

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 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

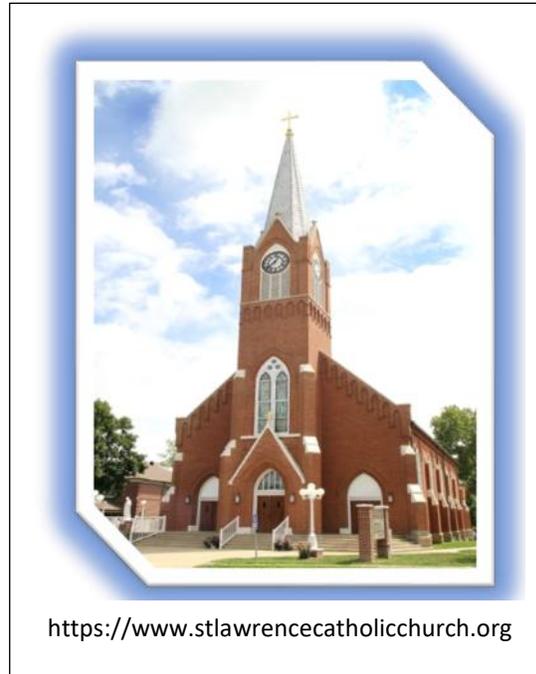
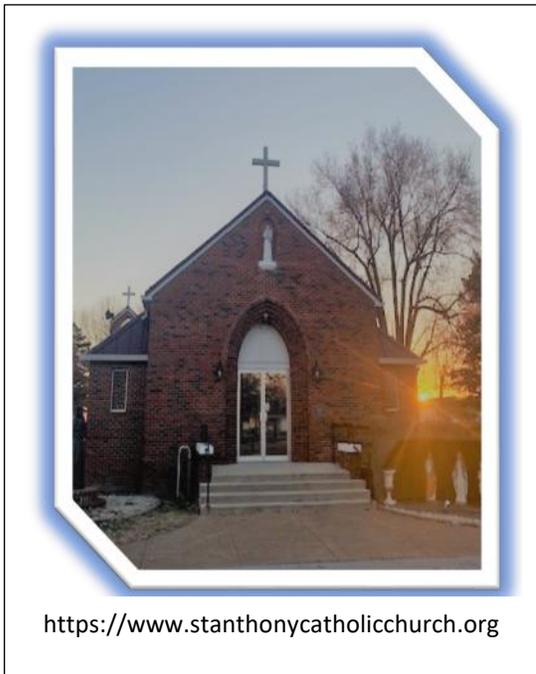
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartz

Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

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Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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Mary Schulte

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

For all vocations, and especially for those who will be ordained this year. That they may be strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit and remain faithful to the call of Christ. We pray to the Lord.



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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: MAY 6 - 11, 2025

*** 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. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Monday	May 5	7:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary		
Tuesday	May 6	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions † Francis L. Struempf		
Wednesday	May 7	7:15 AM	† Denis Plassmeyer		
Thursday	May 8	7:15 AM	† Roger Heckemeyer	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Veronica Holtmeyer
Friday	May 9	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Bill & Carmen Luetkemeyer Miller Co Rehab & Care Center Mass		
Saturday	May 10	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Loretta Weiler		
Sunday	May 11	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Wilfred Hoecker	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence



Nine Days of Mourning

April 26 - May 4, 2025

Please keep
Pope Francis
in your prayers.

Prayer for Pope Francis

God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst will that Thy servant Francis ... should be numbered among the high priests; grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only-begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.
Amen

Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Daily Reflection

The Acts of the Apostles contains such amazing stories that it can sometimes seem like we are reading a work of fiction. But that's just not the case. Take today's first reading...there really were men and women who, in the face of severe persecution, kept filling Jerusalem with the Good News. Peter and the apostles really were questioned, tortured, and imprisoned, but they didn't back down. Instead, they replied, "We must obey God rather than men." It might be hard to relate to such boldness, so imagine how, in your own world, you can "fill" the places and spaces with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Think about your everyday activities, places you go, people you come in contact with; maybe it's family at home, people at work or school, or just waiting in line somewhere. Now picture those places as your own "Jerusalem" and imagine the Good News of the saving love and mercy of God bubbling up inside you! As you feel His presence, you may hold your head higher, smiler boarder, and look for someone to share it with. So now, without hesitation, open the "gate" and offer prayer for someone in need, strike up a conversation, or maybe open the door or give someone your seat or place in line. Actions speak louder than words. THIS IS YOU filling your own "Jerusalem" with the Gospel!

"Holy Spirit, give me the boldness to share the Good News wherever I go."

Stewardship Schedule May 10 - 11	St. Lawrence May 10, 5:00 PM † Loretta Weiler	St. Anthony May 11, 8:00 AM Parishioner's Mass	St. Lawrence May 11, 10:00 AM † Wilfred Hoecker
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg	Donna Dickneite	Bert Doerhoff
FOUR SERVERS	Rowan Juergensmeyer, Jakob Kesel, Cameron Kesel, Harrison Plassmeyer	Christina, Rachel, & Skylar Bax and Knox Buechter	Kane Kemna, Alayna & Mya Oligschlaeger, Austin O'Neil
GIFT BEARERS	Brian & Samantha Heckemeyer Family	Brandon & Amanda Buechter Family	Caleb & Holly Heckemeyer Family
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Steve, Diane Juergensmeyer, Paul Beck, Dale Buechter	Deacon Schwartze, Margie Chipman, Cathy Englemeyer	Deacon Schwartze, Doug Holtmeyer, Jennifer Oligschlaeger, Leroy Heckemeyer
SACRISTAN	Kathleen Schwartze	Margie Wilson	Stan Struempf
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Rose Buechter Greeters: Paul & Janet Beck	Rosary: Patsy Voss Greeters: Scott & Shawn Roark Ushers: Earl Finch, Ronnie Gladden, Adam & Coltin Green	Rosary: Albert & Dolores Frey Greeters: Ben & Kara Scheulen

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 OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 04/29/2025		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2024 – 04/29/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 209,529.66	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 278,784.23	Adult Envelopes	\$ 74,704.46	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 93,250.46
Online Offerings	25,285.00		Online Offering	9,280.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	695.00 / 7,107.57		Loose	6,270.00	
Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	10,855.00 / 13,728.00 11,584.00		Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	705.00 / 1,310.00 981.00	
Other Income	68,254.01		Other Income/ 2024 Fall Supper Income 2025 Spring Supper Donations – Goal: \$7,500	7,727.49 / 23,321.25 295.00	
Total YTD Parish Income	347,038.24	Total YTD Parish Income	124,594.20		
Expenses	\$ 287,650.68	Expenses / 2024 Fall Supper Expenses	\$ 90,106.86 / 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 (BASED on tithable Income)	MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (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 their/the Church with Father; **respectfully, caps are to be removed during Mass**. Father Aubuchon invites ALL graduating Seniors to join him for Baccalaureate Mass/Service on Sunday, May 11 at either the 8 AM Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church or the 10 AM Mass at St. Lawrence Church. ALL graduating Seniors, from ANY of our neighboring towns, are most welcome to attend! *For the group picture with Father & Deacon at St. Anthony Church, Seniors are to arrive by 7:45 AM & at St. Lawrence Church, Seniors are to arrive by 9:45 AM. Congratulations to the Class of 2025! God Bless.*

CONFIRMATION – Sunday, June 8, 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, 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 @ 6:00 PM.**

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

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Thursday, May 8: 6:40 PM: Ladies Auxiliary meeting following 6 PM Mass in the Parish Hall.
6:40 PM: Parish & Finance Council Meeting following 6 PM Mass in Lorenz.

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

MY Spring Supper Donations: MY (pink) Spring Supper Donations envelopes can be found in pews and the back of church; however, any envelope will do. Just label it Spring Supper Donation. Thank you for your support and achieving our goal of \$ 7,500!

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 PM: Parish and Finance Council Meeting in Church Basement.

Sunday Rosaries, 6:00 PM

May 4 & 18 @ St. Anthony Church
May 25, Honor the Fallen @ St. Anthony Cemetery

Sunday, May 18, 1 – 4 PM: The family of Florence Plassmeyer is hosting an open house with a cake and punch reception to celebrate her **90th Birthday!** All are welcome. It will be held in the St. Elizabeth Community Center.

Other News

Monday, May 19, 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!



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
 Greyson Juergensmeyer
 Emberlee, Josie, & Brody Boeckman
 Joel Gares
 Ollie Victoria Eidson
 Jerry Herx
 Mike Kesel
 Louis Toebben

Vicki Cox Bullock
 Ramona Bax
 Bruce Berendzen
 Christopher Thompson
 Nic Gilardi
 Patrick Holtmeyer
 Treyton Kemna
Trevor Burrows
Dane Steenburgen
Joseph Volmert
Stacia Kimball
Frank Bax
Pam Tipton
Michael Wansing
Henry Kemna
Maggie Dickneite
Milinda Hoecker
Melody Welschmeyer
Rachel Woehr
 Gene Wilde

THANKFUL FOR ALL THE PRAYERS! In making room for others in need of prayer, those in bold will be removed **THIS WEEK**; please text Michele @ 573-291-6638 to have them remain on the Prayer List.

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop McKnight
 May 20, 2025**

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City, Missouri. Attendees are asked to RSVP; see below. This is a farewell Mass for Bishop McKnight as he departs and prepares for the Mass of Installation, on May 27, 2025, as the 5th Archbishop of Kansas City.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations



On May 11, 2025, the world observes the 62nd Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis released a message for the day, encouraging young people to listen to God's call in their hearts and be "pilgrims of hope," offering the world a sign of God's love. The Church encourages individuals and families to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate. Find more information at <https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>

**Wedding Anniversary
 Milestones**

Are you celebrating a "five" year wedding anniversary? Whether it's 5, 10, 15... or 60, 65, 70... years or MORE, Father Aubuchon would like to and is HAPPY to recognize your marriage milestone with a blessing during Mass. To schedule, contact Father Aubuchon or text/call Michele at 573-291-6638.



Hear, O Lord, have mercy on me; Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; you took off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.

PSALM 30:11-12

Jesus is inviting us to return to him, placing our hope and trust in his endless love. He walks alongside us, guiding us through life as we journey toward our eternal reward in heaven.

