

21th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 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

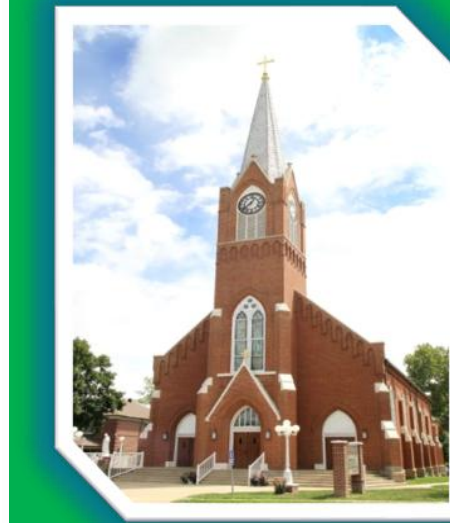
Michele Renkemeyer, Parish Secretary

Loren Otto / Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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ST. ANTHONY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sandy Wieberg, President

Julie Dye, Secretary Billy Buechter

Brandon Buechter Loren Otto

Scott Roark Nikki Rowden

ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL

Eva Voss, President Chris Dye

Kevin Otto Jackie Perkins

Mary Schulte

POPE LEO'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION



For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Oligschlaeger, President

Abby Kemna, Secretary

Chris Beck

Kelli Green

Craig Oligschlaeger

Eric O'Neil

ST. LAWRENCE FINANCE COUNCIL

Ben Scheulen, President Janet Beck

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We Welcome with Joy

Fr. Ralph O'Donnell

Appointed by Pope Leo XIV
as the 5th Bishop
of Jefferson City



Pope Leo XIV has appointed Fr. Ralph O'Donnell, 55, as the fifth Bishop of Jefferson City. The appointment was publicized in Washington, D.C., by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. Born in Omaha in 1969, Fr. O'Donnell was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha in 1997. He currently serves as Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Omaha. His appointment comes approximately three months after the previous Bishop of Jefferson City, the Most Reverend Shawn McKnight, was installed as Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas. Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicky was elected to serve as Diocesan Administrator, and continues in that role until the installation of the new bishop. Fr. O'Donnell will be ordained as the 5th Bishop of Jefferson City on Tues, October 28, 2025.

From Fr. Ralph O'Donnell, Bishop-Elect of Jefferson City

"I'm grateful to the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV for this appointment. I look forward to coming to know and to serve the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City with joy. Let us pray for one another in the days ahead."

WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 26 - 31, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Aug 26	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions † Bernard & Joe Struempf		
Wednesday	Aug 27	7:15 AM	† Keith Pigg		
Thursday	Aug 28	7:15 AM	† Anne Bax Ozbolt & Andrew & Loreen Volmert	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Veronica Holtmeyer
Friday	Aug 29	7:15 AM	† Wayne Bax		
Saturday	Aug 30	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Leonard & Marie Schanzmeyer		
FIFTH Sunday	Aug 31	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Wanda Clark	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

Stewardship Schedule Aug 30 - 31	St. Lawrence Saturday, August 30, 5:00 PM † Leonard & Marie Schanzmeyer	St. Anthony Sunday, August 31, 8:00 AM Parishioners' Mass	St. Lawrence Sunday, August 31, 10:00 AM † Wanda Clark
LECTORS	Kathleen Schwartze	Knights of Columbus	Daniel Buechter
SERVERS	Paisley Bax Addyson & LilyAnne Heckman	Mason Otto Leo & Rita Wieberg	Sofia Holtmeyer Alayna Oligschlaeger, Austin O'Neil
GIFT BEARERS	Greg & Mary Lou Rehagen	Knights of Columbus	Kyle & Bambi Kemna Family
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Karla Buechter	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Chad Green
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Margie Wilson	Lora Luetkemeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Kenny & Alice Oligschlaeger Greeters: Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Rosary, Greeters, & Ushers Knights of Columbus	Rosary: Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer Greeters: Eric & Alysha O'Neil

Stewardship Schedule Sept 6 - 7	St. Lawrence FIRST Saturday, Sept 6, 5:00 PM Parishioners' Mass	St. Anthony Sunday, Sept 7, 8:00 AM † Wayne Bax	St. Lawrence Sunday, Sept 7, 10:00 AM † Keith Pigg
LECTORS	Cathy Reinkemeyer	Margie Chipman	Christine Hoecker
SERVERS	Cooper Lueckenotto Harrison & Preston Plassmeyer	Alyssa Perkins Lillian & Nick Wieberg	Ben, Harper, and Kane Kemna
GIFT BEARERS	Ryan & Erin Kemna Family	Earl & Kathy Finch Family	Robb Kemna Family
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Janet Weckenborg Kim Plassmeyer	Cathy Engelmeyer	Bert & Jane Doerhoff
SACRISTAN	Lindsey Holtmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Albert Frey
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Greeters: Joe & Kim Plassmeyer	Rosary: Pasty Voss Greeters: Clint & Jackie Perkins Ushers: Trenton Schroeder and Dennis, Frank, and Jacob Schulte	Rosary: Carl & Sharon Kemna Greeters: Craig & Glenda Oligschlaeger

CCD CLASSES for Wednesday, September 3, 2025

St. Anthony begins with Mass/Confessions at **6:30 PM**; Ministries & Confessions - Grades 7 and 10-12

St. Lawrence begins with the Rosary at **6:40 PM**; Grade 10

Sunday, August 24, 2025 – Daily Reflection: *Strive to enter through the narrow gate.*

While you might think this references entering into the realm of Heaven, think again. Jesus didn't mix words as he passed through the towns and warned his listeners. *There's a gate, and passing through it won't be easy. But you've got to get through it.* This image of a "narrow gate" illustrates Jesus' mission perfectly; he traveled from village to village, "teaching as he went, and making his way to Jerusalem". Jesus' whole life pointed toward Jerusalem, where he would fulfill his mission. There he would unveil his Father's plan of salvation as he freely offered his life for us. He never stopped moving toward the cross. And as he went, he visited town after town, teaching all who would listen. This was Jesus' "narrow gate," and he did not avoid it. Even more, he invited everyone to follow him through the gate of obedient, self-giving love. That's because he knows the narrow gate is the way to eternal life. His warnings might frighten us, but Jesus doesn't want to scare us, he wants to SAVE us. And so every day, he offers us the chance to enter the narrow gate, by our acts of love, by random acts of kindness, and obedience to his command. Random because acts of kindness or love shouldn't always be something we HAVE to THINK about doing; they just happen. Jesus invites us to "strive to enter" the gate and the best news is, HE IS THE GATE and his arms are open wide to help us. If the gate is just too small or your resistance to try is too great, confess your need to the Lord and never quit trying!

Lord, help me to follow you through the narrow gate!

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 289 / Individual Catholics: 730			FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 320		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 08/19/2025		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 08/19/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 24,344.50	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 44,572.66	Adult Envelopes	\$ 11,767.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 14,940.57
Online Offerings	6,040.00		Online Offering	1,340.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	205.00 / 1,198.16		Loose	936.00	
Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	12,785.00		Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	897.00	
Other Income		10,556.12	Other Income		2,500.33
Total YTD Parish Income		55,128.78	Total YTD Parish Income		17,440.90
Expenses (Property Insurance Dues Paid in July)		\$ 58,369.39	Expenses (Property Insurance Dues Paid in July)		\$ 23,795.58
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62			FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)	MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
July 2025	\$ 7,687.85	\$ 1,697.00	July 2025	\$ 2,383.02	\$ 798.00

CCD Teacher's Meeting Highlights

- The Program is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM, with either Mass or a Spiritual Component (Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary); classes begin immediately following at 7:00 PM. **For St. Lawrence students, the St. Elizabeth School will NOT be open until after Mass/Adoration is over; and, there will be NO supervision for children if they are dropped off at school.** For both parishes, if your child(ren) cannot attend Mass/spiritual component, please make sure their teacher is in the classroom when dropping them off.
- On the first day of class (September 3, 2025), a packet will be provided to each student to give to their parents/care-giver. Packets include: Parent Letter, CCD Schedule, and an **IMPORTANT** Emergency Contact Form. The Emergency Contact form MSUT be returned to the respective teacher (preferably on the second class) as this will be used in case of any emergencies.
- Text alerts are the main form of communication throughout the program year. Use the St. Elizabeth School District Hornet Alert Sign Up to get these important text messages. <https://www.ste.k12.mo.us/o/ste/page/hornet-alerts-sign-up>

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

CHANGE: Wed, August 27, 6:30 PM: Food Committee Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Wed, August 27, 1:00 PM: Senior Citizens meet for cards in Lorenz Hall. Bring a snack to share!

6:30 PM: Parish Council Meeting in Lorenz; Finance Council members are optional.

Fri, August 29, 7:00 PM: ST. ANTHONY COMMUNITY PARK in cooperation with Xcaliber Pulling are hosting a Truck and Tractor Pull at St Anthony Park. Admission: \$20 Adults / 10 and Under Free

FIFTH Sun, August 31: Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall, immediately following 8 AM Mass.

Mon, September 1, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

ST. ANTHONY FALL FESTIVAL IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19: Please consider where you/your family can help.

- **Food Donation:** Contact Belinda Faulkner at 573-502-4044, Dennis Schulte at 573-690-1960, Jordyn Bax at 573-286-5319, or Derek Bax at 573-619-7119
- **Country Store Donation:** Baked goods, jelly, craft item, produce, plants, etc.: Contact any member above.
- **Pie & Bread Donations:** Donations towards PIES may be put in the collection envelope marked **PIES**; \$25 is requested. Be sure to include your name on the envelope. Each family is asked contribute to 3 pies (through donation or homemade pies) & 2 loaves of bread.
- **Raffle Donations:** Contact any Parish or Finance Council Member or Michele Renkemeyer to make a donation.
- **Hall Cleaning** is Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 7:00 AM. All council members are asked to be available.

**SEPTEMBER
SUNDAY ROSARIES**
St. Anthony Church
September 7th & 21st, 6:00 PM

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Thurs, Aug 28, 6 PM: Knights of Columbus Council 6640 is preparing the meal for the St. Jude's 4th Degree Assembly to be held in the St. Elizabeth Comm Center. Council needs volunteers to help beginning at 3:00 pm ON THURSDAY. Fried Chicken Dinner is on the menu! Please come give us a hand! Contact Grand Knight Connor Beck (573-301-8164) with questions. The St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus is a wonderful organization. If you are interested in joining or have questions, contact Grand Knight Connor Beck or any active member for more details.

First Monday, Sept 1, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary in St. Lawrence Church.

Wed, September 3, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

First Friday, September 5: Join us for Mass at 7:15 AM followed by Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration until Noon. Coffee & Donuts served in the Church Basement after Mass.

FIRST Saturday, September 6, 5 PM Mass: The St. Cecilia Children's Choir sings. Practice begins at 4:00 PM in Church.

Sunday, Sept 7, 5 – 9 PM: We fall back and begin at 5:00 PM! St. Elizabeth Senior Card Club meets for cards in the Community Center; please bring a snack to share. We welcome any new parishioners!



THANK YOU to these gentlemen for their time and donation of talent: Melvin Scheulen, Rob Wansing, Albert Fry, and Deacon Steve. The buckled floor in the foyer is NO more!

Barb Brison	Grant Lamb
John Schaefer	Deidra Buechter
Helen Davis	Emberlee, Josie, &
Travis Tomson	Brody Boeckman
Larry Buckley	Joel Gares
Judy Doyle	Jerry Herx
Clinton	Mike Kesel
Luebbering	Louis Toebben
Dylan Nichols	Vicki Cox Bullock
Terry Yates	Ramona Bax
Dakota Clarkston	Bruce Berendzen
Lorraine Hoecker	Christopher Thompson
Bryan Hoecker	Nic Gilardi
Bryleigh Wulff	Patrick Holtmeyer
Sherry Johnson	Treyton Kemna
Sister Vicki Ewers	Joseph Volmert
Nolan Kesel	Gene Wilde
Cathy Thompson	



Marking 45 Years of
Our Lady's Apparitions
June 18 – 29, 2026

This pilgrimage includes a visit to the site of the purported Marian apparitions and offers opportunities for prayer, reflection, and connection with other pilgrims. Truly experience our Blessed Mother's presence and allow Her to touch your heart. Bookings occurring now! For more information, contact Alice Oligschlaeger at 573-694-5534.



ST. ANTHONY FALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH
132 MAIN STREET, ST. ANTHONY, MO
(Mailing Address: Iberia, MO)

Serving Buffet Style
11:30 AM - 4:00 PM
FRESH WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE &
ROAST BEEF DINNERS
MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, KRAUT & POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SWEET POTATOES, COLE SLAW, APPLE SAUCE & PIE

DINNER TICKETS
ADULTS & CARRYOUTS: \$15.00
CHILDREN 6-12: \$7.00
5 & UNDER: FREE

BEER GARDEN & LIVE MUSIC BY:
CODY STILLWELL (12-2) & TONY GLADDEN (2-4)
COUNTRY STORE & RAFFLE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

MEAT SALES BEGIN @ 1:00 PM!

ADA & Handicap

Our Lady of the Snows
Mary's Home Parish Picnic
August 31, 2025
Serving from 11 am-7:00 pm

Fried Chicken & (Gluten Free) Roast Beef Dinner
Adults \$16 Children (6-12) \$7 5 yrs & under eat FREE!
All you can eat, includes sides, coffee/tea/water, and dessert
Served "cafeteria style" in the air-conditioned Parish Center
with outdoor seating available for carry-out meals

Carry-Out Meals contain a choice of white or dark meat chicken with roast beef
OR the gluten free option of all roast beef
along with: green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, slaw, applesauce, bread, & pie
No Substitutions

**** Quilt Fortune Wheel ** Bingo/Pull Tabs ** Country Store **
** KIDS GAMES ** Crafts ** Concession Stand **
** Beer Stand / Margaritas ** Homemade Pastry Auction ****

Prize Drawing with 28 prizes
Including Handmade Quilt, \$500, Charbroil Gas Grill, \$250 (2), \$150, \$100 (10),
* other cash and various prizes!

NO outside drinks or coolers on parish grounds
* cash and check only *

HOLY FAMILY PARISH - FREEBURG
PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

Chicken and Roast Beef Dinner
REAL MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, GREEN BEANS, APPLE SAUCE, COLE SLAW AND BREAD
DESSERTS - COCONUT APPLE, CHERRY & PEACH PIE
\$16 - SERVING CARRY OUTS FROM 11:30 AM TO 7:00 PM
OUTDOOR & AIR-CONDITIONED INDOOR DINING AVAILABLE (NO TABLE SERVICE)

SANDWICH STAND & REFRESHMENTS
BEER, WINE AND GIN RICKEY
BINGO
COUNTRY STORE
KETTLE CORN
KIDNEY BEAN TRUCK FUEL
ICE CREAM

NEW DRIVE-THRU 11 AM - 3 PM
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
NO CUSTOM ORDERS
/WIKED CHICKEN
QUILT AUCTION 5:00 PM
Enter the picture to see who is going to win the quilt and get the prize!

LIVE MUSIC HOME BY ELEVEN
FRIDAY 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM
SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$50/50 RAFFLE
\$200 IN CASH PRIZES

RAFFLE OVER \$11,000 IN RAFFLE PRIZES
Prize Drawing Courtesy of:
POETTGEN BROS. AUTO CENTER
Saint Pius High School, Freeburg
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH AND PARISH TO RECEIVE UPDATES

St. Anthony of Padua, Folk
Fall Festival
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
ROAST BEEF & WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE DINNERS
Drive Thru & Carry Out
Indoor air-conditioning seating will be available
SERVING 11AM - 6PM
MEALS \$16 EACH

Bingo - Kettle Corn - Arts & Crafts
Beer Garden - Kids Games - Country Store

*Classic Car Cruise-In 11 am - 6:30 pm
*Raffle Drawing 6:30 pm (\$1,000 First Prize)
*Shooting Match starting at 12 pm
*Quilt & Pie Auction 5 pm
(Auctioning Donated by Franklin, Jim, & Tom Hurs)
Hwy 63 to Westphalia then Hwy 133 to Folk (6 Miles)

St. Louis of France Parish
FALL FESTIVAL
Bonnotts Mill
September 14, 2025

Fried Chicken & Bone-In Ham
REAL Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn
Green Beans, Slaw, Homemade Desserts
Indoor Seating ~ TO-GO's Available ~ Cafeteria Style
~ Serving from Noon to 6:00 PM ~
\$16 Per Plate

LIVE AUCTION AT 4:00 PM
COUNTRY STORE Raffle 50/50
SANDWICH STAND BEER & GIN RICKEY