# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 27, 2025

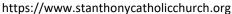
**Welcome to the Parish Communities of:** 

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, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartze
Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary
Loren Otto / Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental
Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators







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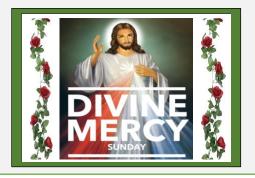
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#### \*\*\* EASTER SEASON \*\*\*

Easter Season begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 19 and goes through June 29, 2025. During the entire Easter Season, both the Precious Blood & Body will be offered; therefore, the addition of Extraordinary Ministers. Also, the Easter Season is celebrated with incense at weekend Masses and four (4) servers will be scheduled at each Mass. *Due to limited number of St. Lawrence Saturday servers, Sunday servers may be scheduled on Saturdays throughout the Easter Season.* Thank you everyone for your assistance!



|              |          | ST. LAW   | /RENCE                                     | ST. ANTHONY  |   |  |
|--------------|----------|-----------|--|--------------|---|--|
| Tuesday      | April 29 | 6:00 PM   | Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions        |              |   |  |
|              |          | 7:00 PM   | † Albert Kliethermes                       |              |   |  |
| Wednesday    | April 30 | 7:15 AM   | † Gerard & Joyce Blomberg                  |              |   |  |
| Thursday     | May 1    | 7:15 AM   | † George Holtmeyer                         | 6:00 PM      | Eucharistic Adoration & Communion Service       |  |
|              |          |           |  | NO MASS      | Father attending Priest Personnel Board Meeting |  |
| FIRST Friday | May 2    | 7:15 AM   | † Vernita Block                            | 6:00 PM      | † Leo & Lorraine Kliethermes                    |  |
|              |          | 8 – 9 AM  | Confessions                                | 6:30-7:30 PM | Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions             |  |
|              |          | 8 AM-Noon | Eucharistic Adoration                      |              |   |  |
| FIRST        | May 3    | 4:00 PM   | Confessions                                |              |   |  |
| Saturday     |          | 5:00 PM   | Special Intention                          |              |   |  |
| Sunday       | May 4    | 9:30 AM   | Confessions                                | 7:30 AM      | Confessions                                     |  |
|              |          | 10:00 AM  | Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony | 8:00 AM      | † Colette Hicks & Heather Luttrell              |  |



#### From Archbishop-Elect Shawn McKnight, April 21, 2025:

"We mourn for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As we mourn, let us reflect on this remarkable chapter in the life of our Church — one embodied by a Pope who lived the Christian virtues of humility, authenticity, openness, and hope. The teaching of Pope Francis often challenged us to avoid the modern temptation to retreat into isolation and comfort. Rather, we are called to be present in the world, embracing the unpredictable, the unscripted — the very moments where God speaks most profoundly. He showed that our beliefs are not walls that enclose us from the world; they are a foundation that gives us strong footing as we step out, searching for the light of Christ in everyone we encounter. These are challenging teachings. Yet Pope Francis thrived in how he modeled this life of active engagement. Whether he was in dialogue with world leaders or in a spontaneous exchange with a child, through him we saw what it means to take our faith into the world — to be present in

the moment, to live with an open heart. He challenged us not to look away from the marginalized. Living as a Christian means we must embrace the poor, the suffering, and those on the peripheries of society. He met the faithful where they were. He sought us out, as a shepherd does his flock. He helped us see the universal nature of our Church, reminding us that we are one body in Christ, regardless of nationality or status. And at a time in history marked by growing division, Pope Francis showed us how we can seek to sow unity — by simply speaking with one another and listening with an open heart. He reminded us that the Holy Spirit works through all of us. We simply have to ask for the courage to speak and the patience to listen. Through this open, conversational style of discernment, he pursued a path of modernization in our Church. Yet it was one that, in truth, amounted to a bold restoration. In our earliest days, the followers of Christ sought collaboration and a sense of shared responsibility among the faithful. Unity through conversation helped determine the path forward as we set out on this journey of becoming Church; always pilgrims through the ages. As we grieve the loss of our Pope, we give thanks for his life and affirm our hope in the Resurrection. May the richness of his teaching continue to guide us."

Let us pray for our Church, and pray for Pope Francis.

| Stewardship Schedule<br>May 3 - 4 | St. Lawrence<br>May 3, 5:00 PM<br>Special Intention                      | St. Anthony<br>May 4, 8:00 AM<br>† Colette Hicks & Heather Luttrell                                       | St. Lawrence<br>May 4, 10:00 AM<br>Parishioner's Mass           |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| LECTORS                           | Rich Juergensmeyer   | Nikki Rowden  | Christine Hoecker   |  |
| FOUR SERVERS                      | Addyson Heckman, Heath & Matthew<br>Heckemeyer, Cooper Lueckenotto       | Keaton Jones, Rita Wieberg,<br>Lillian & Nick Wieberg   | Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer,<br>Ben & Harper Kemna                 |  |
| GIFT BEARERS                      | Dustin & Nikki Hammond Family  | Pat Buechter, Linda Volmert,<br>Madeleine Cochran, Nikki Rowden   | Chad & Kristi Green Family                                      |  |
| EUCHARISTIC<br>MINISTERS          | Deacon Steve, Kathleen Schwartze,<br>Janet Weckenborg, Jim Plassmeyer    | Deacon Schwartze<br>Mary Schulte, Liz Voss  | Deacon Schwartze, Dale Holtmeyer,<br>Joe Huhman, Kim Plassmeyer |  |
| SACRISTAN                         | Mike Verhoff   | Mary Schulte  | Albert Frey   |  |
| PRAYER<br>HOSPITALITY<br>SERVICE  | Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger<br>Greeters: St. Cecilia Children's Choir | Rosary: Betty Voss Greeters: Clint & Jackie Perkins Ushers: Pat & Brandon Buechter and Tucker & Wes Jones | Rosary: Syl & Mary Kesel<br>Greeters: Eric & Alysha O'Neil      |  |

| FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 289 / Individual Catholics: 730 |   |   |   | FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 143 / Individual Catholics: 320 |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| ST. LAWRENCE<br>OFFERINGS   | Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals<br>07/01/2024 – 04/22/2025 |   |   | ST. ANTHONY<br>OFFERINGS   |   | Date (FYD) Totals<br>- 04/22/2025           |
| Adult Envelopes   | \$ 206,815.62   | Total Offertory Contributions \$ 275,581.19 |   | Adult Envelopes  | \$ 73,469.46                              | Total Offertory Contributions \$ 91,790.46  |
| Online Offerings  | 25,095.00   |   |   | Online Offering  | 9,210.00                                  |   |
| Youth Envelopes / Loose   | 675.00 / 6,853.57   |   |   | Loose  | 6,125.00                                  |   |
| Missions/Christmas Special  | 10,855.00 / 13,728.00                                       |   |   | Missions/Christmas Special<br>Easter Special   | 705.00 / 1,310.00                         |   |
| Easter Special  | 11,559.00   |   |   |  | 971.00                                    |   |
|   | 68,059.85   |   | Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income   |  | 7,646.49 / 23,321.25                      |   |
|   |   |   | Spring Supper Donations – Goal: \$7,500 |  | \$ Coming Soon!                           |   |
|   | 343,641.04  |   | Total YTD Parish Income                 |  | 122,758.20                                |   |
|   | \$ 284,023.88   |   | Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses    |  | \$ 88,683.94 / 14,254.56                  |   |
| FY Budget 24-25: \$ 324,079.35 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,232.00   |   |   |   | FY Budget 24-25: \$ 126,780.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,438.00  |   |   |
| MONTH   | Weekly Average Offertory Contributions                      | Monthly Tithe<br>(BASED on tithable Income) |   | MONTH  | Weekly Average<br>Offertory Contributions | Monthly Tithe<br>(BASED on tithable Income) |
| December 2024   | \$ 9,350.75   | \$ 3,063.00                                 |   | December 2024  | \$ 2,712.41                               | \$ 1,143.00                                 |
| January 2025  | \$ 6,750.94   | \$ 1,917.00                                 |   | January 2025   | \$ 2,260.24                               | \$ 745.00                                   |
| February 2025   | \$ 7,482.76   | \$ 2,265.00                                 |   | February 2025  | \$ 2,179.10                               | \$ 798.00                                   |
| March 2025 \$ 6,725.86  |   | \$ 2,053.00                                 |   | March 2025   | \$ 2,134.79                               | \$ 792.00                                   |

#### 2025 BACCALAUREATE - Sunday, May 11, 2025

Baccalaureate is a religious service, celebrating and recognizing graduating Seniors, in which they traditionally wear their caps and gowns as they enter and leave the Church with Father; *respectfully, caps are to be removed during Mass*. Father Aubuchon invites ALL graduating Seniors to join him for Mass in their respective parishes for Baccalaureate Services on Sunday, May 11; 8 AM at St. Anthony and 10 AM at St. Lawrence. For the group picture with Father & Deacon, St. Anthony Seniors are to arrive by 7:45 AM in St. Anthony & St. Lawrence Seniors by 9:45 AM in St. Lawrence.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2025**

For both St. Anthony & St. Lawrence Parishes, Confirmation ceremonies will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City, MO on Sunday, June 8, 2025, 1:00 PM. All are asked to arrive at the Cathedral by Noon on June 8. Immediately following the Confirmation ceremony, we will gather in Cana Hall (formerly known as St. Joseph Undercroft) for a light reception. *CONFIRMATION PRACTICE* is on Wednesday, June 4; please consult with either Kara/Lauren for updates and other details.

Sunday Rosaries, 6 PM

Anthony Cemetery

May 4 St. Anthony Church

May 18 St. Anthony Church May 25 Honor the Fallen @ St.

TOTUS TUUS 2025: Mark Your Calendars; it's the Week of July 13 – 18, 2025.

#### ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday, May 1, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

FIRST Friday, May 2: Join us for Mass at 6:00 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions.

Sunday, May 11, After 8 AM Mass: Mother's Day BBQ at BJ, St. Anthony. \$12 per person (Carry Out/Eat In). BBQ chicken, hobo taters, baked beans.

Senior Citizens: Wed, April 30, 1:00 PM: Snacks and Cards.

Wed, May 14, 9:30 AM: Cards and Bingo. Club will provide HAM; please bring a side dish.

**Food Committee Elections** will be held on Sunday, May 4, during the 8:00 AM Mass. Must be present to cast your vote. To align with the Parish Council Term limit of 3 years, the newly elected Food Committee Members will also serve 3 years. Elected members will officially begin on June 1, 2025 and will be notified of their appointment. Thank you in advance to new members for your service to your Parish.

#### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST Friday, May 2: Join us for Mass at 7:15 AM, followed by Confessions/Eucharistic Adoration and then coffee/donuts in the Church Basement.

FIRST Saturday, May 3: St. Cecilia Children's Choir provides song! Practice begins at 4 PM and we will meet in the church balcony.

First Sunday, May 4, 6 – 10 PM: St. Elizabeth Senior Card club meets in the Community Center. Please bring a snack to share.

First Monday, May 5, 7 PM: Patriotic Rosary at St. Lawrence Church. All are welcome to join.

**First Wednesday, May 7, 8 AM: Runner's Creed:** REMEMBER the Unborn Jersey & Creed. All students from St. Elizabeth R-4 School are invited to meet at the Holy Family across from school to pray the Life Runners Creed. Community members are welcome to attend. If you are a student/member from another school, wear your jersey & send up a prayer with us! All in Christ for Pro-Life!

Wednesday, May 7, 7 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

**School Bus Route Driver Job Opportunity:** The St. Elizabeth R-IV School District is accepting applications for a bus driver. This route is morning only. Interested applicants should submit the <u>district's non-certified application</u> (active link found in online Bulletin) to Doug Kempker, Superintendent, PO BOX 68, St. Elizabeth, MO 65075, or email doug@ste.k12.mo.us.

#### Other News

Wednesday, April 30, 2 – 6 PM: Blood Drive, Citizens Civic League, 301 Olive St., Meta, MO. Donate Blood in Memory of Harold Libbert.







Larry Buckley Judy Doyle Clinton Luebbering **Dylan Nichols Terry Yates** Trevin White **Dakota Clarkston** Lorraine Hoecker Bryan Hoecker Bryleigh Wulff Sherry Johnson **Curt Schatz** Sister Vicki Ewers Nolan Kesel Cathy Thompson **Grant Lamb** Deidra Buechter Twyla Holt Greyson Juergensmeyer

Vicki Cox Bullock Ramona Bax Bruce Berendzen Christopher Thompson Nic Gilardi Patrick Holtmeyer Treyton Kemna Trevor Burrows

Trevor Burrows
Dane Steenburgen
Joseph Volmert
Stacia Kimball
Frank Bax
Pam Tipton
Michael Wansing
Henry Kemna
Maggie Dickneite
Milinda Hoecker
Melody Welschmeyer
Rachel Woehr

Emberlee, Josie, & Brody Boeckman
Joel Gares
Ollie Victoria Eidson
THANKFUL For others in

Ollie Victoria Eidson Jerry Herx Mike Kesel Louis Toebben THANKFUL FOR ALL THE PRAYERS! In making room for others in need of prayer, those in bold will be removed; please text Michele @ 573-291-6638 to have them remain on the Prayer List.

Gene Wilde



# JUBILEE FLYERS LOCATED IN BACK OF CHURCH! PICK ONE UP TODAY. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.

The Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope invites all of us into a season of renewal, a time to embrace the hope that Christ offers us, especially with the challenges we face in our world today. In many ways, this Jubilee Year could not come at a better time. Some feel overwhelmed by the weight of their personal problems and

still others by the world's problem and it can be easy to lose sight of the hope that lies at the heart of our faith. Yet, as we embark together as pilgrims of hope, we know that the troubles of life will not simply disappear because of our faith. Rather, our observance of this special year is yet another call from God to look beyond our immediate circumstances and to place our trust in the unshakable hope that comes from Him. In this Year of Jubilee, you are invited to be a hope-bearer in your family, in your community, in your parish, in our diocese, and in every human interaction. Let us be leaders in how we respond to the division and despair in our society, leading with acts of kindness, patience, and understanding.

https://diojeffcity.org/jubilee-year/

## SACRAMENTAL CONGRATULATIONS!

### The Cochran Family, Ryan, Madeleine, Kinlee, & Kyler

During the Easter Vigil, they were welcomed fully into the Church and received the Holy Spirit.



L to R: Ryan, Kyler, Father Aubuchon, Kinlee, Madeleine

### Austin & Jamie (Schwartze) Wheeler

Rite of Holy Matrimony Saturday, April 26, 2025 St. Lawrence Catholic Church

In remembrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on April 27, 2025, the following received for the first time, the Most Sacred Body and Blood in Holy Communion

| Rylan Bax           | St. Anthony  |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Evelyn Buechter     | St. Lawrence |
| Reid Evers          | St. Lawrence |
| Lillian Faulkner    | St. Anthony  |
| Klayton Green       | St. Lawrence |
| Gemma Holtmeyer     | St. Lawrence |
| Brock Juergensmeyer | St. Lawrence |
| Coyer Kemna         | St. Lawrence |
| Evie Libbert        | St. Lawrence |
| Emma Musick         | St. Anthony  |
| Emmalyn Plassmeyer  | St. Lawrence |
| Augusta Schanzmeyer | St. Lawrence |
| Khira Vaughn        | St. Lawrence |
| Millie Wieberg      | St. Lawrence |
| Braxton Wilde       | St. Lawrence |
| Riley Wilde         | St. Lawrence |

To our Second Grade/First Holy Communion CCD Teachers, Kelli Green & Julie Wieberg, thank you for your faithful devotion and dedication!

### A VERY BLESSED CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!