

**THE HOLY
FAMILY**
December 28, 2025

**SOLEMNITY
OF MARY**
January 1, 2026

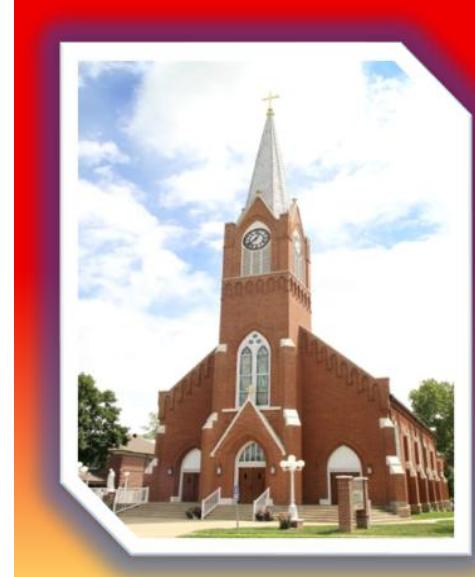
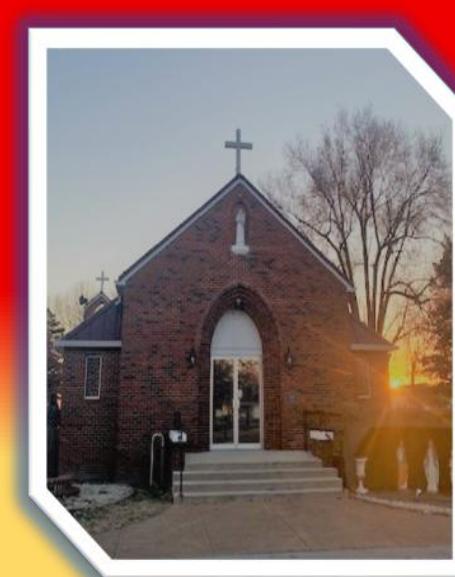
**THE
EPIPHANY**
January 4, 2026

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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ST. ANTHONY FINANCE COUNCIL

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Kevin Otto Jackie Perkins
Mary Schulte

POPE LEO'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION



Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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Tom Oligschlaeger, President
Abby Kemna, Secretary
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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 28, 2025 – January 5, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Dec 30	No Mass	-----		
Wednesday New Year's Eve	Dec 31, 2025	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Urban Wieberg		
New Year's Day Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God	Jan 1, 2026	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony	6:00 PM	† John & Mathilda Rehagen
First Friday	Jan 2	7:15 AM 8 – 9 AM 8 AM–Noon	† Norbert & Ella Otto Confessions Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM 6:30 –7:30 PM	† Vincent & Carol Schaffer Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
First Saturday	Jan 3	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Lawrence & St. Anthony		
Sunday The Epiphany	Jan 4	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Virgil Kemna	7:30 AM 8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Emil & Bernadine Bax Sunday Rosary (In Church)
Monday	Jan 5	7:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary		
Tuesday	Jan 6	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Ron & Laverne Weckenborg		
Wednesday	Jan 7	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Loretta Weiler CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary (Grade 4)	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Linda House Ministries & Confessions: Grades 10-12
Thursday	Jan 8	7:15 AM	† Roger Kliethermes	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Helen Branch
Friday	Jan 9	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† Evelyn Struemph Miller Co Care Center & Rehab Mass		
Saturday	Jan 10	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Adolph & Ruby Kesel		
Sunday The Baptism	Jan 11	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Keith Pigg	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

Stewardship Ministry Schedule Solemnity of Mother Mary	St. Lawrence New Year's EVE Dec 31, 2025 6:00 PM † Urban Wieberg	St. Lawrence New Year's DAY Jan 1, 2026, 9:00 AM Parishioners' Mass	St. Anthony New Year's DAY Jan 1, 2026, 6:00 PM † John & Mathilda Rehagen
LECTORS	Chris Hoecker	Bert Doerhoff	Margie Chipman
SERVERS	Cooper Lueckenotto, Beckett O'Neil Alayna & Mya Oligschlaeger	Preston, Harrison, and Emmalyn Plassmeyer and Augusta Schanzmeyer	Bryan Chipman, Augie Dearable Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Craig & Glenda Oligschlaeger	Ethan & Diane Oligschlaeger	Christine and Delores McDowell
COMMUNION MINISTER	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Schwartze, Joe Huhman, Kim Plassmeyer, Jennifer Oligschlaeger	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Schwartze, Leroy Heckemeyer, Doug & Karla Holtmeyer	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Schwartze, Margie Chipman, Cathy Engelmeyer
SACRISTAN	Lora Luetkemeyer	Jane Doerhoff	Margie Wilson
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeters: Frank & June Bax	Rosary: Syl & Mary Kesel Greeters: Joe & Kim Plassmeyer	Rosary: Dorothy Buechter Greeters: Chris & Julie Dye Ushers: Paul Kliethermes, David Ladenberger, Austin Minor, Ethan Musick

Stewardship Schedule The Epiphany	SATURDAY, Jan 3, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence Parishioners' Mass	SUNDAY, Jan 4, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony † Emil & Bernadine Bax	SUNDAY, Jan 4, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Virgil Kemna
LECTORS	Rich Juergensmeyer	Donna Dickneite	Kristie Green
SERVERS	Elise Scheulen, Kendall Wieberg Daisy & Paisley Bax	Aiden & Cohen Faulkner Grant & Riley Holtmeyer	Evelyn Buechter, Kiptyn Green Brennan & Layla Doerhoff
GIFT BEARERS	Kenneth & Alice Oligschlaeger	Austin & Marie Minor	Mary Oligschlaeger Family
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Schwartze Janet Weckenborg, Cathy Reinkemeyer Diane Juergensmeyer	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Schwartze Catherine Kliethermes Lynette Otto	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Schwartze Ben Scheulen, Chad Green, Chris Beck
SACRISTAN	Lindsey Holtmeyer	Linda Volmert	Albert Frey
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Rose Buechter Greeters: Paul & Janet Beck	Rosary: Rosetta Holtmeyer Greeters: Kevin & Lisa Otto Ushers: Quentin Neuman and Alphonse, Charlie, and Clinton Otto	Rosary: Albert & Dolores Frey Greeters: Kaye Finn & Dianne Heckemeyer

See back page for Stewardship Schedule for January 10-11, 2025, The Baptism of the Lord.

Sun, Dec 28, 2025; The Holy Family Daily Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We can take for granted that Jesus, the Son of God, Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Joseph, the Just, must have been holy. But what about the rest of us? What is the key to living as a holy family? In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul puts his finger on one of the best ways to experience holiness in family life by bearing with and forgiving one another, because despite our love for each other, annoyances or misunderstandings will happen. St. Paul tells us when we have grievances against someone else, we need to bear with them and be willing to forgive them just as the Lord has forgiven us. That's the beauty of today's second reading; herein, he shows us how to get there! It starts as we acknowledge we are all God's chosen ones, forgiven and beloved. So living as a holy family isn't just a matter of doing the "hard work" of loving one another. It's also a matter of receiving the grace and mercy God offers so that we can love in ways that we cannot do on our own. Practically speaking, this means treating our family members with the heartfelt compassion and patience that we have received from Christ. Getting this right takes lots of practice and we will never be perfect, but we do have to receive from Jesus, the forgiveness that can move us to extend the same mercy to our loved ones, AND therein lies the making of a holy family!

Heavenly Father, thank you for your mercy that moves me to show mercy to my loved ones!

Thursday, January 1, 2026. The Solemnity of Mary Daily Reflection

How fitting we conclude the Octave of Christmas and begin a new year celebrating Mary as Mother of God! As Jesus' Mother, Mary was entrusted with raising him according to the ways of God's people. Every day, she humbly did what was before her, whether it was caring for her cousin Elizabeth, accompanying Joseph to Bethlehem, or tending to her beloved son. Along with Joseph, she cared for Jesus and helped shape him in his humanity by being a caring and nurturing mother. Mary also modeled what saying yes to God looks like through her daily example of humility, compassion, and faith. She helped lead the weekly Shabbat dinners in their home and taught Jesus to love God's word. She also likely spoke about her encounter with the Angel Gabriel and the miraculous conception of Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. In all things and all ways, Mary lived as Mother of God. As you begin a new year, take Mary as your mother. She prays for you, she loves you, and she cares for you. Let her teach you how to say yes to God. Your yes might seem like nothing extraordinary and may come in unpredictable or inconvenient forms, like caring for someone, encouraging the vulnerable, or even forgiving and praying for those who persecute you! You can rest assured that Mary knows your heart and she sees all and all these things add up to an extraordinary life in God's eyes.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me.

CCD CLASS for Wednesday, January 7, 2026

St. Anthony begins with Mass & Confessions / Ministries: Grades 10-12

St. Lawrence begins with Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary / Ministries: Grade 4

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Anthony Sunday Rosaries, Jan 4th and 18th, 6:00 PM: Join us for the Rosary in St. Anthony Church. All are welcome!

Monday, Jan 5, 7:00PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, Jan 14, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens meet for cards and bingo in the Parish Hall. The club will provide soup. Please bring a dish to share.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST Friday, Jan 2: 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.

First Saturday, Jan 3: Join us for Mass and the St. Cecilia Children's Choir.

FIRST Sunday, Jan 4, 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, Jan 5, 7:00 PM: Patriotic Rosary in St. Lawrence Church.

Wednesday, Jan 7, 7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Community Center Meeting Room.

Stewardship Schedule The Baptism of The Lord	SATURDAY, Jan 10, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Adolph & Ruby Kesel	SUNDAY, Jan 11, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners' Mass	SUNDAY, Jan 11, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Keith Pigg
LECTORS	Janet Weckenborg	Emma Musick	Leroy Heckemeyer
SERVERS	Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer	Keaton Jones, Sarah Kliethermes Mason Otto, Alyssa Perkins	Sofia & Gemma Holtmeyer Rowan Juergensmeyer, Hudson Kemna
GIFT BEARERS	Matthew & Kim Oligschlaeger Family	Ethan & Haley Musick Family	Tim & Jennifer Oligschlaeger Family
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartze Paul Beck & Dale & Karla Buechter	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartze Mary Schulte, Liz Voss	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartze Bert & Jane Doerhoff, Macy Beck
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Stan Struemph
PRACTIONER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Alice Oligschlaeger Greeters: Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger	Rosary: Paul & Catherine Kliethermes Greeters: Loren & Kaylie Otto Ushers: George, Gerard, Hayden & John Otto	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff Greeters: Nick & Kelli Green



BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS
Charli Mae Otto
Child of Loren & Kaylie (Oligschlaeger) Otto
To be Baptized at
St. Anthony of Padua Church on
Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

DID YOU KNOW....

The Catholic Church has three Sunday Mass reading cycles, labeled **Years A, B, and C**, each focusing on a different Synoptic Gospel: Year A is primarily **Matthew**, Year B is **Mark**, and Year C is **Luke**, with the Gospel of John featured especially during Easter in all cycles, all designed to cover more of the Bible for the faithful.

In 2026, the Catholic Church is in Sunday Cycle Year A for the Gospel readings, which began with Advent 2025 and runs through November 2026, and Weekday Cycle Year II, with the year transitioning from Ordinary Time into Lent, Easter, and back to Ordinary Time, culminating in the start of Sunday Cycle Year B in late November 2026.

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026		
ST. LAWRENCE PARISH STATISTICS		
Number of Registered Households: 292 / Individual Catholics: 737		
ST. LAWRENCE OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 12/23/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 107,077.82	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 144,579.48
Online Offerings	20,220.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	795.00 / 3,576.66	
Missions Christmas Special Easter Special	12,785.00 125.00 0.00	
Other Income		29,155.91
Total YTD Parish Income		173,735.39
Total YTD Parish Expenses		\$ 209,224.41
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on titheable Income)
August (5 Weeks)	4,380.60	1,805.00
September	6,548.11	2,576.00
October	7,289.90	1,613.01
November (5 Weeks)	5,330.55	2,349.00

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 ST. ANTHONY PARISH STATISTICS Number of Registered Households : 143 / Individual Catholics: 322		
ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 12/23/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 45,386.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 54,308.57
Online Offering	4,300.00	
Loose	3,655.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special	70.00	
Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income 2025 Fall Supper Income		5,109.32 26,622.00
Total YTD Parish Income		86,039.89
Parish Ordinary Expenses 2025 Fall Supper Expenses		73,493.03 15,514.09
Total YTD Parish Expenses		\$ 89,007.12
FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on titheable Income)
August (5 Weeks)	1,513.06	708.00
September	2,946.34	1,043.00
October	2,092.75	688.00
November (5 Weeks)	2,276.43	1,064.00