

January 7, 2024

Epiphany of The Lord

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



ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jacob Kliethermes, President

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ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL

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Mary Schulte

Kevin Otto

Chris Dye

Jackie Perkins

Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church

For the gift of patience; may we embrace poverty of spirit when suffering the shortcomings of others and ourselves.



ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Brett Holtmeyer, President

Jennifer Oligschlaeger, Secretary

Andrea Holtmeyer

Chris Beck

Eric O'Neil

Tom Oligschlaeger

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: January 9 - 14, 2024

St. Lawrence				St. Anthony	
Tuesday	Jan 9	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions / Adoration † Leonard & Louise Beck		
Wednesday	Jan 10	7:15 AM	† Adolph & Ruby Kesel	6:30 PM	CCD Mass (Ministries/Confessions: 5 th , 6 th , 7 th) † Mary Brady
Thursday	Jan 11	7:15 AM	† Gene Schulte	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Jim Volmert
Friday	Jan 12	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Norbert & Betty Kemna Miller County Rehab & Care Center Mass		
Saturday	Jan 13	4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker		
Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Jan 14	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Lorene Heckemeyer	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

Sunday, January 7, 2024 – Epiphany of The Lord: In your high school English class, you might have learned that an “epiphany” is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one! That’s one way to think about the feast we’re celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything. There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew’s Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn King of the Jews. They are the first of the “nations” whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord’s light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be “coheirs...in Christ Jesus through the gospel”. Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us God’s love is far more expansive than anyone had every thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to *everyone* who comes to him; Jew or Gentile! **That includes YOU!** Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Jan 13, 2024 - 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Jan 14, 2024 - 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence - Sunday Jan 14, 2024 - 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Ann Wieberg	Margie Chipman	9 th & 10 th CCD
SERVERS	Austin O’Neil Tyson Otto Harrison Plassmeyer	Riley Holtmeyer Keaton Jones Sarah Kliethermes	Elise Scheulen Abram Wankum Clarise Green
GIFT BEARER	Family of Wilfred Heckemeyer	Kevin & Lisa Otto	9 th & 10 th CCD
COMMUNION MINISTER	Karla Buechter Janet Weckenborg	Cathy Engelmeyer	Leroy Heckemeyer Doug Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Catherine Kliethermes	Lora Luetkemeyer
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	Cathy Reinkemeyer Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Delphine Dickneite Stanley & Sandy Wieberg USHERS: Jacob & Paul Kliethermes and David Ladenberger & Ethan Musick	9 th & 10 th CCD Ben & Kara Scheulen

Stewardship Ministry Schedule	St. Lawrence - Saturday Jan 20, 2024 - 5:00 PM	St. Anthony – Sunday Jan 21, 2024 - 8:00 AM	St. Lawrence - Sunday Jan 21, 2024 - 10:00 AM
LECTORS	Paul Beck	9 th & 10 th CCD	Kristi Green
SERVERS	Kendall Wieberg Noah Wieberg Allie Williams	9 th & 10 th CCD	Hannah Bax Cooper Coleman Brennan Doerhoff
GIFT BEARER	Family of Louis Hendricks	9 th & 10 th CCD	Leroy & Susan Kliethermes
COMMUNION MINISTER	Deacon Schwartze Mike Verhoff	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Karla Holtmeyer
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Mary Schulte	Albert Frey
ROSARY GREETERS & COUNTERS	Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Paul & Janet Beck	9 th & 10 th CCD Billy Jo & Shelly Buechter USHERS: 9 th & 10 th CCD	Tim & Jennifer Oligschlaeger Dennis & Chris Beck

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 – 12/31/23		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date Totals 07/01/23 – 12/31/23	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 99,506.12	\$ 116,685.30 Total Offertory Contributions	Adult Envelopes	\$ 45,871.99	\$ 56,666.04 Total Offertory Contributions
Online Offerings	12,705.00		Online Offering	5,645.00	
Youth Envelopes	354.00		Youth	0.00	
Loose	4,120.18		Loose	5,149.05	
Other Income (Includes Organ Donations)		121,160.80	Other Income (Includes Fall Supper Income)		44,418.71
Total Parish Income		237,846.10	Total Parish Income		101,084.75
Expenses (Include Pipe Organ Restoration)		\$ 230,814.65	Expenses (Includes Fall Supper Expenses)		\$ 82,887.25
Seminary Special Christmas Offering: \$ 13,703			Seminary Special Christmas Offering: \$ 2,026		
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)
	September	\$ 5,301.28		September	\$ 1,856.45
	October	3,669.14		October	2,153.65
	November	13,148.94		November	2,440.56
	December	12,402.52		December	3,753.05

CCD News/Events

Wednesday, January 10, 2024: CCD classes resume. St. Anthony will begin with Mass (Ministries/Confessions 5, 6, 7th) at 6:30 PM and St. Lawrence will begin with Class at 7:00 PM. Here are the scheduled CCD Wednesday Masses for both Parishes; all Masses begin at 6:30 PM:

St. Anthony CCD Masses	St. Lawrence CCD Masses
January 24	January 17
February 7	February 21
February 28	March 6
March 13	March 20

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Rosary Sunday, January 7 and 21, 6 PM at St. Anthony Church. We've had a great turnout on our Sunday Rosaries and invite any and all to join us!

Wednesday, January 10, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for cards and bingo! The club will furnish SOUP for lunch and everyone is asked to bring a side dish.

Sunday, January 14, after the 8 AM Mass: Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday, March 15: Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Fry. More detail to follow! Mark your calendars now.

Sunday, January 28, after 10 AM Mass: Knight of Columbus Free Throw Contest at the St. Elizabeth Gym. Boys and girls, ages 9 – 14 are welcome. Contact Dale Holtmeyer for details.

OTHER NEWS

Monday, January 15: Food Pantry Day! Help is needed to fill orders. 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!

St. Elizabeth Ball Park Fundraiser: The St. Elizabeth Park Board is committed to maintaining and improving the beautiful park. Over the past few years, with the help of community support, we have been able to replace the baseball backstop & dugouts, install new scoreboards on the baseball and softball fields, and improve the playability of both fields through a new infield mix, laser grading, and new sod. The next major upgrade and undertaking by the Park Board is to improve the softball field dugouts. The Park Board is fortunate to have received two generous private donations totaling \$20,000 for dugout improvements; however, the total cost of these major upgrades is an estimated \$70,000. While the Park Board has applied for several grants, these have been denied. On behalf of the St. Elizabeth Park Board, any donation towards this effort, where so many enjoy not only the game, but family and friends, and making memories, is appreciated! Want to make a donation? Here's how.....continued on back



St. Elizabeth Ball Park Fundraiser Continued: Here's how you can make a tax-deductible (Tax ID #12493406) donation: 1) Send a check (made payable to St. Elizabeth Park Board) to PO Box 113, St. Elizabeth, MO 65075; 2) Send your donation to St. Elizabeth School at the attention of Becky Otto; or 3) Venmo the Park Board @steballpark noted "Dugout Donation".

The Park Board and its Members THANK YOU for your consideration and support of our beautiful park!

Becky Otto, Kara Scheulen, Sarah Wankum, Brett Holtmeyer, Jennifer Doerhoff, Darin Holtmeyer, Ashley Buechter, Brian Weckenborg, and Chris Kliethermes



Vicki Cox Bullock
Colette Hicks
Brad Niemeier
Ramona Bax
Carol Schaffer
Bruce Berendzen
Mary Jane Kemna
Tony Libbert
Kenneth Brown
Stacey Luttrell
Christopher Thompson
Nic Gilardi

Patrick Holtmeyer
Adam Tellman
Trevor Burrows
Treyton Kemna
Dane Steenburgen
Josie Boeckman
Joseph Volmert
Stacia Kimball
Robert (Bob) Kesel
Darrin Tellman
Diane Bax
Ed Grellner
Frank Bax

Dale Reinkemeyer
Pam Tipton
Michael Wansing
Henry Kemna
Maggie Dickneite
Milinda Hoecker
Melody Welschmeyer
Keith Pigg
Rachel Woehr
Bernie Forck
Gene Wilde
Wanda Clark

EPIPHANY PRAYER FOR THE HOME

*Bless, O Lord God almighty,
this home,
that in it there may be
health,
purity,
the strength of victory,
humility,
goodness and mercy,
the fulfillment of Your law,
the thanksgiving to
God, the Father
and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit.
And may this blessing remain
upon this home and upon all
who dwell herein.*

AMEN!

Dear Parishioners Family & Friends,

With gratitude and heart-felt emotion, thank you for all the well wishes, birthday wishes, gifts, cards, and prayers. I greatly enjoy my role as your Deacon and continually in prayerful awe of your support and friendship. May God bless each of you and have a safe, happy, and healthy new year.

Warmest regards,
Deacon Steve Schwartz

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I wish each of you a most blessed and joyful Christmas Season, as well as, a truly grace-filled New Year. May this New Year be full of hope, peace, and goodness for each of you and your families and friends. Please accept my deepest gratitude for all the kindness, support, compassionate, and friendship, shown to me throughout this year. I'm touched in so many ways and truly grateful for the opportunity to be your Spiritual Father and looking forward to our endeavors in 2024!

Thank you dearly for all the Christmas cards, gifts, greetings, and dinner invitations that you have shared. Your remembrance of me and love touches my heart.

To Jesus, our newborn King, through Mary, our Mother,

Sincerely,
Fr. Aubuchon

