

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## April 12, 2026

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

**St. Anthony of Padua**

132 Main Street

Iberia, MO 65486

**St. Lawrence**

246 Main Street

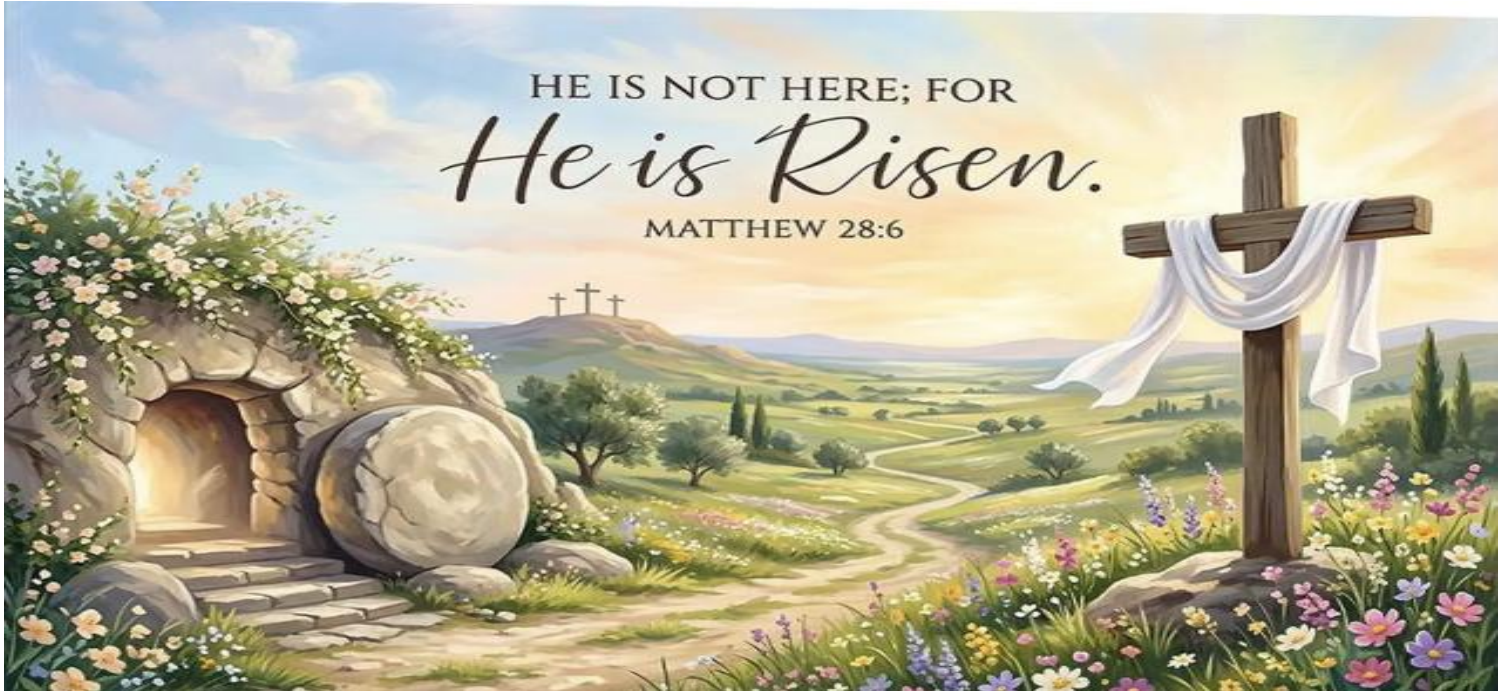
St. Elizabeth, MO 65075

**Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor**

Deacon Steve Schwartz / Seminarian Bryce Smith

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary & St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



**ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Sandy Wieberg, President

Julie Dye, Secretary Billy Buechter

Brandon Buechter Loren Otto

Scott Roark Nikki Rowden

**ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Eva Voss, President Chris Dye

Kevin Otto Jackie Perkins

Mary Schulte

**POPE LEO'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION**



For Priests in Crisis  
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find accompaniment they need and communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Tom Oligschlaeger, President

Abby Kemna, Secretary

Chris Beck

Kelli Green

Craig Oligschlaeger

Eric O'Neil

**ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL**

Ben Scheulen, President Janet Beck

Kaye Finn

Leroy Heckemeyer

Jim Plassmeyer

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Parish Office Location: St. Lawrence Church Basement

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

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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: April 14 – 24, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	April 14	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration † Roger Heckemeyer		
Wednesday	April 15	7:15 AM	† Ray & Rosetta Doerhoff	6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Confirmation Candidates meet in front of Church CONFIRMATION Ceremony Reception following in Parish Hall
Thursday	April 16	7:15 AM	† Vic & Vernita Block	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Mary Herx
Friday	April 17	7:15 AM	† Keith Pigg		
Saturday	April 18	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners' Mass		
Sunday	April 19	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Emil & Rose Plassmeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Melissa Bax
Tuesday	April 21	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration Word & Communion Service		
Tues – Fri	<b>April 21 – 24: Annual Priest Retreat - No Daily Masses</b>				

**Sunday Daily Reflection, April 12, 2026 – Divine Mercy Sunday:** As he opens his letter, St. Peter blesses God, whose “great mercy” has given us “a new birth” (1 Peter 1:3). On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let’s look at some of the blessings that God’s mercy has won for us. *A living hope.* Jesus, risen in glory, has opened heaven! We aren’t doomed to life of hopelessness marked by sin and death. Now freed from these forces, we can live every day in the sure knowledge that the God of Heaven is walking with us. We can know a living hope that assured us we can be “transformed...from glory to glory” as we stay connected to him. *An inheritance that is imperishable.* Just as parents leave their children an inheritance, Jesus has left one for us, an imperishable one. Silver and gold, valuable though they may be, can give us only earthly security. But Jesus has left us with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and these last forever. They sustain us and lift us up in good times and bad, in plenty and in need. They bind us to the God who loves us without end. *A salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.* We often look at divine mercy as a gift for today, but God takes a longer view as well. He promises in “the final time,” at the very end, he has a great salvation waiting for us. As we enter into eternity, “we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is”. All pain, suffering, temptation, sadness, and sin will be wiped away, and we will enter the new creation to live forever in the presence of the Lord. *A living hope, An imperishable inheritance, A final salvation.* Our God is merciful beyond compare. May we never cease to praise Him!

*“Jesus, my Savior, I am in awe of your overflowing mercy.”*

REVISED Stewardship Schedule April 18 - 19	SATURDAY, April 18, 5:00 PM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass	SUNDAY, April 19, 8:00 am St. Anthony † Leonard & Louise Beck	SUNDAY, April 19, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Norbert & Betty Kemna
LECTORS	Janet Beck	Lisa Otto	Kaye Finn
** REVISED ** SERVERS throughout The Easter Season	Augusta Schanzmeyer Paisley Bax, Cooper Lueckenotto Jakob Kesel	Mason Otto Alyssa Perkins Leo & Rita Wieberg	Ben, Harper, and Kane Kemna Hudson Kemna
GIFT BEARERS	James & Pat Struempf	Keith & Lynette Otto	Kenny & Lynn Struempf
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze, Kathleen Schwartze Mike Verhoff, Jim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartze, Lynette Otto Catherine Kliethermes	Deacon Schwartze, Ben Scheulen Doug & Karla Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Catherine Kliethermes	Brett Holtmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary (Glorious): Cathy Reinkemeyer Greeters: Joe & Kim Plassmeyer	Rosary (Glorious): Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Greeters: Kevin & Lisa Otto Ushers: Derek, Trent, Ethan, and Larry Bax	Rosary (Glorious): Albert & Dolores Frey Greeters: Kaye Finn & Dianne Heckemeyer

Stewardship Schedule April 25 - 26	SATURDAY, April 25, 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Frank & Eleanor Wilde	SUNDAY, April 26, 8:00 am St. Anthony † Veronica Holtmeyer	SUNDAY, April 26, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS	Cathy Reinkemeyer	Lynette Otto	Daniel Buechter
SERVERS throughout The Easter Season	Evelyn Buechter Harrison Plassmeyer Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer	Sarah Kliethermes Lillian & Nick Wieberg Christina Bax	Cameron Kesel Beckett O'Neil Alayna & Mya Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARERS	Roy & Linda Struempf	Kevin & Lisa Otto	Stanley & Theresa Struempf
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Paul Beck, Kim Plassmeyer Cathy Reinkemeyer, Janet Weckenborg	Mary Schulte, Liz Voss Margie Chipman	Bert & Jane Doerhoff Chad Green, Chris Beck
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Mary Schulte	Sharon Kemna
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary (Glorious): Kaye Finn Greeters: Frank & June Bax	Rosary (Glorious): Betty Voss Greeters: Loren & Kaylie Otto Ushers: Rodney Bax, Michael Bennett, Alan Blomberg, Derek Blomberg	Rosary (Glorious): Bert & Jane Doerhoff Greeters: Nick & Kelli Green

## 2026 UPCOMING SACRAMENTS & EVENTS

- **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!
  - **Candidates AND Sponsors:** Please meet in front of Church at 6:15 PM for a group picture with the Bishop. PLEASE be prompt.
- **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.

### ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Thursday, April 16, after the 6:00 PM Mass:** Ladies Auxiliary will meet in Lorenz Hall.

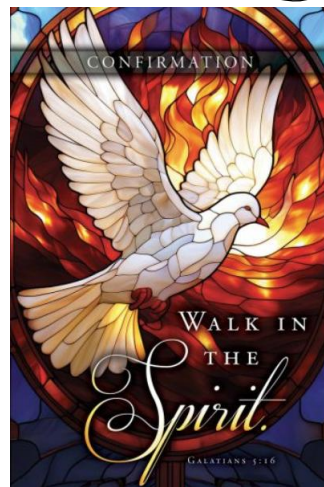
**Sunday Rosary, April 18, 6:00 PM:** St. Anthony Church.



In Remembrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
they shall receive, for the first time, the  
Most Sacred Body and Blood  
in Holy Communion  
on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Garrett Bennett	St. Anthony
Darci Buechter	St. Lawrence
August Heckemeyer	St. Lawrence
Tegan Holtmeyer	St. Lawrence
Sadie Kemna	St. Lawrence
Tucker Kesel	St. Lawrence
Maryn Libbert	St. Lawrence
Gus Newman	St. Anthony
August Nilges	St. Lawrence
Waylon Twehus	St. Lawrence
Kaylee Voss	St. Anthony
Koren Weckenborg	St. Lawrence

**BLESSED CONGRATULATIONS!**



Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill the Hearts of  
Your faithful and  
kindle in them  
the fire of  
Your love.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the beginning of your next incredible journey, through life, with God and the Holy Spirit. Congratulations and may you be blessed with love and success as you continue to grow in your Catholic faith.

#### St. Lawrence

<u>St. Anthony</u>	Corbin Bruemmer
Augie Deardeuff	Kamry Kemna
Trayton Dye	Cooper Lueckenotto
Cohen Faulkner	Alayna Oligschlaeger
Olivia Neuman	Tyson Otto
Rita Wieberg	Preston Plassmeyer
	Beau Struempf
	Aiden Wieberg
	Kendall Wieberg

Shall be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit on  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2026.

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 – 04/09/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 225,719.47	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 305,596.08
Online Offerings	31,570.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	2,575.00 / 7,286.21	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	12,389.15 13,271.25	
Other Income	49,817.96	
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>	<b>355,414.04</b>	
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 290,263.89</b>	
<b>FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62</b>		
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 – 04/09/2026	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 73,166.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 91,646.58
Online Offering	8,960.00	
Loose	6,462.01	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special Easter Special	1,343.00 818.00	
Other Income	10,126.85	
2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>	<b>128,395.43</b>	
Parish Ordinary Expenses	102,338.33	
2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,489.09	
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 117,827.42</b>	
<b>FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08</b>		
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



The Community Center is in need of a new Quilt Tent for the St. Elizabeth Picnic. Please consider stopping by the St. Elizabeth Bank Mid America location during the month of April and signing up for the Cornhole Board Giveaway. For every sign-up, Mid America Bank will donate \$10 (one per person/ do not have to be a MAB customer) to the Community Center for "Community Banking Awareness" month.

### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (the Octave of Easter), is a Catholic feast day established by Pope John Paul II in 2000. It centers on God's love and mercy, featuring the message of St. Faustina Kowalska, special graces, and a plenary indulgence for attending Mass and Confession. Liturgically the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery, the whole mystery of the Death, the Burial and the Resurrection of Christ, which is made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

### EASTER THANK YOU !

The Easter Season and the days and events leading up to Easter (Lent, Penance Services, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week) are undoubtedly the busiest of the liturgical year and for the Church & Parish Volunteers. So much takes place behind the scenes and throughout these 40 days ☺! It truly takes a small, dedicated, and devoted army to make all things happen. Thank you to those decorating and cleaning the churches, ordering flowers, changing altar cloths, covering statues, and designing the various Holy displays. This work is so valuable and appreciated! To those preparing and/or serving Penance dinners and desserts, it's home-cooking at its best! To all our musicians and choirs, thank you for sharing your talents. Special thanks to ALL our organists and Adult Choirs for your wonderful and steadfast glorious work. To the St. Cecilia Youth Choir and to Heather Bax & Michele Renkemeyer, Hallelujah Indeed! To all those performing a ministry or service, thank you! Special thanks to our Servers and Ushers in both parishes; we know who you are and THANK YOU! And to ALL our devote Parishioners for your continued support and donations. To anyone we missed, please know we are most appreciate of all the help and support throughout the Easter Season and always!

**ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD!  
GOD BLESS!**



Casen Rodriguez  
Ed Franko  
Fred Grellaur  
Barb Brison  
John Schaefer  
Helen Davis  
Travis Tomson  
Larry Buckley  
Clinton Luebbering  
Dylan Nichols  
Terry Yates

Dakota Clarkston  
Bryleigh Wulff  
Sherry Johnson  
Nolan Kesel  
Cathy Thompson  
Grant Lamb  
Deidra Buechter  
Emberlee, Josie, &  
Brody Boeckman  
Joel Gares  
Jerry Herx

Mike Kesel  
Louis Toeppen  
Vicki Cox Bullock  
Ramona Bax  
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