

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 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

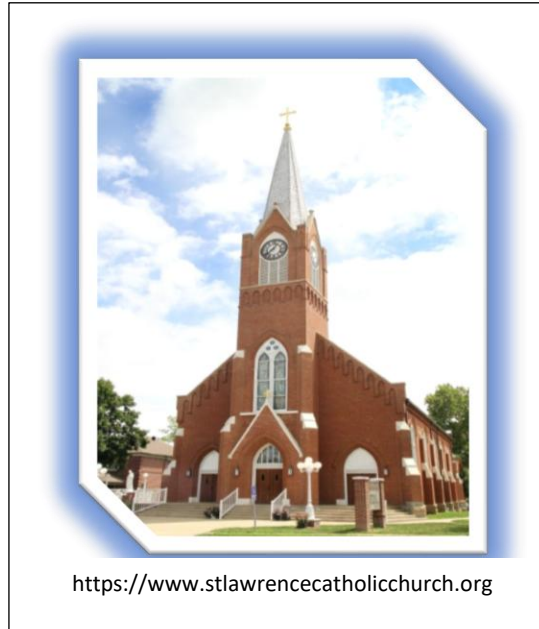
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Parochial Administrator

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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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 9 - 15, 2024

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Monday Immaculate Conception	Dec 9	7:00 AM	† George & Dorothy Heckemeyer	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
Tuesday	Dec 10	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Anton & Marcella Luetkemeyer		
CCD Wednesday	Dec 11	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Alfred & Mary Ann Doerhoff CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional - 10 th Grade	6:30 PM	CCD Mass Ministries – 3 rd & 4 th Grades † Paul Voss
Thursday	Dec 12	7:15 AM	† Wilfred Hoecker	6:30 PM	Advent Penance Services No Mass
Friday	Dec 13	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Herbert & Ludmilla Kliethermes Miller County Rehab & Care Center Mass		
Saturday	Dec 14	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Fred Heckemeyer		
Third Sunday of Advent	Dec 15	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Confessions † William & Carmen Luetkemeyer Advent Penance Services	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

December 8, 2024 Daily Reflection – Second Sunday of Advent. Today's first reading contains a prophecy of what God would accomplish for the Jewish people as they languished in exile in Babylon. Baruch, scribe to the prophet Jeremiah, proclaims "every lofty mountain: will be flattened and "the age-old depths and gorges" will be filled in. So much so that the exiles would have a direct route, straight through the desert, back home. This was such good news! The only established road between Babylon and Jerusalem took travelers in a long northwesterly arc through the fertile land that surrounded the Syrian desert. But God was so eager to bring His people back to Him that He promised to pave a new road directly through the wasteland. And even more amazing, He promised to join them on the journey, "leading Israel in joy...with His mercy and justice for company" ! What a perfect way to describe the miracle of Christmas! God didn't wait for us to stumble through the wilderness of sin that separated us from Him. He didn't stand on the border of the Promised Land and command us to make the treacherous journey on your own. He crossed that vast expanse to come to us. He entered this fallen world to offer us His "mercy and justice." Visiting the land of our exile, He now extends His hand and promises to lead us into His heavenly home.

ALL PRAISE TO YOU LORD, FOR COMING TO OUR RESCUE!

Stewardship Schedule	St. Lawrence Saturday Dec 14 – 5:00 PM	St. Anthony Third Sunday of Advent Dec 15, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Third Sunday of Advent Dec 15, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Cathy Reinkemeyer	Donna Dickneite	Abby Kemna
SERVERS	Rowan Juergensmeyer Cooper Lueckenotto Addyson Heckman	Bryan Chipman Augie Dearduff Ben Engelmeyer	Benton Heckemeyer Hudson Kemna Alayna Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARERS	Quentin & Megan Wright	Richard & Kristie Holtmeyer	Gerald & Sarah Bax
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Kim Plassmeyer	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Jennife Oligschlaeger
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Margie Wilson	Jane Doerhoff
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Rose Buechter Greeter: Kaye Finn	Rosary: Dorothy Buechter Greeter: Chris & Julie Dye Ushers: Paul Kliethermes, David Ladenberger, Ethan Musick, and Quentin Neuman	Rosary: Mary Ann Fennewald Greeters: Ben & Kara Scheulen

HOLY DAYS, ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES, & CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULES

PENANCE SERVICES

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 PM @ St. Anthony
Sunday, December 15, 5:30 PM @ St. Lawrence

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, December 24

Precious Body and Blood will be given.
4:00 PM @ St. Lawrence
6:30 PM @ St. Anthony

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday, December 25

Precious Body and Blood will be given.
8:00 AM @ St. Anthony
10:00 AM @ St. Lawrence

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, December 31

New Year's Eve – Adoration/Mass @ St. Lawrence
Adoration & Confessions @ 5 PM / Mass @ 6 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2025 New Year's Day

St. Lawrence: 9 AM Mass / Confessions @ 8:30 AM
St. Anthony: 6 PM Mass / Confessions @ 5:30 PM

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Philippians 1:9-10

St. Paul's words to the Philippians continue to ring true to us today as disciples of Christ. We are each on our own journey of faith. Through formation and prayer, we are able to grow in knowledge and love as we grow closer to God.



CCD Schedule for Wednesday, December 11, 2024

St. Anthony CCD begins at 6:30 PM with Mass; Ministries & Confessions – 3rd & 4th Grades

St. Lawrence begins at 6:30 PM with Adoration / Devotional; 10th Grade
CCD Classes will stay/meet in church at 7 PM for Directory Photo Group Pictures

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS As of 11/07/2024: Number of Registered Households - 289		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/05/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 89,248.45	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 117,437.02
Online Offerings	13,990.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	295.00 / 3,048.57	
Mission Collection	10,855.00	
	Other Income	40,655.45
	Total YTD Parish Income	158,092.47
	Expenses	\$ 161,145.06
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 As of 11/07/2024: Number of Registered Households - 141		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/05/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 35,813.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 43,741.52
Online Offering	5,060.00	
Loose	2,163.00	
Mission Collection	705.00	
	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income	3,822.64 / 23,571.25
	Total YTD Parish Income	71,135.41
	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 51,428.93 / 14,139.56
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

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Dec 8, 6 PM: Parish Christmas Party! Door prize donations are welcome and each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies or other finger food snack. The parish will provide drinks. St. Anthony CYO will provide entertainment for the evening.

Wednesday, Dec 11, 9:30 AM. Senior Citizens meet for the Annual Christmas Party, along with bingo and cards. Club will furnish BBQ ribs and all the sides; no extra dishes are necessary. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift in the \$10-15 range.

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

Sunday, Dec 8, 1 – 5 PM: St. Elizabeth Holiday Home Tour. Featured homes by Kara & Ben Scheulen, Megan & Quentin Wright, Karen & John Otto, Samantha & Brandon Baugh, Ashley & Zach Buechter, and Tiffany & Joey Wright. \$10 per ticket. Tickets available at St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance and KDs/BJs. Addresses will be given at the time of ticket purchase. Proceeds go to the St. Elizabeth Community Center. THANK YOU to all who volunteered to show their homes this holiday season!

The Adult and St. Cecilia Children’s Choir will sing on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 PM Mass. Practices for the Adult Choir are being arranged by Gail Rehagen; contact Gail if you wish to sing on Christmas Eve OR join the Adult Choir. The Children’s Choir will practice on CCD Wednesday, Dec 11 at 5:30 PM; contact Michele Renkemeyer with any questions. A Christmas Eve group practice (for both choirs) is to be scheduled.

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.

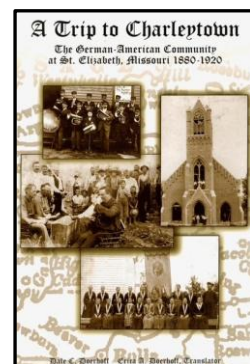
St. Ann News

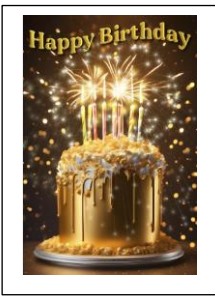
St. Ann Sodality Giving Tree is now here. Please feel free to select one or more tags of wanted items and then after purchasing the items, gift wrap it and place the tag on the front of your gift. Leave the gift on the bench in the back of Church **by December 15**. We have had this program each year and are thankful for your generous hearts! 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.

Finally, the St. Ann Angels will be at it again this year. If you are a member of St. Ann's and would like to help, contact Linda Wilde for more information. Baskets will be put together and distributed on Wednesday, December 18.

“A Trip to Charlestown, The German-American Community at St. Elizabeth, Missouri 1880 – 1920”. A New Books for Old Books Deal. Dale Doerhoff has a second printing of the 2023 edition of his book about the history of the community which he is giving away free of charge in exchange for copies of the 2006 edition. The 2023 edition has updated financial information and other improvements and a hard cover; most of the earlier 2006 books were paperback. The 2023 books are available for exchange (or for purchase of \$29 each if no trade-in) at St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance, 8:30 am – 4 pm (Mon – Fri) and 8:30 am – 11 am (Saturdays).





**THURSDAY, DEC 12 IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR VERY OWN FATHER AUBUCHON!**

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).



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

<p>St. Anthony – ALL in Church Sun, Dec 8, after 8 AM Mass Cemetery Committee, CYO, 4-H, Eucharistic Ministers, Food Committee, Lectors, Nursing Home Ministers, Organists/Adult & Youth Choir, Parish/Finance Councils, Rosary Leaders, Sacristans, & Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>St. Lawrence – ALL in Church Sun, Dec 8, after 10 AM Mass Knights of Columbus & St. Ann's. <i>KofC are to wear KofC shirts; St. Ann's to wear St. Ann's red ribbons.</i></p>
<p>Wed, Dec 11, Senior Citizens at Annual Christmas Party Wed, Dec 18, after CCD Devotional Hour CCD Classes & Teachers, & Servers</p>	<p>Wed, Dec 11, after CCD Devotional Hour CCD Classes & Teachers, Servers & St. Cecilia Youth Choir</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>

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.

St. Elizabeth Community Center Announcement

The St. Elizabeth Community Center (CC) is run by an eight-member board. Each board member serves a 2-year term. Board responsibilities include, not limited to, picnic preparations, setting up and working the picnic, and maintaining the bowling alley and community center.

The average monthly expenses for maintaining the CC are about \$5,394.15 (annual amount is approximately \$64,729.80). In 2023, the picnic income was \$75,668.15/expenses were \$16,632.76, for a net profit of \$59,035.39. In 2024, the picnic income was \$66,591.20/expenses were \$18,592.18 for a net profit of \$47,999.02. We do have other revenue; however, the picnic is our main revenue source. Additionally, we are fortunate to be able to provide the CC free of charge to many of our local groups; Knights of Columbus, St. Elizabeth School, Quilters, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Card Club, etc.

After careful review of our profits and/or losses, the St. Elizabeth CC Board will be increasing rental prices effective January 1, 2025. These prices are effective for any new rentals made after this time.

In closing, being a CC Board Member is a very important role within our community and we are always looking for new members and volunteers. If interested, please reach out to any current Board Member.

Thank you,
St. Elizabeth Community Center Board Members
President Kim Oligschlaeger, Jaycine Bax, Kenney Schwartze, Bill Gilpin, Mara Struempfl, Braydon Holtmeyer, Leslee Ewers, & Kendal Bax

St. Elizabeth Community Center Event & Rent	Rent Price as of 01/01/2025
Weddings, Anniversaries, and Dinners Includes rental for the day before preparations and use of all facilities. Renters may not set up before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.	\$ 700
Dance Only (wedding, benefit, etc.)	\$ 350
Main Hall Rental Only (showers, parties, funerals, family gatherings, etc.)	\$ 200
Meeting Room Only	\$ 125
Kitchen (Additional fee if renting main hall only or meeting room only)	\$ 100
TO RENT the St. Elizabeth Community Center, please contact Kristen Holtmeyer at 573-291-1458 after 4:00 p.m. during the week and after 9:00 a.m. on the weekend.	
Bowling Alley (4 Hour Minimum) Each additional Hour	\$ 200 \$ 25 per hr
TO RENT the St. Elizabeth Bowling Alley, please contact RJ Scheulen at 573-694-1858 after 5:00 p.m. during the week and after 9:00 a.m. on the weekend.	
St. Elizabeth CC Venmo: @stecommunitycenter	