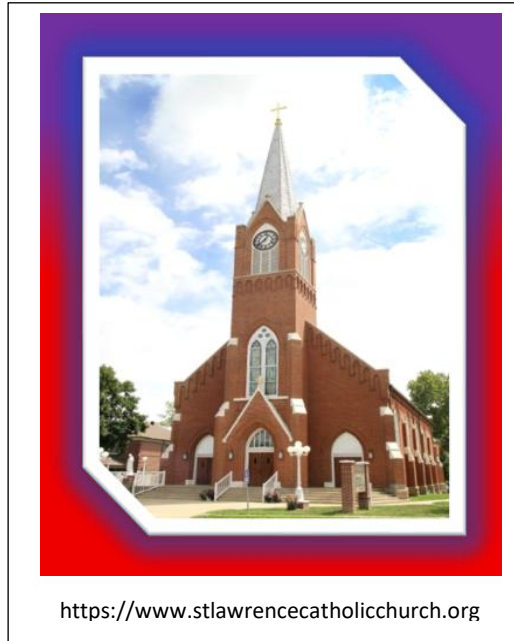
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POPE LEO'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION



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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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 31 – Holy Week & Easter

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Mar 31	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration † 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
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.

Sunday Daily Reflection, March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday: If Jesus were the star of a Hollywood movie, his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem would surely be the end of the movie, a joyous celebration of the Messiah receiving the recognition and honor he deserves. The movie would show how Jesus lived a sinless life, how he spent three years proclaiming and demonstrating the Kingdom of God was at hand, and how he trained his disciples. And in spite of some misunderstandings during his time of ministry, at last the crowds would finally acknowledge who he really was: the Son of God, the promised Messiah. The end...right? But as we read in today's Gospel, Palm Sunday was actually the beginning of one of the most significant weeks in history. Although it seemed as if things took a turn for the worse as the week went on, with Jesus' betrayal, abandonment, torture, and death, God's plan of salvation for the world was unfolding. In the homily on Palm Sunday, St. Bernard of Clairvaux remarked: How different the cries that now are calling him "King of Israel" and then in a few days' time, will be saying, "We have no king but Caesar!" What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his and casting lots. As you begin Holy Week, join the crowds in shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!". Then stay with Jesus all week as he prepares to suffer and die. Take some time each day to consider this one realization in today's Gospel: "Truly, this was the Son of God!". Jesus, the Son of God, suffered and died for you and that is better than any Hollywood ending.

Hosanna! Jesus, my King and my Lord, I praise you!

Stewardship Schedule Holy Thursday Good Friday	Holy Thursday, April 2 St. Lawrence, 7:00 PM † Bernard & Barb Struempf	Good Friday, April 3 St. Anthony Stations: 3:00 PM Celebration: 6:00 PM	Good Friday, April 3 St. Lawrence Stations: 3:00 PM Celebration: 8:00 PM
LECTORS	Kathleen Schwartze	Readings: Margie Chipman Donna Dickneite Narrator: Deacon Schwartze	Readings: Janet Weckenborg Voice: Ann Wieberg Narrator: Deacon Schwartze
SERVERS	Evelyn Buechter, Cooper Lueckenotto, Beckett & Austin O'Neil	Knox Buechter, Bryan Chipman, Augie Deardeuff	Layla & Brennan Doerhoff Kiptyn Green
GIFT BEARERS	Kenneth & Myranda Schwartze	-----	-----
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze, Paul Beck, Kim Plassmeyer, Cathy Reinkemeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Kathleen Schwartze
SACRISTAN	Lora Luetkemeyer	Mary Schulte	Brett Holtmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE	Rosary (Luminous): Dianne Heckemeyer Greeters: Abby Kemna	Rosary (Sorrowful): Pasty Voss Greeters: Brandon & Amanda Buechter	Rosary (Sorrowful): Kaye Finn Greeters: Jim & Elaine Kesel

Stewardship Schedule Holy Saturday EASTER	Easter Vigil, April 4 St. Lawrence, 8:00 PM Parishioner's Mass	EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 St. Anthony, 8:00 AM † Urban, Ron, & Randy Voss	EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 St. Anthony, 10:00 AM † Mary "Jane" Kesel
LECTORS	First Reading: Rich Juergensmeyer Second & Third Readings: Leroy Heckemeyer Fifth Reading & Epistle: Paul Beck	Lynette Otto	Abby Kemna
SERVERS	Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer Rowan Juergensmeyer, Cameron Kesel	Ben Engelmeyer, Grant Holtmeyer Aiden & Cohen Faulkner	Hudson Kemna, Ben & Harper Kemna Harrison Plassmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Alan & Paula Struempf	Hayden & Josie Otto	St. Cecilia Youth Choir
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mike Verhoff, Jim Plassmeyer Leroy Heckemeyer	Deacon Schwartze, Mary Schulte Margie Chipman	Deacon Schwartze, Jane Doerhoff Joe Huhman, Dale Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Margie Wilson	Stan Struempf
PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE	Rosary (Glorious): Rose Buechter Greeters: Brian & Carol Kirk	Rosary (Glorious): Dorothy Buechter Greeters: Billy Joe & Shelly Buechter Ushers: Norbert, Stanley, & Walter Wieberg and Dennis Wilson	Rosary (Glorious): Mary Ann Fennewald Greeters: Eric & Alysha O'Neil

MidWest March For Life

THURSDAY
APRIL 30, 2026

To honor and glorify Jesus Christ
and defend innocent life.



MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL

South Lawn • 201 W. Capitol Ave. • Jefferson City, Missouri
Activities planned from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Capitol Grounds
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Reagan Barklage
VP of Field Operations
Students for Life of America



Linda Friere
Sr. Regional Program Manager
Sidewalk Advocates for Life



Mayra Rodriguez
Pro-Life Speaker and
Planned Parenthood Whistleblower



Dr. Sarah Florence
Her Health, Her Future

8:00 am - Prayer Walk in Capitol
Led by Bonnie Lee, Open Heart Baptist

**8:30 am - Rosary, Divine Mercy
and May Crowning** (North Lawn)

9:30 am - Opening Celebration
(South Capitol Steps)

- Star Spangled Banner - Haydee Cullen, Vocalist
- American Heritage Girls Flag Ceremony
- Pledge of Allegiance with Pro-Life Legislators

10:00 am - Rally

- Welcome - Rev. Anthony J. Viviano,
Moderator for Pro-Life Ministry
- Opening Prayer - Rev. Major Nicholas J. Reid
- Presentation of Team P.L.A.Y. Awards
- by Kathy Forck
Awards for Pro-Life Champion of the Year
and Pro-Life School of 2026
- Rally Speakers
- Women in White Speak Out

11:30 am - MIDWEST MARCH BEGINS

Order: Cross, Clergy, Honor Guard,
Helias Drum Line, Pro-Life School of the Year

11:30 am - 12:15 pm - CoMo Life Teen Band
Directed by Haydee Cullen
(South Capitol Steps)

**12:15 - 1:15 pm - Students for Life of America
and Turning Point USA Youth Workshop**
(Selinger Center)

**1:30 pm - Holy Mass at Proto-Cathedral
of Saint Peter**

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.

The Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday – Holy Saturday/Easter

Easter Triduum is a term used by the Roman Catholic Church to denote the three days, spanning from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends after evening prayers at sunset on Easter Day. The term was used at the Second Vatican Council, when the revised liturgical calendar set the final part of Holy Week apart from Lent proper. Previously, these three days had already gained distinction from the rest of Holy Week with an observance of silence, which were also known as "the still days." During Mass, music was not to be played and all church bells were silenced. People were also encouraged to observe silence in their homes during this time.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2	GOOD FRIDAY, April 3	HOLY SATURDAY, April 4 EASTER SUNDAY, April 5
<p>The first celebration of the Triduum is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. This Mass celebrates the last meal Jesus shared with his Twelve Apostles and disciples before his death. After the homily on Holy Thursday, we imitate our Master in the washing of feet. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment means we are to be servants of one another. In the time of St. Ambrose in Milan, those who were baptized also had their feet washed, because of Jesus' words to Peter: "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed."</p>	<p>On this day, Christians ritually recall the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus. Mass is not celebrated on this day, however, Holy Communion (reserved in the tabernacle on the altar of repose from the previous evening) is distributed at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The celebration traditionally occurs at 3 pm and consists of three parts: liturgy of the Word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion. At the conclusion, the priest and people depart in silence, and the altar cloth is removed, leaving the altar bare.</p>	<p>Following Good Friday, Holy Saturday is a commemoration of the day that Jesus lay in his tomb. In the Roman Catholic Church, daytime Masses are never offered. The Easter Vigil begins between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil Mass is traditionally a candle-lit service and is the first official celebration of Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the dead. This night's vigil is the greatest and most holy of all solemnities in the Catholic Church. On Easter Sunday, the glorious celebration continues as Jesus Christ has risen to die no more!</p>

LAST CCD CLASS for Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Stations / Ministries: All Grades

St. Lawrence begins with Mass / Ministries: Grade 7

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter Sunday, April 5: After 8:00 AM Mass, join the CYO (in front of Church) for an Easter Candy Hunt! CYO will provide instructions; children ages 7 and under will hunt on the right side of the church and children 8 and up will hunt across the street on the Parish Hall grounds. In the event of rain/cold weather, CYO members will be in the back of church handing out Easter candy from the Parish. Happy Easter!

Monday, April 6, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

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 7:50 AM.

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

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to our new Parish Council Members Lindsey Holtmeyer, Nathan Kesel, and Quentin Wright.

St. Cecilia Youth Choir / Easter Practice Schedule: Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 PM, in the Church balcony. The Choir will sing at the Easter Sunday Mass, 10:00 AM and the Choir will meet in the Church Basement at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 5.

PRAYER for the UNBORN: April 1st is the first Wednesday of the month. Each first Wednesday, all students from St. Elizabeth R-4 are invited to meet at the Holy Family across from school at 8:00 AM to pray for the unborn. Community members are welcome to attend and pray with the students. If you are a student from another school, send up a little prayer at 8:00 AM with us. All of our prayers will join together! All in Christ, for Pro-Life!

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

FIRST Monday, April 6, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary in St. Lawrence Church.

Sunday, April 12, 5 – 9 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets in the Community Center; please bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT CCD YEAR!

A special thank you to Father and Deacon, Faith Formation Coordinators Lauren and Kara, CCD Teachers and Classroom Assistants, Lead Organists Gail Rehagen and Peggy Wieberg and all others helping in any way! It takes a village and we are SO BLESSED to have all of you!

FIRST FRIDAY of April

In honor of Good Friday and the Passion of Our Lord, there are no First Friday services or activities.

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

*Clarise Renee Wieberg
Child of
Brett & Sheldon (Holtmeyer) Wieberg
Baptized at St. Lawrence Church
Saturday, March 28, 2026*

We are excited to WELCOME!

Please join me in welcoming Seminarian Bryce Smith to our parishes for a parish internship and ministry experience. He looks forward to getting to know our parishioners.

Father Aubuchon

2026 UPCOMING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS

- ***** UPDATE ***** Confirmation Practice has been **RESCHEDULED** for Thursday, April 9, 6:45 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 – 03/26/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 186,112.35	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 251,398.66
Online Offerings	30,035.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	2,355.00 / 6,957.16	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special	12,389.15	
Easter Special	765.00	
Other Income		49,281.64
Total YTD Parish Income		300,680.30
Total YTD Parish Expenses		\$ 284,193.81
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 – 03/26/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 67,891.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 84,526.57
Online Offering	8,395.00	
Loose	6,000.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special	1,343.00	
Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income		9,837.85
2025 Fall Supper Income		26,622.00
Total YTD Parish Income		120,986.42
Parish Ordinary Expenses		102,160.33
2025 Fall Supper Expenses		15,489.09
Total YTD Parish Expenses		\$ 117,649.42
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



Casen Rodriquez
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
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PARISH OFFICE HOLY WEEK HOURS

Good Friday (April 3) and Easter Monday (April 6) are Diocesan Holidays; therefore, the Parish Office will be closed on these days. Thank You!