

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2024

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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Jackie Perkins

Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention

For hope to find a home in our hearts as we embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Amid the jubilation, may we also find time in prayer to experience the calm and peace of God's presence in our lives.

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 17 – 25, 2024

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Dec 17	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Gerard “Butch” Blomberg		
CCD Wednesday	Dec 18	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Martin & Gertrude Bax Ministries & Confessions: 5 th Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional 8 th & 9 th Grades
Thursday	Dec 19	7:15 AM	† Henry Struempf	NO MASS	Father is assisting with Advent Penance Services in Mary’s Home
Friday	Dec 20	7:15 AM	† Daniel Scheulen		
Saturday	Dec 21	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Evelyn Struempf		
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec 22	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Connie Brandt	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	SEE Holy Mass & Stewardship Schedules Below			
Christmas Day	Dec 25				

December 15, 2024 Daily Reflection – Third Sunday of Advent. Did you ever rejoice in something that hadn’t actually happened yet? Maybe you were looking forward to a dear friend’s wedding or a visit from an out-of-town relative. Just the thought of what was to come made you smile. In today’s first reading, the prophet, Zephaniah told the Israelites to “be glad and exult” because God was going to remove “the judgment against” them. They were to rejoice even though they were still suffering the consequences of their rebellion against the Lord. Why? Because God had promised to rescue them, so it would come to pass. Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day set aside during Advent for rejoicing. Although Christmas is still 10 days away, we can begin rejoicing in Jesus’ birth now. We can also look forward to Jesus’ Second Coming, when he will establish a new heaven and new earth. Like the Israelites, we don’t know when that will happen, and yet we are called to rejoice in it because God keeps His promises. We live in a fallen world these days, surrounded by much pain and sorrow. We may be going through a difficult time this Advent, BUT it is possible to rejoice in what has been promised to us. One day, we will stand before the Lord, and He will wipe every tear from our eyes. On that day, we won’t be able to contain our joy! SO CHOOSE to rejoice today, no matter how you feel because our Lord keeps His promises and He is coming! **JESUS, I REJOICE IN YOU ALWAYS, NOW AND FOREVER!**

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Dec 21, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony Last Sunday of Advent Mass Dec 22, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Last Sunday of Advent Mass Dec 22, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Karla Buechter	Lisa Otto	Kaye Finn
SERVERS	Paisley Bax Matthew Heckemeyer Noah Wieberg	Sidney Engelmeyer Aiden Faulkner Cohen Faulkner	Cameron Kesel Jacob Kesel Mya Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARER	Dale & Traci Struempf Mass for † Evelyn Struempf	Randy & Ronnie Holtmeyer Parishioner’s St. Anthony & St. Lawrence	Brett Holtmeyer Family Mass for † Connie Brandt
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Dale Buechter	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Kim Plassmeyer
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Catherine Kliethermes	Lora Luetkemeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Dianne Heckemeyer Greeters: Dale & Andrea Holtmeyer	Rosary: Delphine Dickneite Greeters: Jacob & Lauren Kliethermes Ushers: Alphonse, Charlie, Clinton, & Gary Otto	Rosary: Syl & Mary Kesel Greeters: Dennis & Chris Beck

Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God Holy Mass Schedule
Dec 31, 2024 New Year’s Eve - St. Lawrence Adoration/Confessions @ 5 PM Mass @ 6 PM
January 1, 2025 New Year’s Day - St. Lawrence Confessions @ 8:30 AM Mass @ 9:00 AM
January 1, 2025 New Year’s Day - St. Anthony Confessions @ 5:30 PM Mass @ 6:00 PM

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Anthony Christmas EVE Dec 24, 6:30 PM	St. Lawrence Christmas EVE Dec 24, 4:00 PM	St. Anthony Christmas DAY Dec 25, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Christmas DAY Dec 25, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Nikki Rowden	Paul Beck	Lynette Otto	Kathleen Schwartze
SERVERS	Grant Holtmeyer Riley Holtmeyer Keaton Jones Sarah Kliethermes	Daisy Bax Tyson Otto Harrison Plassmeyer Preston Plassmeyer	Mason Otto Alyssa Perkins Leo Wieberg Rita Wieberg	Brennan Doerhoff Ben Kemna Harper Kemna Kane Kemna
GIFT BEARERS	Dennis & Margie Wilson Parishioner’s Mass	Tony & Darlene Loethen Mass for † George & Dorothy Heckemeyer	Eddie & Donna Green Mass for † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss	Vic & Don and Georgia Block Mass for † Vernita Block
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Cathy Engelmeyer Lynette Otto	Deacon Schwartze Kathleen Schwartze Janet Weckenborg Mike Verhoff	Deacon Schwartze Margie Chipman Liz Voss	Deacon Schwartze Theresa Struempf Dale Holtmeyer Joe Huhman
SACRISTAN	Margie Wilson	Brett Holtmeyer	Mary Schulte	Albert Frey
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	No Rosary / Caroling @ 6 PM Greeters: Loren & Kaylie Otto Ushers: George, Hayden, John, & Loren Otto	No Rosary / Choir Begins @ 3:25 PM Greeters: 2 nd Grade CCD	Rosary: Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Greeters: Clint & Jackie Perkins Ushers: Keith, Kevin, & Tom Otto and Scott Roark	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff Greeters: Leroy & Shelia Heckemeyer

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 289			FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 142		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/11/2024		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/11/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 102,511.45	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 130,980.02	Adult Envelopes	\$ 39,404.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 47,995.52
Online Offerings	14,165.00		Online Offering	5,280.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	305.00 / 3,143.57		Loose	2,606.00	
Mission Collection	10,855.00		Mission Collection	705.00	
Other Income	40,705.45		Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	4,037.57 / 23,571.25	
Total YTD Parish Income		171,685.47	Total YTD Parish Income		75,604.34
Expenses		\$ 165,141.03	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 52,494.06 / 14,139.56
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	August 2024	\$ 6,020.85		August 2024	\$ 2,227.70
	September 2024	\$ 6,180.16		September 2024	\$ 2,095.85
	October 2024	\$ 5,970.78		October 2024	\$ 2,270.25
	November 2024	\$ 7,559.35		November 2024	\$ 2,121.14

CCD Schedule for Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional – 8th & 9th Grades
 CCD Classes will stay/meet in church at 7 PM for group pictures

St. Lawrence begins with Mass – Ministries & Confessions: 5th Grade
 Grades 5th THROUGH 12th and all SERVERS are to stay after Mass or meet in Church at 7 PM for group pictures

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday Advent Rosary, Dec 15, 6 PM: St. Anthony Church.

The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Giving Tree again this year. The Giving tree is set up in the back of church. Please select the tag(s) off the tree, gift wrap and attach the tag on the gift(s), and place in the back of church. The gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 16th. Your support in helping the Auxiliary sponsor a family in need is much appreciated!

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Mark Your Calendars: St. Elizabeth Anglers Fish Fry is February 14, 2005. St. Elizabeth K of C Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2025.

Sunday, Dec 22, following the 10 AM Mass: Christmas Church Decorating at St. Lawrence. Volunteers are most welcome!

St. Ann News Update

THANK YOU to all who took a tag(s) from the St. Ann Sodality Giving Tree! We are very blessed by your generosity and giving heart this holiday season. Please remember to leave your wrapped gift(s) on the bench in the back of Church **by December 15** and don't forget the name tag. Contact Diane Jurgensmeyer for more information.

Monday, Dec 30, 4 PM: St. Ann Christmas Gathering Event will be held at the home of Kim and Joe Plassmeyer, 50 South Sugar Road, Meta, MO. We will do a gift exchange (\$15 limit). Bring snacks, your best game skills, humor and spirits. Contact any of the officers (Diane Juergensmeyer, Darlene Wansing or Janet Weckenborg) with any questions.

For information about the St. Ann Angels and our special deliveries this year, contact Linda Wilde. And if you are a member of St. Ann's and would like to help prepare deliveries, baskets will be put together and distributed on Wednesday, December 18.

Other News

Monday, Dec 16, Food Pantry Day: Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1 – 7 PM. All **Helping Hands** on deck are needed to fill orders and very much appreciated!

Ireland/Scotland Pilgrimage with Fr. Matthew Flatley (Moderator of Spiritual Formation with the Diocese of Jefferson City, MO) August 18 - 31, 2025. Belfast - Dublin - Glasgow - Edinburgh -St Andrews - Scotch Whiskey Tour -Carfin Grotto - Scone Palace - Croagh Patrick - Lough Derg - Kylemore Abbey - Galway Cathedral - Cliffs of Moher - Knock Shrine -Blarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin Eple Museum - Guinness Storehouse -St Patrick's' Church - Sairling Castle Holyrood - St. Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral. Please call Fr. Matt @ 573-202-3590 or email mflatley@diojeffcity.org to learn more. We will gather in Jefferson City on Thursday, January 9, 2025 for an information night with Travel Tyme Pilgrimages.

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

Joanna Elizabeth Cox
 Child of Josh & Sarah (Heckemeyer) Cox
 Baptized at St. Lawrence Church
 Sunday, December 15, 2024



Curt Schatz
 Sister Vicki Ewers
 Nolan Kesel
 Cathy Thompson
 Grant Lamb
 Janice Lewis
 Deidra Buechter
 Twyla Holt
 Greyson Juergensmeyer
 Joel Gares
 Emberlee, Josie, & Brody Boeckman
 Ollie Victoria Eidson
 Jerry Herx
 Mike Kesel
 Louis Toebben
 Vicki Cox Bullock
 Ramona Bax
 Bruce Berendzen
 Tony Libbert
 Kenneth Brown

Stacey Luttrell
 Christopher Thompson
 Nic Gilardi
 Patrick Holtmeyer
 Trevor Burrows
 Treyton Kemna
 Dane Steenburgen
 Joseph Volmert
 Stacia Kimball
 Robert (Bob) Kesel
 Diane Bax
 Frank Bax
 Pam Tipton
 Michael Wansing
 Henry Kemna
 Maggie Dickneite
 Milinda Hoecker
 Melody Welschmeyer
 Rachel Woehr
 Gene Wilde

Two-Week Bulletin Announcement Looking and Planning Ahead

Due to the Holy and Holiday Season, the bulletins for Sunday, December 22 and December 29, 2024 will be the same and BOTH for the period of December 22, 2024 – January 1, 2025. Please think ahead and plan accordingly to get your notes and/or announcements to Michele by NOON on THURSDAY, December 19, 2024. Michele's contact information is on the front page. Thank you kindly!

2025 Parish Directory GROUP Photo Schedule

We ask everyone to be mindful of attire and to please come dressed for Our Lord; meaning, in nice pants (no shorts) and shirt (not sleeveless or inappropriate images).

St. Anthony – ALL in Church	St. Lawrence – ALL in Church
<p>Wed, Dec 18, after CCD Devotional Hour CCD Classes & Teachers & Servers</p> <p>Sun, Dec 29, after 8 AM Mass Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary. <i>KofC are to wear your KofC shirt or coat.</i></p>	<p>Sun, Dec 15, after 10 AM Mass Cemetery Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Organists/Adult Choir, Parish/Finance Councils, Rosary Leaders, Sacristans, & Stewardship Committee</p> <p>Wed, Dec 18 after CCD Mass CCD Grades 5th THROUGH 12th, Servers & St. Cecilia Children's Choir</p>

For those unavailable for photos, we will do our best to include your name and mark as absent from photo. You can help! To ensure your name is listed, please send a text, including your name(s) and group, to Michele at 573-291-6638.

*Did you miss getting your family photo taken?
 Not to worry, contact Michele Renkemeyer at
 573-291-6638 for assistance.*

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
 Philippians 4:6-7



St. Paul never fails to give the best advice for growing in spirituality. Today he teaches us that through prayer and petition we will find peace and joy as we make our gracious requests known to God.

Awaiting Baby Jesus Advent Prayer

My heart is beating, filled with joy, awaiting Mary's baby boy. For with this child, we embrace the birth of God's most precious grace. Baby Jesus, soon to come! For us comes the Promised One. Baby Jesus, God's own Son, you will be the Chosen One to lead our flock into salvation. Our eternal life awaits.

The birth of Jesus brings us nearer Heaven's holy gates. Sing with joy, and count the days, for soon to come, the Lord we'll praise. Rejoice that Jesus will soon arrive, the Messiah and our faith alive.

NOTICE OF ELECTION – Village of St. Elizabeth

Notice is hereby given that the Village of St. Elizabeth will conduct its annual election on April 8, 2025. The said election shall elect two trustees for the said town, to serve a term of two years. All candidates must file with the Secretary/Bookkeeper between December 10, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Terms of Ryan Loethen and Chad Kuester expire in April 2025. If the number of candidates filing for this office is equal to the number of positions to be filled, an election does not have to be held. The candidates will assume the office as if they were elected.

NOTICE OF ELECTION – St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District

Notice is hereby given that the St. Elizabeth Fire Protection District will conduct its annual election on April 8, 2025. There is one position open. The said election shall elect one trustee for the said Protection District, to serve a term of six years. All candidates must file with the Secretary/Bookkeeper between December 10, 2024 and December 31, 2024. The term of Darren Wankum will expire in April 2025. If the number of candidates filing for this office is equal to the number of positions to be filled, an election does not have to be held. The candidates will assume the office as if they were elected.

Thank you,
 Megan Wright, Secretary/Bookkeeper
 Village of St. Elizabeth (573-493-2224)