

**HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: Week of December 20 – December 25, 2022**

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/20	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confessions		
		7:00 pm	† Alfred & Mary Ann Doerhoff		
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/21	7:15 am	† Norbert & Ella Otto		
<b>Thursday</b>	12/22	7:15 am	† Mark Oligschlaeger	6:00 pm	Flavin Volmert
<b>Friday</b>	12/23	7:15 am	† George & Dorothy Heckemeyer		
<b>Saturday Christmas Eve</b>	12/24	5:00 pm	† Francis Struempf	8:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
<b>Sunday Christmas</b>	12/25	10:00 am	† Laverne Holtmeyer	8:00 am	Urban & Randy Voss
<b>CONFESSION</b> 4:00 pm Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday & during Adoration				<b>CONFESSION</b> 7:30 am Sunday & during Adoration	

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY Stewardship Schedule	St. Lawrence Saturday Christmas Eve Dec 24 – 5:00 PM	St. Anthony Saturday Christmas Eve Dec 24 – 8:00 PM	St. Anthony Sunday Christmas Day Dec 25 – 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Sunday Christmas Day Dec 25 – 10:00 AM
<b>LECTOR</b>	Rich Juergensmeyer	Margie Chipman	Donna Dickneite	Bert Doerhoff
<b>SERVERS</b> If you cannot serve & find a replacement, PLEASE let Michele know.	Harper Kemna Gavin Williams Allie Williams	Christina Bax Bryan Chipman Ben Engelmeyer	Kade Wright Pressly Wright Aiden Faulkner	Brennan Doerhoff Hudson Kemna Cameron Kesel
<b>GIFT BEARER</b>	Dennis & Janet Weckenborg	Brandon & Nikki Jones	David & Del Kliethermes	Rob & Darlene Wansing
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Diane Juergensmeyer	Margie Chipman	Cathy Engelmeyer	Dale Holtmeyer
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Kathleen Schwartz	Catherine Kliethermes	Mary Schulte	Lora Luetkemeyer
<b>ROSARY</b>	Cathy Reinkemeyer	Dorothy Buechter	Delphine Dickneite	Mary Ann Fennwald
<b>GREETERS USHERS</b>	<b>GREETER</b> Jim Plassmeyer	<b>GREETER:</b> Margie Chipman <b>USHERS:</b> Mark, Wyatt, Mathias, and Richard Voss	<b>GREETER:</b> Ronnie Holtmeyer <b>USHERS:</b> Bernard, Zachary, and Alan Voss and William Werdehausen	<b>GREETER</b> Brett Holtmeyer

**HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: Week of December 27 – January 1, 2023**

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
<b>Tuesday</b>	12/27	----	No Mass		
<b>Wednesday</b>	12/28	----	No Mass		
<b>Thursday</b>	12/29	7:15 am	† Leonard & Louise Beck	6:00 pm	† Leonard Bax
<b>Friday</b>	12/30	7:15 am	Special Intention		
<b>Saturday New Year's Eve</b>	12/31/2022 "Mary, the Holy Mother of God"	5:00 pm	† Living & Deceased Members of the Leonard & Marie Schanzmeyer Family		
<b>Sunday New Year's Day Holy Day of Obligation</b>	01/01/2023 "Mary, the Holy Mother of God"	10:00 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence	8:00 am	Christine Bax

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Joseph's dilemma regarding Mary's pregnancy is resolved when in a dream an angel reveals the child is conceived "through the Holy Spirit". The child to be born is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. This is Jesus' identity; fully divine and fully human. Matthew supports this by quoting from Isaiah's prophecy: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel". Jesus' identity has significant implications for us. We are called to "belong to Jesus Christ" by being transformed in holiness through the grace and peace which comes through Jesus' resurrection. This is our faith. This is our inheritance: "We belong to Jesus Christ" as God's beloved children called to be saints. As such, like St. Paul, we are called to witness to this message by our lives.

**MASS COUNTS for December 11, 2022**

St. Lawrence, Saturday 5 PM 189 St. Anthony, Sunday 8 AM 148  
Sunday, 10 AM 210

ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Previous Week	Fiscal YTD Total	ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Previous Week	Fiscal YTD Total
Envelopes & AutoPay	\$ 5,464.36	\$ 77,625.13	Envelopes & AutoPay	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 42,429.65
Loose	91.35	2,702.15	Loose	253.00	3,912.90
Youth	10.00	82.00	Youth	0	0
Other	404.95	60,449.75	Other	2,032.00	10,933.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,970.66</b>	<b>140,859.03</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,145.00</b>	<b>57,276.46</b>
BUDGET	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 82,800.00	BUDGET	1,900.00	43,600.00
Expenses Fiscal YTD		\$ 106,256.94	Expenses Fiscal YTD		\$ 60,965.78
Catholic Stewardship Appeal As of 12/14/22	Goal <b>\$18,727</b>	Committed: <b>\$ 15,465</b> Collected: <b>\$ 13,865</b>	Catholic Stewardship Appeal As of 12/14/22	Goal <b>\$7,283</b>	Committed: <b>\$ 4,880</b> Collected: <b>\$ 3,710</b>

**Catholic Stewardship Appeal** - The CSA goal for the entire Diocese is \$1,100,000. After the diocesan goal has been met, any parish meeting their individual goal is eligible to receive a rebate of 10% of the goal, plus 90% of any funds raised above the goal. Parish goals must be met with cash and/or pledges received by March 15, 2023 and fulfilled by the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** - CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. ALL CCHD funds are sent to the Diocese for distribution, with 75% going to charities nationwide and 25% staying here for local groups, charities, and organizations. Donations as of 12/14/2022:

St. Anthony of Padua Church: \$ 365.00  
St. Lawrence Church : \$ 10,709.30

**Thank you for all who donated and especially for the MOST generous donation of \$10,000.00.**

**CCD NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

Last CCD Class for 2022 was Wednesday, December 14, 2022. CCD will resume on January 4, 2023.

**Faith & Formation Coordinator** is still needed for St. Anthony & St. Lawrence Parishes. St. Lawrence is in need of a 10<sup>th</sup> Grade CCD Teacher beginning in January 2023. Contact Father Aubuchon by email if interested or Michele at 573-291-6638.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Remember the following in prayer: Alfred Kirkweg, Bernie Forck, Michael Wansing, Easton Rustemeyer, Ethan Chapin Kemna, Brennan Schulte, Michele Kempker, Wilfred Hoecker, Charlie Voss, Sharron Yoakum, Jane Kesel, Keith Tappel, Braydon O'Neil, John & Connie Brandt, Ericka Wieberg, Jeff Holder, Jake Cochran, Genise Buechter, Sister Donna Marie Steinman, Mike Herx, Bruce Kemna, Patti Trinklein, Wanda Clark, Gene Wilde, Rachel Woehr, Paige Bax, Joe Fuemmeler, Lorene Heckemeyer, Keith Pigg, Melody Welschmeyer, Milinda Hoecker, Maggie Dickneite, Henry Kemna, Pam Tipton, Emma Rustemeyer, Dale Reinkemeyer, Frank Bax, Ed Grellner, Diane Bax, and Darrin Tellman.

**COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS (By Date Event Order)**

**St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** is hosting a Giving Tree. The tree is in the back of church. Please help us to make Christmas a little special for this family by taking tag(s) from the tree and purchasing the item(s) listed. Return the wrapped gift(s) and attached tag(s) by Sunday, December 18, to the back of church. Your assistance and kindness are sure to lift their spirits!

**Attention Men of the Jefferson City Area:** Are you looking for a group of men to support you in greater study of and devotion to your faith? Or, are you just looking for an opportunity to be with like-minded men to help “keep you on track”? You are invited to join the new, vibrant fraternity of men called the Men of **Signum Crucis**. We gather the third Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. sharp at Helias Catholic High School at 1305 Swifts Highway. Our chaplain is Father Paul Clark. Next gathering: December 21, 2022. Call Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546 for directions or more information

**St. Anthony Choirs:** The St. Anthony Women’s and Youth Choirs will begin Christmas caroling at 7:30 PM on December 24. The Youth Choir will lead the caroling beginning at 7:40 AM on January 1. Everyone is welcome to join us.” Contact Peggy Wieberg for details.

**January 1, 2023, New Year’s Day:** In case you missed it on Page 2, New Year’s Day IS a Holy Day of Obligation. See you all there!

**Sunday February 26, 2023:** St. Lawrence Parish Picnic. Mark your calendars!

**Thank You**

The annual St. Lawrence Church Cleaning is a big lift and many hands contributed to the effort. Thank you to all who helped, provided equipment and supplies, and for graciously giving of your time!

**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for making my birthday so special! There were many surprises and I’m very appreciative of all the cards, gifts, cake, punch, parties, and songs of Happy Birthday. I feel very blessed to serve the good people of both parishes.

Father Christopher Aubuchon

**Father’s Advent Prayer**

Precious Lord, as the Advent Season comes to a close, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully in the Season of Christmas to come. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent and Christmas, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua

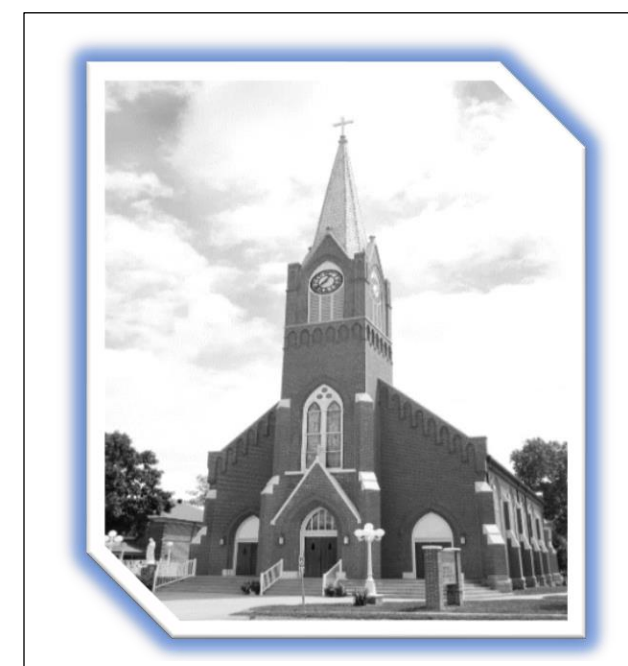
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Iberia, MO 65486

St. Lawrence

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**Father Christopher Aubuchon, Parochial Administrator**

Deacon Steve Schwartz  
Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary  
Donna Dickneite, St. Anthony Hall Rental



**ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Lisa Otto, President    Margie Chipman  
Abe Faulkner        Donna Dickneite  
Ronnie Holtmeyer    Jacob Kliethermes

**ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Richard Holtmeyer, President  
Lynette Otto        Eva Voss  
Kevin Otto         Mary Schulte

**Bishop McKnight’s  
December prayer  
intention for our Local  
Church**

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.



**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Brett Holtmeyer, President    Jennifer Oligschlaeger  
Carla Otto                        Jane Doerhoff  
Ben Scheulen                    Andrea Holtmeyer

**ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL**

Karla Holtmeyer                Jim Plassmeyer  
Janet Beck                        Leroy Heckemeyer

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