

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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

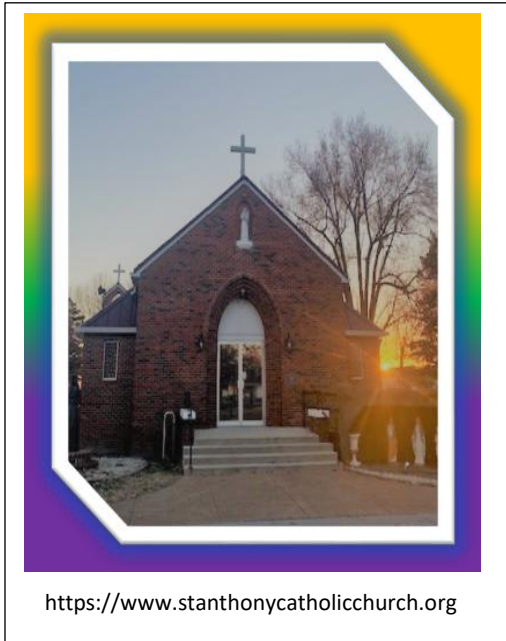
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Deacon Steve Schwartze

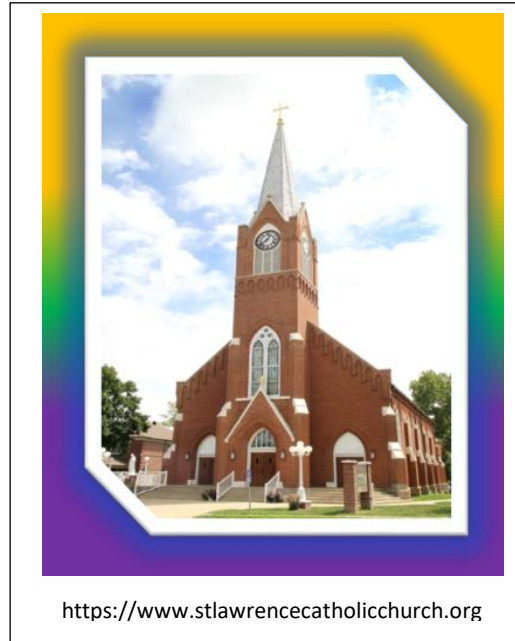
Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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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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 Faith Formation Coordinators Lauren Kliethermes/Kara Scheulen
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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 10 - 22, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Mar 10	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions Litany of Peace † Albert Plassmeyer		
Wednesday	Mar 11	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Loretta Weiler CCD Stations of the Cross Ministries: Grade 10	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Helen Branch Ministries: Grades 2-4
Thursday	Mar 12	7:15 AM	† Francis Struempf	6:30 PM	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE / No Mass
Friday	Mar 13	7:15 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	† Michael Bellinghausen Miller Co Rehab & Care Center Mass Stations of the Cross (Father)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Deacon)
Saturday	Mar 14	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Frank & Eleanor Wilde		
Sunday	Mar 15	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners' Mass	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Colette Hicks & Heather Luttrell
Tuesday	Mar 17	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions Litany of Peace † LaVerne (Wilde) Dubbert, Victor & Daniel		
Wednesday	Mar 18	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Joseph Struempf Ministries: Grade 8	6:30 PM	CCD Stations of the Cross Ministries: Grade 2 - 4
Thursday	Mar 19	7:15 AM	† Leonard & Louise Beck	6:00 PM	Word & Communion Service (Deacon) **No Mass
Friday	Mar 20	7:15 AM 6:00 PM	† George Holtmeyer Stations of the Cross (Deacon)	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (Father)
Saturday	Mar 21	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Cletus Schwartze		
Sunday	Mar 22	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † George & Dorothy Heckemeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners' Mass

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

Sunday Daily Reflection, March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent: Today marks the third Sunday of Lent, and how is your enthusiasm for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Is it fading? Perhaps your Lenten sacrifices have been more challenging than you anticipated or you don't feel any closer to God. Like the Israelites in today's first reading, you may wonder, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" God had freed his people from slavery, yet they doubted he would provide for them. In their thirst, they grew impatient and hardened their hearts despite all he had done for them. They even argued that slavery in Egypt was better than freedom in the desert! So they demanded the Lord quench their thirst. In his mercy, God granted their request. Moses struck the rock and water flowed forth for the people to drink. In today's Gospel, we meet a Samaritan woman who also has a deep thirst. She comes to draw water but Jesus asks her for a drink. She wonders: *Who is this?* Jesus replies, "If you knew...., you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." She doesn't grasp who Jesus is, but her thirst opens her heart to him and she replies, "Give me this water," and it was then, Jesus revealed himself to her. Jesus responds by telling her he is the Messiah and the One who knows her past and offers the waters of eternal life! Jesus wants to reveal himself to you every day and he does so by speaking to you through the Scriptures during Mass. He is also SO EVER present in both the simple and profound moments of your life! From the dirty dishes to the laundry to the beautiful sunrises and sunsets and every minute in between, he is present! Open your eyes and "harden not your heart". The Lord is in your midst!

I am thirsty, Lord! Soften my heart so I can recognize You today!

Stewardship Schedule LENT	SATURDAY, March 14, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Frank & Eleanor Wilde	SUNDAY, March 15, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony † Colette Hicks & Heather Luttrell	SUN, Mar 15, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS	Cathy Reinkemeyer	Nikki Rowden	Bert Doerhoff
SERVERS	Emmalyn Plassmeyer, Daisy Bax Augusta Schanzmeyer	Mason Otto Leo & Rita Wiberg	Elise Scheulen, Braxton Wilde Kiptyn Green
GIFT BEARERS	Dustin & Blair Schanzmeyer	Linda Volmert & Madeleine Cochran	Ben & Kara Scheulen
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze / Mike Verhoff	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze / Ben Scheulen
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Margie Wilson	Brett Holtmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY/SERVICE	Rosary: Cathy Reinkemeyer Greeters: Joe & Kim Plassmeyer	Rosary: Rosetta Holtmeyer Greeters: Janice Brand Ushers: Wyatt Voss, Bill Werdehausen and Tony and Ben Wieberg	Rosary: Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer Greeters: Kaye Finn & Dianne Heckemeyer

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

St. Lawrence: Sunday, March 8, 5:30 PM

St. Anthony: Thursday, March 12, 6:30 PM



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

March 13th, 20th, and 27th

CCD CLASS for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass / Ministries: Grades 2 - 4

St. Lawrence begins with Stations of The Cross / Ministries: Grade 10



ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Wednesday, Mar 11, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for cards and Bingo. Fish is for lunch and everyone is asked to bring a dish.

March Sunday Rosary, 6:00 PM: March 15th 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.

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

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

Tuesday, Mar 10, 7:45 PM: St. Lawrence Parish/Finance Council Meeting in the Church Basement.

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.

2026 UPCOMING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS - UPDATED

- **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! 10 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 – 03/05/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 171,126.99	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 234,281.80
Online Offerings	28,415.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	2,255.00 / 6,560.66	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	12,389.15 750.00	
Other Income	43,961.40	
Total YTD Parish Income	278,243.20	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 274,716.48	
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithes (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 – 03/05/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 62,206.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 78,162.57
Online Offering	8,185.00	
Loose	5,531.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	1,343.00 0.00	
Other Income	9,292.55	
2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
Total YTD Parish Income	114,037.12	
Parish Ordinary Expenses	92,371.81	
2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,489.09	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 107,860.90	
FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithes (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
CONGRATULATIONS**

*Gentrie Rose Kemna
Child of
Chad & Natalie Kemna*

*To be Baptized at
St. Lawrence Church on
Sunday, March 8, 2026*

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| Ed Franko | Grant Lamb |
| 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 |

THANK YOU FROM ST. ANN'S

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the successful bag-a-prize at the St. Elizabeth KofC Fish Fry (Feb 27th). We had our most successful turnout and it's all because of your support and generosity. God Bless all of you!

**MIDWEST
MARCH FOR LIFE**

Save the Date

April 30, 2026
Missouri State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO

Featured Speakers:

Mayra Rodriguez Linda Friere Reagan Barklage
Pro-Life Speaker and Whatshelbrower Sidewalk Advocates for Life Students for Life of America

Holy Mass Offered by Bishop James V. Johnston


To see typical schedule from last year, get more information, and register, visit us at:
midwestmarchforlife.com

**First Class Relic of St. Carlos Acutis
Miracles of the Eucharist Display**

We love to honor young people as they promote
the sanctity of life!

Tell us what your school or homeschool group has been
doing and apply to be the Prolife School of Year!

School bands welcome to register to perform in the March



Save the date for the Midwest March for Life on April 30, 2026, at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. Join advocates from across the region for prayer, witness, and Holy Mass with Bishop James V. Johnston, along with featured speakers and a special display on the Eucharistic miracles. Learn more at midwestmarchforlife.com.

St. Louis of France Parish

CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday March 15th

Bonnots Mill Parish Hall

FRIED CHICKEN

REAL MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, CORN, SLAW
HOMEMADE BREAD & DESSERTS

+ SERVING 12:00 - 6:00 PM +

Cafeteria Style, Dine-In OR To-Go!


\$16 Per Plate

COUNTRY STORE
50/50 GIN RICKEY

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Bidding Starts Find Link on the Bidding Ends
Sunday March 9th Parish Facebook Page 2:00 PM Friday March 13th

WESTPHALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING TO
FEATURE SPEAKER JAMES FARRIS ON
Father Ferdinand Helias



Join the Westphalia Historical Society to hear their featured speaker, Professor James Farris. He will discuss the life of Father Ferdinand Helias and his work in the translation of Helias' diary from Latin to English. Additionally, "The Memoirs of Father Ferdinand" provided by Jenny Smith of the Historic City of Jefferson, will be for sale at the event.

The Historical Society Business Meeting will take place following the presentation.

March 20th at 7:00pm
Linda Rouse
130 E. Main Street
Westphalia

MEMBER COST \$2.00. NON-MEMBERS ARE \$5.00 PER PERSON

FISH FRY

Fried Fish with Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans,
Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, and Applesauce

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

"Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing." Mark 6:41



2026
**HEART OF A HERO
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

CANA HALL, CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

APRIL 10 **APRIL 11**
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

\$30 FRIDAY ONLY
\$40 SATURDAY ONLY
\$55 BOTH DAYS
\$20 BOTH DAYS - STUDENT

NO CHARGE FOR PRICES OR SEMINARS

INCLUDES MIDDAY MASS, ADORATION/CONFESSIONS DURING LUNCH

SCAN FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER!

HEAR OUR AMAZING PRESENTERS:



"FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF COWARDICE BUT RATHER OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL." - 2 TIMOTHY 1:7