

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua

132 Main Street
Iberia, MO 65486

St. Lawrence

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St. Elizabeth, MO 65075

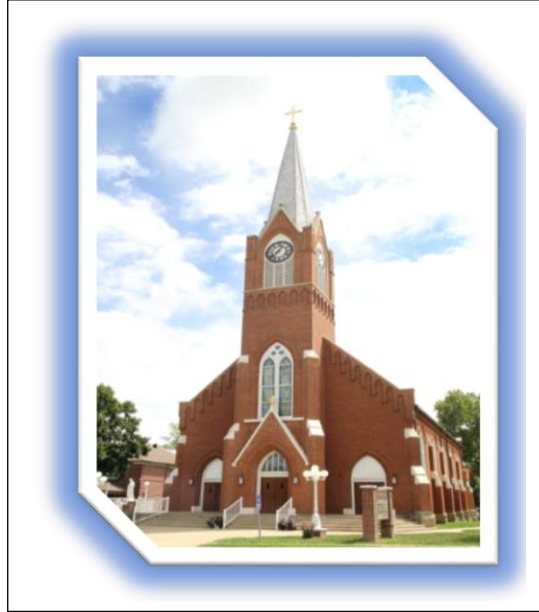
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**Bishop McKnight's
December prayer intention
for our Local Church**

For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity.



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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: Week of December 19 – December 27, 2023

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Dec 19	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Adoration/ Confessions † Ramona Meyer		
Wednesday	Dec 20	7:15 AM	† Donna Hendricks		
Thursday	Dec 21	7:15 AM	† Bill & Carmen Luetkemeyer	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Father Joby
Friday	Dec 22	7:15 AM	† George, Dorothy & Roger Heckemeyer		
Saturday	Dec 23	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
Last Sunday of Advent	Dec 24	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Cency Luetkemeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Adolph & Cecilia Dickneite
Christmas Eve Sunday	Dec 24	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Confessions † Francis L. Struempf <i>(Balcony reserved for Choir Only)</i>	3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions † Rosemary Wieberg
Christmas Day Monday	Dec 25	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Leonard & Marie Schanzmeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence
Tuesday Wednesday	Dec 26 Dec 27	NO SERVICES	NO ADORATION / NO MASS NO MASS		

NOTE: Parishioners are obligated to fulfill the Last Sunday of Advent Mass AND a Christmas Mass.

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent: As we experience God’s love for us, we grow in love for him and this exchange of love is what produces joy in us. St. Paul also knew that God’s love was the secret to joy, which is why he follows up his exhortation to “rejoice always” with specific steps that we can take to experience his love more deeply. First, pray without ceasing. When we open our heart to God throughout the day, he fills it with his very self. Second, in all circumstances, give thanks. Gratitude also deepens our love for God, especially when we reflect on who he is and what he has done for us. And in this Advent season, whatever our circumstances, we can thank God for sending his Son to earth to become one of us. Finally, do not quench the Spirit! In his letter to Romans, St. Paul tells us that “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”. If we want more joy in our lives, we can ask the Spirit to stir up the love of God in our hearts. So each day, follow Paul’s advice; turn to the Lord in prayer, thank Him for all he has done for you, and ask him to fill you with more of His Spirit. Then praise Him and let your spirit soar!

FISCAL YEAR: 2023 - 2024 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS For 2023: Number of Registered Households - 281			FISCAL YEAR: 2023 - 2024 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS For 2023: Number of Registered Households - 138		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 12/13/23		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 12/13/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 77,983.84	\$ 93,546.02 Total Offertory Contributions	Adult Envelopes	\$ 40,389.99	\$ 47,991.04 Total Offertory Contributions
Online Offerings	11,875.00		Online Offering	4,890.00	
Youth Envelopes	305.00		Youth	0.00	
Loose	3,382.18		Loose	2,711.05	
	Other Income (Includes Organ Donations)	101,640.02		Other Income (Includes Fall Supper Income)	42,802.75
	Total Parish Income	195,186.04		Total Parish Income	90,793.79
	Expenses Correction (Include Pipe Organ Restoration)	219,482.13		Expenses (Includes Fall Supper Expenses)	70,090.69
Budget 23-24 \$ 384,100 Per Week: \$7,386.54 (52 Weeks per Year)	Month End	Weekly Average Offerings by Month	Budget 23-24 \$ 144,870 Per Week: \$2,785.96 (52 Weeks per Year)	Month End	Weekly Average Offerings by Month (Excludes Fall Supper)
	August	\$ 7,835.19		August	\$ 2,542.75
	September	5,301.28		September	1,856.45
	October	3,669.14		October	2,153.65
	November	13,148.94		November	2,440.56

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Dec 23, 5:00 PM	St. Anthony Last Sunday of Advent Mass Dec 24, 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence Last Sunday of Advent Mass Dec 24, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Dale Buechter	Margie Chipman	Bert Doerhoff
SERVERS	Noah Wieberg Allie Williams Gavin Williams	Sidney Engelmeyer Aiden Faulkner Cohen Faulkner	Elise Scheulen Abram Wankum Kendall Wieberg
GIFT BEARER	Shawn & Val Kesel	Family of Adolph & Cecilia Dickneite	Family of Cency Luetkemeyer
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz Diane Juergensmeyer	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Ashley Buechter
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartz	Catherine Kliethermes	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	Kay Finn & Dianne Heckemeyer Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Chris & Julie Dye USHERS: Ralph Engelmeyer, Abe Faulkner, Earl Finch, & Adam Green	Syl & Mary Kesel Eric & Alysha O'Neil

ST. ANTHONY Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Anthony Christmas EVE – Dec 24, 4:00 PM	St. Anthony Christmas DAY – Dec 25, 8:00 AM
LECTORS	Lisa Otto	Donna Dickneite
SERVERS	Christina Bax Skylar Bax Mason Otto Lillian Wieberg	Grant Holtmeyer Riley Holtmeyer Keaton Jones Alyssa Perkins
GIFT BEARER	Family of Rosemary Wieberg	Keith & Lynette Otto
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz
SACRISTAN	Mary Schulte	Margie Wilson
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	No Rosary / Choir Begins @ 3:30 PM Stanley & Sandy Wieberg USHERS: Eddie Green, Dustin Hagenhoff and Harold & Jeffrey Holtmeyer	Betty Voss Kenney & Donna Dickneite USHERS: Jerry & Larry Herx, Bernard and Daniel Holtmeyer

ST. LAWRENCE Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence Christmas EVE – Dec 24, 6:30 PM	St. Lawrence Christmas DAY – Dec 25, 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Kristi Green	Kathleen Schwartz
SERVERS	Tyson Otto Harrison Plassmeyer Preston Plassmeyer Landon Plassmeyer	Benton Heckemeyer Lucy Heckemeyer Mya Oligschlaeger
GIFT BEARER	Family of Francis L. Struempf	Family of Leonard & Marie Schanzmeyer
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartz Janet Weckenborg Doug Holtmeyer Karla Holtmeyer	Deacon Schwartz Jennifer Oligschlaeger
SACRISTAN	Albert Frey	Kathleen Schwartz
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	No Rosary / Choir Begins @ 6 PM Janet & Paul Beck	Tim & Jennifer Oligschlaeger Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger

THANK YOU to all ,who are taking ANY part, in any of the Masses !

Christmas Special Collection Continues: This collection is for the benefit of the education of our seminarians as well as helping us provide for the needs of our infirm priests. We ask you prayerfully reflect and consider making this a part of your giving during this Christmas season. Our Diocese is providing special envelopes via the Dec. 15 Catholic Missourian newspaper. You can bring your gift to Mass and place it in our collection basket or bring it to our parish office at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

CCD News/Events

Wednesday, Dec 13, WAS the LAST CCD Class of the Year. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 with St. Anthony beginning with Mass (Ministries/Confessions 5, 6, 7th) at 6:30 PM and St. Lawrence with Class at 7:00 PM.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Dec 17, 6 PM: December Rosary at St. Anthony Church.

Christmas EVE, Dec 24: The Choir will begin singing at 3:30 PM; Mass begins at 4:00 PM.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday, Dec 22, 8:15 AM, Christmas Church DECORATING! Volunteers needed to help decorate the church in preparation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus and the Christmas Holiday. **Thank you in advance for donating your time and help.**

FINAL Christmas Choir Practice, Friday, Dec 22, at 3:15 PM: All members (especially Youth Choir members) are to be present for the Final Practice. **THANK YOU to our Choir Members, Organists, and especially Parents for all the support and help throughout December!**

Christmas EVE, Dec 24: The Choir begins singing at 6:00 PM; Mass begins at 6:30 PM. The Balcony will be reserved for the Choir & their immediate families only. Contact Michele with any questions.

Wednesday, Dec 27: The St. Anne's Sodality will be going on a church tour of area churches and the newly remodeled cathedral! We will be having lunch in Jefferson City. If you would like to attend, please sign; the sign-up sheet is in the back of church. JOIN US for a fun filled day! If questions, please contact Diane Juergensmeyer.

2024 St. Elizabeth Community Bowling Tournament: Dates are January 6, 13 - 14, and 20th. Help support the local bowling alley and enjoy a day of bowling with friends! Singles: \$20, Doubles: \$40, Team: \$100. Questions: Contact: RJ Scheulen at 573-694-1858.

OTHER NEWS

***** 2024 Liturgical Calendars *** ARE IN!** Supplies are limited. Thank you once again to our faithful sponsors; Fancher - Rekus Funeral Home and St. Elizabeth TV & Appliance. We appreciate your support!



Vicki Cox Bullock	Trevor Burrows	Henry Kemna
Gerard Blomberg	Treyton Kemna	Maggie Dickneite
Colette Hicks	Dane Steenburgen	Milinda Hoecker
Brad Niemeier	Josie Boeckman	Melody Welschmeyer
Ramona Bax	Joseph Volmert	Keith Pigg
Carol Schaffer	Stacia Kimball	Joe Fuemmeler
Bruce Berendzen	Robert (Bob) Kesel	Paige Bax
Mary Jane Kemna	Darrin Tellman	Rachel Woehr
Tony Libbert	Diane Bax	Bernie Forck
Kenneth Brown	Ed Grellner	Gene Wilde
Stacey Luttrell	Frank Bax	Wanda Clark
Christopher Thompson	Dale Reinkemeyer	Patti Trinklein
Nic Gilardi	Pam Tipton	Bruce Kemna
Patrick Holtmeyer	Michael Wansing	Mike Herx
Adam Tellman		

**Those in bold will be removed at the end of December 2023.
Please contact Michele to keep names on Prayer List.**

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.
Amen.*

