

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2025

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 Schwartze

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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Jackie Perkins

Bishop McKnight's January Prayer Intention

For our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice.

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Lauren Kliethermes / Kara Scheulen – faithformationcoordinators@gmail.com

WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: January 7 - 12, 2025

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Jan 7	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Loretta Weiler		
Wednesday	Jan 8	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Vernita Block Ministries & Confessions: 10 th – 12 th Grades	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Devotional 5 th & 6 th Grades
Thursday	Jan 9	7:15 AM	† Keith Pigg	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Ben & Anna Bax
Friday	Jan 10	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Adolph & Ruby Kesel Miller Co Rehab & Care Center Mass		
Saturday Baptism of the Lord	Jan 11	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Cletus & Florentine Schwartze		
Sunday Baptism of the Lord	Jan 12	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Vincent & Carol Schaffer

**January 1, 2025 Reflection
Mary, Mother of God**

On the first day of the year, we celebrated Mary as the Mother of God and our own Mothers and how blessed we are to have them in our lives. Let us remember this blessing as we go forth and be a blessing to others! As we lend a helping hand or offer a welcoming smile, God's goodness can touch the people around us. So at the start of this new year AND throughout the year, let's imitate our Blessed Mother and allow the Lord to bless others through us and our works.

"Mary, our Mother, pray we may know and share God's blessings in this new year."

**January 5, 2025 Reflection
The Epiphany**

The three kings of the Orient came bearing gifts for Him; Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh. But why these gifts? Gold is a precious metal representing wealth. What do you have to give that's precious to you? Your time, talents, or money? Frankincense is a gift of worship. In its place, you can offer Him prayer and praise. Myrrh is a perfume telling of Jesus's sacrifice on The Cross. The myrrh you can offer are time you sacrifice yourself to care for others (family, friends, or animals). On this feast day, bring your precious gifts unselfishly to the Lord as you are meant to share and use wisely the gifts He has entrusted to you.

"Jesus, I want to praise you and offer all I am to you!"

**January 12, 2025 Reflection
The Baptism of the Lord**

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, it's the sign to start putting away Christmas decorations and return to Ordinary Time. As Pope Benedict XVI explained in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, "Jesus inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners." By accepting Baptism, Jesus accepted His coming death for the sins of all mankind. He anticipated His submission to His Father's will during the agony in the garden, and He pointed us toward His suffering and death on The Cross. Just as He would in those more painful moments, Jesus began His ministry by saying yes to His mission as the Savior of the World. So as we return to Ordinary Time, make sure you celebrate your salvation.

"Thank you, Jesus, for embracing my humanity!"


Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence – Saturday Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2025, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony - Sunday Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence – Sunday Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg	Lisa Otto	Leroy Heckemeyer
SERVERS	Paisley Bax Addyson Heckman LilyAnne Heckman Heath Heckemeyer	Aiden Faulkner Cohen Faulkner Grant Holtmeyer Riley Holtmeyer	Brennan Doerhoff Kiptyn Green Clarise Green Elise Scheulen
GIFT BEARERS	Jared Bax Family	Joey Wright Family	Melvin Bax Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Body & Precious Blood	Deacon Schwartze Mike Verhoff Jim Plassmeyer Ivan Wieberg	Deacon Schwartze Catherine Kliethermes Lynette Otto	Deacon Schwartze Jane Doerhoff Dale Holtmeyer Joe Huhman
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Linda Volmert	Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Kaye Finn Greeters: Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Rosary: Dorothy Buechter Greeters: Stanely & Sandy Wieberg Ushers: Justin & Matt Rowden and Aaron Schaffer & Dennis Schulte	Rosary: Mary Ann Fennewald Greeters: Jim & Elaine Kesel

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 290			FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households - 141		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/31/2024		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 12/31/2024	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 129,089.27	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 174,428.84	Adult Envelopes	\$ 46,705.52	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 58,411.52
Online Offerings	16,325.00		Online Offering	6,165.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	365.00 / 4,066.57		Loose	3,526.00	
Missions / Christmas Special	11,105.00 / 13,478.00		Missions / Christmas Special	705.00 / 1,310.00	
	Other Income	46,141.62	Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income		4,247.60 / 23,321.25
Total YTD Parish Income		220,570.46	Total YTD Parish Income		85,980.37
Expenses		\$ 191,075.23	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses		\$ 58,375.94 / 14,254.56
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
	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
	December 2024	\$ 9,350.75		December 2024	\$ 2,712.41

2023 - 2024 SACRAMENT STATISTICS

St. Anthony Sacraments	2023	2024
Baptisms	3	3
Catholic Marriages	1	0
Holy Communion	4	2
Confirmations	7	4
Deaths	0	4

St. Lawrence Sacraments	2023	2024
Baptisms	21	11
Catholic Marriages	4	8
Holy Communion	17	17
Confirmations	20	12
Deaths	8	6



CCD Classes Resume Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday Rosaries, 6 PM: Held in St. Anthony Church. January 5th and 19th.

Wednesday, Jan 8, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for cards and Bingo. It's potluck soup and/or please bring a side dish.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Jan 5, 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.

OTHER NEWS

Saturday, Jan 18, 4 – 7:30 PM: 22nd Annual Taste of Italy, St. Geroge Activity Center, Linn, MO. \$17 in advance/\$19 at the door. Silent and Live Auction, along with featured wineries.

Monday, Jan 20, 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!



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

BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS

Cecilia Ann Brand
 Child of Leon & Kimberly (Holtmeyer) Brand
 Baptized at St. Anthony Church
 Sunday, December 29, 2024

2025 LITURGICAL CALENDARS

St. Anthony 2025 Calendars have arrived and are located in the back of St. Anthony Church. Due to a production issue, St. Lawrence Calendars have been delayed and should arrive in the next two weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention requests for 2025 are well underway, with A LOT of requests already scheduled. If you are looking for a weekend Mass at either Church, please call as soon as possible. We only have a few weekend Mass openings available. No worries though, weekday Masses are plentiful. Contact Michele for assistance at 573-291-6638.



Epiphany Prayer

Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.



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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. Our conference is an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. 2025 Conference Dates are July 18-20, 2025.

To join us, complete the 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. The form can be found on our Church Websites or contact any of the individuals above. Upon having attendee numbers, our parishes will prepare and share registration & travel information and expenses.