29th Sunday in Ordinary Time **October 19, 2025**

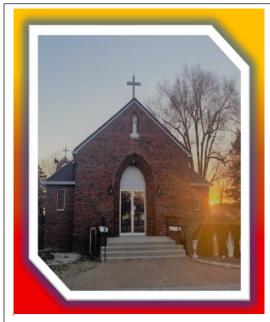
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St. Anthony of Padua 132 Main Street Iberia. MO 65486

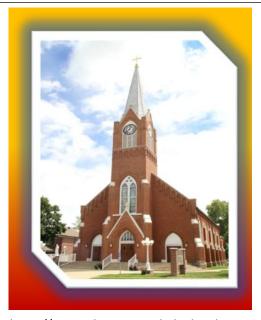
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POPE LEO'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION



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

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: October 21st - 26th, 2025 / All Saints Day & All Souls' Day

ST. LA			WRENCE		ST. ANTHONY
Tuesday	Oct 21	6:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions		
		7:00 PM	† William & Carmen Luetkemeyer		
Wednesday	Oct 22	7:15 AM	† Norbert & Ella Otto	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / Ministries: Grade 7
		6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary Ministries: Grades 11-12		† Father Russell Judge
Thursday	Oct 23	7:15 AM	† Norma Beck	5:30 PM	Confessions
				6:00 PM	† Roger Kliethermes
Friday	Oct 24	7:15 AM	† Ernie & Rosemary Buschjost		
Saturday	Oct 25	4:00 PM	Confessions		
		5:00 PM	† Emil & Bernadine Bax		
Sunday	Oct 26	9:30 AM	Confessions	7:30 AM	Confessions
		10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	8:00 AM	† Curt Lepper
Saturday Masses	Nov 1	8:00 AM	All Saints Day Mass / † Dennis Plassmeyer		
All Saints Day		5:00 PM	All Souls Day Evening Mass / Bishop John Gaydos		
Sunday Masses	Nov 2	9:30 AM	Confessions	7:30 AM	Confessions
All Souls' Day		10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	8:00 AM	† Charlie & Mary Ann Voss
Blessing of the Graves (After Mass)		ass)	Blessing of the Graves @ Cemetery		Blessing of the Graves

Sunday, October 19, 2025 - Daily Reflection: Pray always without becoming weary. (Luke 18:1)

Jesus' words in today's Gospel can sound impossible: *Pray always? Without growing weary?* How can we do that? It's so easy to grow weary in prayer, especially in those situations when God seems slow to answer. How do we not give up? What can we do when prayer feels hard and unanswered? Our readings tell us to be open to receiving help from your brothers and sisters. In the first reading, Moses lifts up his staff in prayer on a mountaintop while Joshua and his army battle Israel's enemy, the Amalekites, in the valley below. But Moses begins to grow weary, so Aaron and Hur support his arms so that he (Moses) can keep praying. Because of his friends, Moses was able to persist, and that gave Israel the advantage over their enemy. It's not always easy to ask for help, but asking someone to pray for us or with us opens the door to God's grace! A friend OR the Blessed Mother or a Saint CAN intercede for us and offer support when we are tired and weary. In the second reading, Paul offers words of encouragement to his young disciple, Timothy. Paul senses his martyrdom is near, so he urges his friend to rely on something that is undying: the Word of God. "All Scripture," he says, "is inspired by God". Scripture has divine power and can bring us hope when we are weary. It can bolster our faith and fill our minds with God's truth. When we want to give up, we can remember, "My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Whenever we struggle in prayer, we can ask God for his strength. Jesus himself intercedes for us, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. So BE relentless and persistent in prayer! God is always here to help us; it may not be when we want it, but he's our Loving Father and he will answer. *Lord, teach me to remain prayerful all day long!*

Stewardship Schedule Oct 25-26	St. Lawrence Saturday, Oct 25, 5:00 PM † Emil & Bernadine Bax	St. Anthony Sunday, Oct 26, 8:00 AM † Curt Lepper	St. Lawrence Sunday, Oct 26, 10:00 AM † Parishioners' Mass		
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Emma Musick	Daniel Buechter		
SERVERS	Daisey & Paisley Bax Kendall Wieberg	Lillian & Nick Wieberg Knox Buechter	Brennan & Layla Doerhoff Kiptyn Green		
GIFT BEARERS	Leon & Debra Libbert	Randy & Ronnie Holtmeyer	Danny & Loretta Loethen		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Kim Plassmeyer Janet Weckenborg	Liz Voss	Leroy Heckemeyer Doug Holtmeyer		
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Stan Struemph		
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Dianne Heckemeyer Greeter/Counter: Kaye Finn	Rosary: Dorothy Buechter Greeter/Counter: Kevin Otto Ushers: Michael Bennett and Alan, Derek, and Sid Blomberg	Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeter/Counter: Craig Oligschlaeger		

All Saints Day - Nov 1 All Souls Day - Nov 2	St. Lawrence Saturday, Nov 1, 8:00 AM † Denis Plassmeyer	St. Lawrence Saturday, Nov 1, 5:00 PM † Father Russell Judge	St. Anthony Sunday, Nov 2, 8:00 AM † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss	St. Lawrence Sunday, Nov 2, 10:00 AM Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS	Ann Wieberg	5 th Grade CCD	7 th Grade CCD	11 th & 12 th Grade CCD
FOUR SERVERS	Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer	5 th Grade CCD	Augie Dearduff Christine, Rachel, and Skylar Bax	11 th & 12 th Grade CCD
GIFT BEARERS	Ryan & Morgan Loethen Family	5 th Grade CCD	7 th Grade CCD	11 th & 12 th Grade CCD
PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD	Deacon Steve Karla Holtmeyer, Michele Renkemeyer, & Chris Beck	Deacon Steve Mike Verhoff, Jim Plassmeyer, Diane Juergensmeyer	Deacon Steve Margie Chipman Cathy Engelmeyer	Deacon Steve Bert & Jane Doerhoff Ben Scheulen
SACRISTAN	Lindsey Holtmeyer	Kathleen Schwartze	Mary Schulte	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
PRAYER/SERVICE HOSPITALITY	Rosary: Michele Renkemeyer Greeter: Dale Renkemeyer	Rosary/Greeters: 5 th Grade CCD	Rosary: Delphine Dickneite Greeters/Ushers: 7 th Grade CCD	Rosary/Greeters: 11 th & 12 th Grade CCD

CCD PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: Our CCD students are an important part of celebrating Mass. Their participation during Mass inspires devotion and courage, along with building the next generation of faithful followers of Christ. Students are assigned various ministry roles based on their own requests or by their CCD Teacher.

We humbly ask you attend Mass with your students and support their faith-filled journey.

ST. L	EAR: July 1, 2025 – June AWRENCE PARISH STATIS d Households: 292 / Indi	TICS		FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 143 / Individual Catholics: 322			
ST. LAWRENCE Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals OFFERINGS 07/01/2025 – 10/08/2025				ST. ANTHONY Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals OFFERINGS 07/01/2025 – 10/14/2025			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 63,961.11			Adult Envelopes	\$ 26,057.57		
Online Offerings	12,760.00	Total Offertory Contributions		Online Offering	2,750.00	Total Offertory Contributions	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	405.00 / 2,261.16	\$ 92,172.27		Loose	2,115.00	\$ 30,819.57	
Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	12,785.00	32,172.27		Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	897.00	30,013.37	
	21,736.53			3,335.15			
	Total YTD Parish Income			Total YTD Parish Income 35,154			
	Expenses			Expenses (Excludes Fall Supper Expenses) \$ 52			
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 32	FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62				3,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offe	ertory 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	\$ 7,687.85	\$ 1,697.00		July	\$ 2,383.02	\$ 798.00	
August (5 Weeks)	4,380.60	1,805.00		August (5 Weeks)	1,513.06	708.00	
September	6,548.11	2,576.00		September	2,946.34	1,043.00	

CCD CLASSES for Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass; Ministries: Grade 7 / Questions & Answers (Grades 1-6) with Father after Mass St. Lawrence begins with Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary; Ministries: Grades 11-12

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday Rosary, Oct. 26, 6:00 PM: In St. Anthony Church. Please join us!

Saturday, Nov. 1, 6:00-8:00 PM: St. Anthony CYO will hold a Trick-or-Treat on the Parish Hall grounds (similar to a Trunk-or-Treat) as part of their Fall fundraiser. A space will be provided, free of charge, for anyone who would like to hand out Halloween candy/treats. A table will be provided or you can bring your own set-up. Spaces are encouraged to be decorated. Participants are asked to sign up with Cathy Engelmeyer (573-690-4573) or Margie Chipman (573-291-6749) by October 26. Come out and enjoy seeing our youth in their costumes while supporting the CYO at the same time! ADDITIONALLY, a haunted hayride will run from 6-8 pm. Tickets are \$5/person, age 4 and under are free. Chili, chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, and cinnamon rolls will be served in the Parish Hall from 4:00-8:30 p.m.



OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

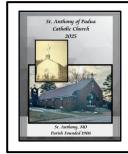
Monday, Oct 20: FOOD PANTRY DAY. Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1–7 PM. We appreciate any and all assistance!

Sunday, Oct. 26: St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus Fall Supper. On Saturday, October 25, after the 5:00 PM Mass, KofC Members will be stuffing sausage for the Fall Supper. Assistance is greatly appreciated from any and all members. Thank you in advance for your help to make the Supper a success! Contact Grand Knight Connor Beck with any questions.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Flu Clinics. St. Anthony Parish Hall: 9:30 – 11:30 AM / St. Elizabeth Community Center: 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

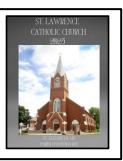
Saturday, Nov. 1, 11:00 AM: Miller County Care & Rehab Center Annual Fall Festival. Come by and join the fun! We are humbling asking for donations to directly support the Residents Activity Fund. Thank you!

Saturday, Nov. 29, 6 – 9 PM: Saint Nicholas Winter Fest, St. Elizabeth! Join us for an evening of tradition from our beautiful St. Lawrence Nativity Scene, Christmas Stories, a visit through Schell Trading, Children's Activities, Live Music, Christmas Cookies, Food/Beverages, Door Prizes, and more! Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Event Coordinator: Jaycine Bax, 573-821-1179.



PARISH CHURCH DIRECTORY

For your church directory or to purchase a directory, please contact Lisa Otto (St. Anthony) or Michele Renkemeyer (St. Lawrence). Directories may be purchased for \$15.00.







Fred Grellaur Donna Hoeller **Barb Brison** Fred Schaffer John Schaefer Helen Davis **Travis Tomson** Larry Buckley Judy Doyle Clinton Luebbering **Dylan Nichols Terry Yates** Dakota Clarkston Lorraine Hoecker Bryan Hoecker Bryleigh Wulff Sherry Johnson Sister Vicki Ewers

Nolan Kesel Cathy Thompson **Grant Lamb** Deidra Buechter Emberlee, Josie, & **Brody Boeckman** Joel Gares Jerry Herx Mike Kesel Louis Toebben Vicki Cox Bullock Ramona Bax Bruce Berendzen **Christopher Thompson** Nic Gilardi Patrick Holtmeyer Treyton Kemna Joseph Volmert Gene Wilde



On <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 25</u>, <u>after the 5:00</u> <u>PM Mass</u>, KofC Members will be stuffing sausage for the Fall Supper. Assistance is greatly appreciated from any and all members. Thank you in advance for your time and help!

BAPTISMAL BLESSINGS!

Lennon Dorothy Loethen Chíld of Ryan & Morgan (Wílde) Loethen Baptízed at St. Lawrence Church Sunday, October 19, 2025

Harrís Walter Schanzmeyer Chíld of Dustín & Blaír (Wílde) Schanzmeyer Baptízed at St. Lawrence Church Sunday, October 19, 2025



Automatic Church Contributions

Parishioner Question: How can I set up an automatic draft (contribution) from my bank account to go to the Church? Is this something you (Parish Secretary) can do for me?

Answer: Banking information is confidential, so no, the Parish Secretary cannot do this for you. To have your contribution come directly to the Church, simply call your bank and ask them to set up the automatic fund transfer from your account to your Church's MAIN Account. The ladies at Mid-America Bank in St. Elizabeth are familiar with the process. Call any one of them for assistance. After it's set up, let me (Parish Secretary) know if you want to keep or cancel your church envelopes.









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October 19, 2025

"How can I repay the Lord for all of the great good He has done for me?" This passage from Psalm 116 is one of my favorite Scripture verses, it is the one that immediately comes to my mind when I reflect on the Stewardship Way of Life and what it means to be a good steward of the gifts God has blessed me with. In fact, this is what stewardship is all about, recognizing our gifts, talents, spiritual and material blessings and putting them at the service of God, His Church and one's neighbor. When I recognize my gifts and use them to serve God and others, there is a joy, a peace and a fulfillment that cannot often be put into words, but is very real indeed.

My Dear Friends in Christ, everything we have is a gift from God, and with grateful hearts we share God's love with others by making appropriate use of those gifts; this is what it means to be a "Stewardship Parish".

Time, talent and treasure are the three areas of giving we consider in a Stewardship Way of Life. What does it mean to put God first in our life? It means making time for God by praying and by participating in the Sacraments of the Church, utilizing our unique skills and abilities, to give of what is most precious to us. Of course, we must learn how to appropriately balance our time with family, work, parish community, and relaxation. It is a challenge in a busy world, but there is much in the spiritual tradition of the Church and in the lives of the Saints, to help us focus on the present moment and the person in front of us, rather than to be paralyzed by the past.

There are various ways to share our talents with our faith community, and annually, during October, our parishioners participate in the Catholic Stewardship Renewal by prayerfully assessing and considering where and how they can better contribute to their parish. The attached Time and Talent Form provides a listing of the various ministries and volunteer opportunities at each parish. These ministries and opportunities come with mentors and leaders who will help guide you as you learn your new parish role.

One of the most frequently asked questions in regard to stewardship is "How much do I have to give?" This is actually not the correct question, rather, we should be asking, "How much is God calling me to give of myself and my gifts for the sake of the Church and the glory of God?" This is the question a steward asks. That means giving proportionately, as we are able, sacrificially and generously, with the goal being the Biblical Tithe of ten percent; goal, not "requirement." Saint Paul says in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, "Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each one must give what they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

In the past years, we have been fortunate to receive new volunteers who are willing to give of their time and talents to help us fulfill our Stewardship mission. From CCD Teacher, Rosary Leader, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Musicians/Adult and Youth Choir Member, Server, Sacristan, St. Ann's/Knights of Columbus and more, these ministries and community opportunities can offer personal fulfillment and eternal reward.

Therefore my friends, with you, I give heartfelt thanks for the beloved Sacraments of the Church; Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist (First Communion), Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. For in faithfully participating in these Sacraments, it provides us with the graces we need to become the person God has called us to be.

In closing, please prayerfully review the Stewardship 2025 Time and Talent Form and consider how you and your family can deepen and express faith by participation in the mission of your Catholic family.

May God bless each of you, your families and our Parish.

To Jesus, through the Blessed Mother Mary,

Father Aubuchon



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Stewardship GROWING OUR FAITH

STEWARDSHIP 2025 | TIME & TALENT FORM

Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or email to your church



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Stewardship Expectations

Discipleship calls us to more than membership; it calls us to active stewardship. To support all the ministries of the parish, we need every family's active stewardship in the parish.

What does stewardship ask of all members of the parish?

- Commitment to pray. That is, actively and regularly attends Mass on weekends and Holy days of Obligation, along with a commitment to daily personal and family prayer.
- Commitment to participate. That is, offer their talents and a portion of their time to serve the parish community and be a part of its fellowship and opportunities for ongoing Christian formation.
- Commitment to sacrificially give. That is, generously and proportionately pledge a portion of the "first fruits" of material treasure to support the operation and ministry of the parish church. The goal for Christians is the Biblical tithe (10%) and all are called to strive toward that goal.

All parish families are expected to enshrine these 3 sacrificial commitments through the completion of annual Catholic Stewardship Renewal forms. In addition, parish families must strive to stay current on their commitment in order to be considered active stewards in the parish.

St. Anthony Ch St. Lawrence Ch	urch FAM	LY DATA				
Family Name		Home Phone				
Address		City/State/Zip			***************************************	
Adult #1		Adult #2				
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Please return this form to Parish Secretary Michele Renkemeyer via the Collection Basket, by mail (St. Lawrence Church, PO Box 128, St. Elizabeth, MO 65075) or hand-deliver to the Parish Office in the St. Lawrence Church Basement. Form can be return ANY time. Contact Father Aubuchon or Michele with any questions! THANK YOU.

MINISTRIES

Please add each of your family member names below and select the ministries for each.

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MINISTRIES	Marie	Notice	Marie	Harre	Hote	Hote	Service Servic	aft.
Pillar of Hospitality Church Greeters Coffee & Donuts Food Committee (St. Anthony) Funeral Meals Parish/Family Picnic Ushers								
Pillar of Prayer Altar Servers Eucharistic Adorer Extraordinary Ministers of								
Holy Communion Lector Music Ministry (Organ) Music Ministry (Choir) Rosary Leader Sacristan Seven Sister Apostolate Stewardship Chair Stewardship Member								
Pillar of Formation Bible Study Member CCD Teacher/Substitute CYO (Leaders/Volunteers) Faith Formation Coordinator Marriage Prep Facilitators RCIA Totus Tuus (Volunteer)								
Pillar of Service Altar Flowers Church Linens/Cloths Cemetery Committee Collection Counter Decorating K of C (Men or Women) Maintenance - Church or Yard Nursing Home/Homebound St. Anne's Sodality Parish Council Finance Council CLUBS								
Quilting Club Senior Citizen Club								

 $[\]square$ I am unsure where to serve. Please have someone contact me to discuss opportunities.