

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, & THE HOLY FAMILY

December 22, 25, & 29, 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

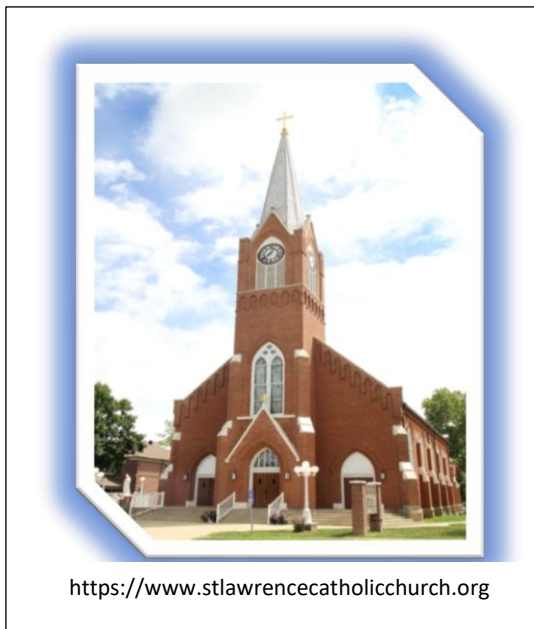
### **Father Christopher Aubuchon, Parochial Administrator**

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



#### **ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Jacob Kliethermes, President

Julie Dye, Secretary     Donna Dickneite

Billy Buechter     Sandy Wieberg

Loren Otto     Scott Roark

#### **ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Eva Voss, President     Mary Schulte

Kevin Otto     Chris Dye

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.

#### **ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Brett Holtmeyer, President

Abby Kemna, Secretary

Andrea Holtmeyer

Eric O'Neil

Chris Beck

Tom Oligschlaeger

#### **ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL**

Ben Scheulen, President

Leroy Heckemeyer

Kaye Finn

Jim Plassmeyer

Janet Beck

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Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Parish Hall Rental @ 573-694-5550

Lauren Kliethermes / Kara Scheulen – faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com

# WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 24, 2024 – January 5, 2025

HDO: Holy Day of Obligation

St. Lawrence			St. Anthony		
Christmas Eve Christmas Day	Dec 24 Dec 25	<b>SEE Holy Mass &amp; Stewardship Schedules Below</b>			
Thursday	Dec 26	<b>NO MASSES</b>			
Friday	Dec 27	<b>NO MASSES</b>			
Saturday Holy Family	Dec 28	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
Sunday Holy Family	Dec 29	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Mary Jane Kemna	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Christine Bax
Tuesday (HDO) Solemnity of Mary	Dec 31	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Joe & Bernard Struempf		
Wednesday (HDO) Solemnity of Mary	Jan 1, 2025	9:00 AM	† Cooper Dorge	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
Thursday	Jan 2	7:15 AM	† Norbert & Betty Kemna	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Ben & Anna Bax
FIRST Friday	Jan 3	7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM – Noon	† Anton & Marcella Luetkemeyer Confessions Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM 6:30 – 7:30 PM	† John & Mathilda Rehagen Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions
FIRST Saturday Epiphany	Jan 4	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Denis Plassmeyer		
Sunday Epiphany	Jan 5	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Virgil Kemna	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

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

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday The Holy Family Dec 28, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony - Sunday The Holy Family Dec 29, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence - Sunday The Holy Family Dec 29, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Kathleen Schwartz	Rodney Bax	Daniel Buechter
SERVERS	Clarise Green Addyson Heckman LilyAnne Heckman Rowan Juergensmeyer	Lillian Wieberg Nick Wieberg Christina Bax Sidney Engelmeyer	Brennan Doerhoff Lucy Heckemeyer Benton Heckemeyer Else Scheulen
GIFT BEARER	Jared & Kate Bax	Knights of Columbus	Melvin & Doris Bax
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz Jim Plassmeyer Dale & Karla Buechter	Deacon Schwartz Mary Schulte Cathy Engelmeyer	Deacon Schwartz Leroy Heckemeyer Doug & Karla Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Stan Struempf
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Greeters: Jim & Theresa Plassmeyer	Rosary, Greeters, & Ushers Knights of Columbus	Rosary: Tim & Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeters: Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer



CHRISTMAS Special Collection envelopes were in your Dec 6, 2024 Issue of The Catholic Missourian AND you should also find a Special Collection in your church envelopes for Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Please consider supporting our diocesan seminarians and infirm priests.

## CCD Classes Resume Wednesday, January 8, 2025

St. Anthony CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
St. Lawrence begins with Mass – Ministries & Confessions: 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence – TUESDAY Solemnity of Mary / Holy Day of Obligation December 31, 2024, 6:00 PM	St. Lawrence – WEDNESDAY Solemnity of Mary / Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2025, 9:00 AM	St. Anthony – WEDNESDAY Solemnity of Mary / Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2025, 6:00 PM
LECTORS	Ann Wieberg	Christine Hoecker	Margie Chipman
SERVERS	Cooper Lueckenotto / Tyson Otto Noah Wieberg / Paisley Bax	Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer Hudson Kemna and Jakob Kesel	Rachel & Skyler Bax Knox Buechter / Bryan Chipman
GIFT BEARER	Tyler & Jennifer Bax	Connor & Macy Beck	Steve & Sherri Holtmeyer
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Ivan Wieberg / Diane Juergensmeyer Paul Beck	Deacon Schwartze Ben Scheulen / Chad Green Jennifer Oligschlaeger	Deacon Schwartze Catherine Kliethermes Lynette Otto
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Jennifer Oligschlaeger	Mary Schulte
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	<b>Rosary:</b> Cathy Reinkemeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Carol Kirk	<b>Rosary:</b> Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Elaine Kesel	<b>Rosary:</b> Betty Voss <b>Ushers:</b> Justin & Matt Rowden and Aaron Schaffer & Dennis Schulte <b>Greeters:</b> Scott & Shawn Roark

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - First Saturday Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2025, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Donna Dickneite	Bert Doerhoff
SERVERS	Paisley Bax Harrison & Preston Plassmeyer	Augie Dearduff Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer	Alayna & Mya Oligschlaeger Austin O'Neil
GIFT BEARER	Scott & Stephaine Bax	Del & Darla Kliethermes	Dennis & Christine Beck
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Kathleen Schwartze / Kim Plassmeyer Janet Weckenborg	Deacon Schwartze Margie Chipman Cathy Engelmeyer	Deacon Schwartze Macy Beck / Theresa Struempfler Ashley Buechter
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Margie Wilson	Jane Doerhoff
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	<b>Rosary:</b> Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer <b>Greeters:</b> Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger	<b>Rosary:</b> Pasty Voss <b>Greeters:</b> Frank & Mary Schulte <b>Ushers:</b> Frank, Jacob, Richard & Tom Schulte	<b>Rosary:</b> Carl & Sharon Kemna <b>Greeters:</b> Abby Kemna

**As always, thank you for your willingness to fulfill any Stewardship Ministry role! Please feel free to text Michele (573-291-6638) if you need assistance with finding a replacement. We will return to our normal rotations in mid-January. Many thanks!**

**Dec 22 Reflection – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb..." Today, just a few days before Christmas, place yourself in the scene of the Visitation! Take some time to slow down your thoughts and imagine Mary entering *your* house carrying Jesus in her womb. Oh, but how would your heart respond to the sound of Her greeting? **"Lord, help me to listen to what you are saying to me today."**

**Dec 25 Reflection – Nativity of the Lord**

Then the shepherds said, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." When you look at the manger today, peer beyond the hushed wonder of that moment in Bethlehem. LOOK deeper and see the love that moved the eternal Word of God to bind Himself forever to you. **"Jesus, I am so grateful that You have come to dwell with us and within me."**

**Dec 29 Reflection – The Holy Family**

Isn't today's Gospel comforting? If the Son of God, His sinless mother, and His saintly foster father, misunderstood each other, there is hope for all of us! It's not easy to love and understand the people in your family, AND it's not easy to keep trusting God in confusing times. But take heart, He is with your family always; for you and your family, have received the same Holy Spirit as in Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. **"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!"**

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CHOIRS:** St. Anthony Adult & Youth Choirs will begin caroling at 6 PM on Christmas Eve; Mass begins at 6:30 PM. The Youth Choir will lead the caroling before Mass on December 29, starting at 7:40 AM. All are welcome to join and lend voices to The Celebration of Jesus' Birth. Thank you

**Sunday, Dec 29, following 8 AM Mass:** Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary group photos. THEN join the Knights for Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall!

**Thursday, Jan 2, 7 PM:** Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

**ST. ANTHONY SUNDAY ROSARIES**  
January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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. Gift exchange (\$15 limit). Bring snacks, your best game skills, humor and spirits. .

**First Friday, Jan 3:** Join us for Mass at 7:15 am, followed by Adoration and then coffee/donuts in the Church Basement

**First Saturday, Jan 4, 5 PM Mass:** St. Cecilia Children's Choir sings. New voices ALWAYS welcome.

**Sunday, Jan 5, 2025, 5 PM:** St. Elizabeth Card Club meets to play cards; please bring a snack to share. New members always welcome. Contact Rita Buschjost with any questions at 573-619-7565.

**First Monday, Jan 6, 7 PM:** Patriotic Rosary at St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join.

**Wednesday, Jan 8, 7 PM:** Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center meeting room.

# Steubenville Youth Conference



**Dates of Conference:** Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Location:** Missouri State University Campus in Springfield, MO

**About:** Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens.

Youth participants may range from incoming freshman (entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in August 2025) through graduated seniors (graduated in May of 2025).

For more information, please visit [Event Info - Steubenville STL Mid-America 2025](#)

**Return this completed form to a CCD teacher or any of the following at St. Elizabeth School:  
Margie Chipman, Cathy Engelmeyer, Liz Heckemeyer or Lauren Kliethermes  
by Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last)

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last)

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last)

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Margie Chipman (573) 291-6749 or Cathy Engelmeyer (573) 690-4573 (St. Anthony Parish)  
Jennifer Oligschlaeger (573) 694-7877 or Kat Schwartz (573) 690-2610 (St. Lawrence Parish)

Please return this form by Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> so Parishes can prepare for registration, travel and expenses.  
*\*There will be a non-refundable deposit required for each student registering. More details to follow.*

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 290		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/17/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 106,163.61	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 135,453.18
Online Offerings	14,590.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	315.00 / 3,279.57	
Mission Collection/Christmas	10,855.00/ 250.00	
	Other Income	40,870.35
	Total YTD Parish Income	176,323.53
	Expenses	\$ 180,623.94
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 324,079.35 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 6,232.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	August 2024	\$ 6,020.85
	September 2024	\$ 6,180.16
	October 2024	\$ 5,970.78
	November 2024	\$ 7,559.35

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 141		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/17/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 40,604.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 49,493.52
Online Offering	5,350.00	
Loose	2,834.00	
Mission Collection/Christmas	705.00 / 0	
	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	4,184.57 / 23,321.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	76,999.34
	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 53,980.50 / 14,254.56
FY Budget 24 - 25 \$ 126,780.00 Weekly Avg Offertory: \$ 2,438.00	Month	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions
	August 2024	\$ 2,227.70
	September 2024	\$ 2,095.85
	October 2024	\$ 2,270.25
	November 2024	\$ 2,121.14

**Chart will be updated next in the January 5, 2025 Bulletin. 2024 Contribution Statements will be mailed out by January 27, 2025.**

### THANK YOU FROM THE ST. ANN'S ALTAR SODALITY

St. Ann's & the St. Ann's Angels extends a very warm and hearty thank you to all who contributed to the Giving Tree and assisted with the Special Delivery Christmas Baskets. Support and generosity poured out in forms of thoughtful gifts, home-made soups, cookies, candy, donations, and more. With LOTS of help, great volunteers, and compassionate hearts, St. Ann's distributed over 22 Christmas Baskets and fulfilled every requested wish from the Giving Tree! Special thanks for our CCD Teachers (Kim, Jane, and Lindsey) and their CCD students, who made incredibly beautiful Christmas cards for the baskets and/or wrapped the basket boxes. We are blessed to have SO many who helped, in any way, to bring smiles and make brighter this Holy Christmas Season for many! Thank you!

CHECKOUT OUR PICTURES ON FACEBOOK!



Sherry Johnson  
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



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To join us, complete the enclosed Steubenville Form and return to any of the following: Margie Chipman, Cathy Engelmeyer, Liz Heckemeyer, Lauren Kliethermes, or Kara Scheulen **by Wednesday, January 15, 2025**. Upon having attendee numbers, our parishes will prepare and share registration & travel information and expenses.

#### PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**December 24 – 25, 2024**

**December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025**

*Dear Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence, May the wonder of God's greatest gift at Christmas fill your hearts with joy now and in the new year. To Jesus, through the intercession of His Holy Family and the Holy Spirit, many blessings to each of you and your families for a safe and wonder-filled Christmas and New Year!*

Father Aubuchon

