

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

Welcome to the Parish Communities of:

St. Anthony of Padua

132 Main Street
Iberia, MO 65486

St. Lawrence

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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 28th – November 2, 2025 / All Saints Day & All Souls' Day

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Oct 28	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions † Bernard & Barbara Struempf		
Wednesday	Oct 29	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / Ministries: Grades 11-12 † Mary Jane Kemna All Souls' Day Candle Lighting Service	6:30 PM	All Souls' Day Cemetery Lighting All Grades meet at the Cemetery
Thursday	Oct 30	7:15 AM	† Martin & Gertrude Bax	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Keith Pigg
Friday	Oct 31	7:15 AM	† Ray & Rosetta Doerhoff		
Saturday Masses All Saints Day	Nov 1	8:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	All Saints Day Mass / † Dennis Plassmeyer Confessions All Souls Day Evening Mass / † Bishop John Gaydos		
Sunday Masses All Souls' Day Blessing of the Graves (After Mass @ Cemetery)	Nov 2	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony Blessing of the Graves	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss Blessing of the Graves

Sunday, October 26, 2025 – Daily Reflection: *The Lord....knows no favorites. (Sirach 35:12)*

Many siblings joke with each other about being their mother's or father's "favorite". Their parents will protest that they have no favorites and although it's true that they love each of their children deeply, it may happen to have preferences at different times. That's why siblings sometimes engage in friendly competition to win over Mom and Dad. So it can be hard to believe Sirach when he tells us that God "knows no favorites". But it's true! There is nothing any of us can do to convince the Lord, he should love us more than someone else. If anything, his heart goes out more to the oppressed and the lowly, and their prayer "pierces the clouds". Their humility and their need, not their achievements or wealth, draw God's heart toward them. We see this truth played out in the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. When a Pharisee and a tax collector come to the temple to pray, the Pharisee seems to think he can sway the Lord's opinion of him with his long list of accomplishments, but it doesn't work. Neither his status nor his resume qualifies him for special favors. The one who "went home justified," the one who received God's grace, was the tax collector, who approached God with humility and lowliness. In his humility, he pleaded for God's mercy and turned to him in his time of need. HERE'S THE TRUTH YOU CAN HOLD ONTO TODAY AND TO THE END OF TIME.... There's nothing you can do to make him love you more and nothing you have done will make him love you less. Your position before him is secure. So just come to him, trusting in his mercy and LET HIM love you for WHO YOU ARE.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me so fully and as I am!

All Saints Day - Nov 1 All Souls Day - Nov 2	St. Lawrence All Saints Day Morning Mass Saturday, Nov 1, 8:00 AM † Denis Plassmeyer	St. Lawrence All Souls' Day Evening Mass Saturday, Nov 1, 5:00 PM † Bishop John Gaydos	St. Anthony All Souls' Day Morning Mass Sunday, Nov 2, 8:00 AM † Charlie & Mary Ann Voss	St. Lawrence All Souls' Day Morning Mass 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	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.

Stewardship Schedule Nov 8 - 9	St. Lawrence Saturday, Nov 8, 5:00 PM † Norbert & Ella Otto	St. Anthony Sunday, Nov 9, 8:00 AM † Loretta Weiler	St. Lawrence Sunday, Nov 9, 10:00 AM Parishioners' Mass
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg	Lynette Otto	Christine Hoecker
SERVERS	Daisey Bax, Cooper Lueckenotto, Augusta Schanzmeyer	Sidney & Ben Engelmeyer Aiden Faulkner	Sofia Holtmeyer, Hudson Kemna Rowan Juergensmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Blaine & Jackie Luetkemeyer	Richard & Kristie Holtmeyer	Lisa & Brock Lucas
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Paul Beck Dale Buechter	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Macy Beck
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Margie Wilson	Brett Holtmeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Cathy Reinkemeyer Greeters: Paul & Janet Beck	Rosary: Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Greeters: Clint & Jackie Perkins Ushers: Wade Bond, Leon & Bill Brand, & Larry Buckley	Rosary: Dale & Michele Renkemeyer Greeters: Chris & Dennis Beck

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households: 292 / Individual Catholics: 737			FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 322		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 10/21/2025		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 10/21/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 67,497.34	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 96,441.50	Adult Envelopes	\$ 27,622.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 33,542.57
Online Offerings	13,280.00		Online Offering	2,820.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	445.00 / 2,434.16		Loose	2,203.00	
Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	12,785.00		Missions/Christmas Special Easter Special	897.00	
Other Income		23,283.69	Other Income		3,785.15
Total YTD Parish Income		119,725.19	Total YTD Parish Income		37,327.72
Expenses		\$ 167,922.46	Expenses (Excludes Fall Supper Expenses)		\$ 53,909.96
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	\$ 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 29, 2025, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with the All Souls' Day Cemetery Lighting @ St. Anthony Cemetery (All Grades)
St. Lawrence begins with Mass & the All Souls' Day Candle Lighting Service; Ministries: Grades 11-12

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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. **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 Hall from 4-8:30 pm.

Monday, Nov. 3, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

St. Anthony Sunday Rosaries, 6:00 PM

October 26th, @ Church
November 2nd @ the Cemetery (All Souls)
November 16th @ Church

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FIRST Saturday, Nov. 1, 5 PM Mass: The St. Cecilia Children's Choir sings. Practice begins at 3:30 PM in the Church Basement.

FIRST Sunday, Nov. 2, 5 – 9 PM: St. Elizabeth Card Club meets for cards in the Community Center; please bring a snack to share. We welcome any new parishioners!

FIRST Monday, Nov. 3, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary in St. Lawrence Church.

FIRST Wednesday, Nov. 5, 8 AM: LIFE 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 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, Nov. 5, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:40 PM: Parish/Finance Council Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

FIRST Friday, Nov. 7: Join us for Holy Mass at 7:15 AM, followed by Adoration and Confessions. Donuts and coffee will be served in the Church Basement following Mass.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 PM: St. Lawrence Parish/Finance Council Meeting in the Church Basement.

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.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

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, 9 AM – 1 PM: Meta Holiday Mart! Great time and lots of vendors. Good eats too! Meta Citizen's Civic League & Meta Fire House

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



A PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT FATHER RALPH O'DONNELL

All glory to You, Lord our God, our eternal Shepherd and Guide.
In your faithfulness, you have granted us a Shepherd who will watch
carefully and kindly over us.

In Your love for us, may Father O'Donnell strive to live each day with
holiness of life and heroic virtue. May he act in all ways and truth by
being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and mind of justice.

Prepare him, we humbly pray, to fill our minds and hearts with the
truth of the Gospel, the power of the Sacraments, and the desire to
actively work to build up your Holy Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Fred Grellaur	Nolan Kesel
Donna Hoeller	Cathy Thompson
Barb Brison	Grant Lamb
Fred Schaffer	Deidra Buechter
John Schaefer	Emberlee, Josie, &
Helen Davis	Brody Boeckman
Travis Tomson	Joel Gares
Larry Buckley	Jerry Herx
Judy Doyle	Mike Kesel
Clinton 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
	Gene Wilde

HELPING HANDS THANK YOU

The Board of Directors of Helping Hands of Central Missouri and the volunteers, who work at the food pantry on a monthly basis, would like to thank the St. Elizabeth R-IV School Student Community Outreach Program (SCOP), Nicole McDonald, and SCOP Student Members, for their kind help on Monday, October 20. Many of our volunteers have back ailments, shoulder problems, and aching legs and feet, and the kindness shown by you all helped to lessen the effects of those ailments. SCOP and fellow students are more than welcome to volunteer at Helping Hands any time and especially, on the third Monday of each month for Food/Pantry events.

Again, thank you and God Bless.

ST. ANTHONY FALL FESTIVAL - THANK YOU!

The St. Anthony Parish & Finance Councils would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all who had any part in this year's St. Anthony Fall Festival. There are SO many to thank and we'll do our best to ensure no one is left out.

Thank you to **Our Parishioners** for ALL your donations and willingness to endlessly give of your time and talents. Special thanks to those who helped with the hall cleaning, setting up, dinner preparations, working the supper, and clean-up.

Thank you to those responsible for decorating the Church (inside and out) and to our grounds/maintenance crew. The Church and its yards and the out buildings were beautiful and immaculate.

Nearly half of our raffle prizes were donations from local contributors. We sincerely appreciate ALL of the donations. To all those buying tickets, we are very grateful for your support!

To all of our visitors, guests, friends, and families, thank you for your support!

From Father Aubuchon:

Thank you to the St. Anthony Parish & Finance Council Members and to the Food Committee Members. An enormous amount of work goes into planning this event and you all did a wonderful job. THANK YOU for serving your parish and all your hard work!

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of this publication.

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