

**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

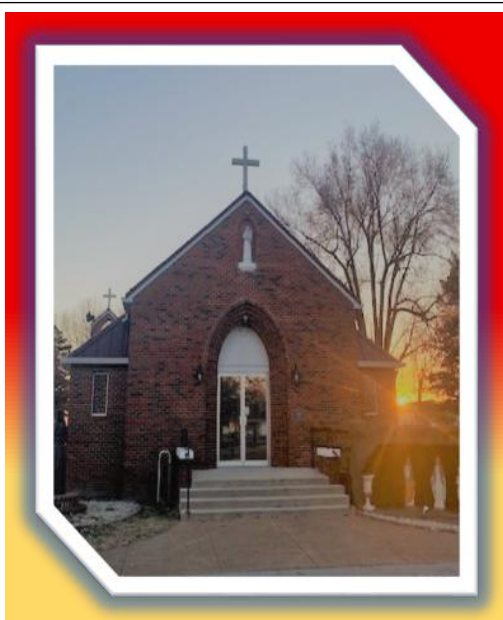
***Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor***

Deacon Steve Schwartz

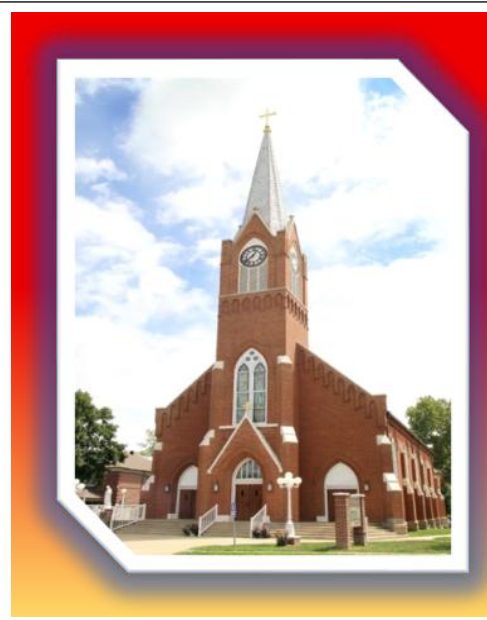
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*Mary Schulte*

**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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*Eric O'Neil*

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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 Struempf 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 Dearduff Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Craig & Glenda Oligschlaeger	Ethan & Diane Oligschlaeger	Christine and Delores McDowell
COMMUNION MINISTER	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz, Joe Huhman, Kim Plassmeyer, Jennifer Oligschlaeger	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz, Leroy Heckemeyer, Doug & Karla Holtmeyer	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz, 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
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Janet Weckenborg, Cathy Reinkemeyer Diane Juergensmeyer	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Catherine Kliethermes Lynette Otto	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 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
<b>LECTORS</b>	Janet Weckenborg	Emma Musick	Leroy Heckemeyer
<b>SERVERS</b>	Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer Heath & Matthew Heckemeyer	Keaton Jones, Sarah Kliethermes Mason Otto, Alyssa Perkins	Sofia & Gemma Holtmeyer Rowan Juergensmeyer, Hudson Kemna
<b>GIFT BEARERS</b>	Matthew & Kim Oligschlaeger Family	Ethan & Haley Musick Family	Tim & Jennifer Oligschlaeger Family
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Paul Beck & Dale & Karla Buechter	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Mary Schulte, Liz Voss	<u>PRECIOUS BODY &amp; BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Bert & Jane Doerhoff, Macy Beck
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Diane Juergensmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Stan Struemp
<b>PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE</b>	<b>Rosary:</b> Alice Oligschlaeger <b>Greeters:</b> Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger	<b>Rosary:</b> Paul & Catherine Kliethermes <b>Greeters:</b> Loren & Kaylie Otto <b>Ushers:</b> George, Gerard, Hayden & John Otto	<b>Rosary:</b> Bert & Jane Doerhoff <b>Greeters:</b> 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  
 Barb Brison  
 John Schaefer  
 Helen Davis  
 Travis Tomson  
 Larry Buckley  
 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 Toeppen  
 Vicki Cox Bullock  
 Ramona Bax  
 Bruce Berendzen  
 Christopher Thompson  
 Nic Gilardi  
 Patrick Holtmeyer  
 Treyton Kemna  
 Joseph Volmert  
 Gene Wilde

#### 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	12,785.00	
Christmas Special	125.00	
Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income	29,155.91	
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>	<b>173,735.39</b>	
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 209,224.41</b>	
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable 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	5,109.32	
2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
<b>Total YTD Parish Income</b>	<b>86,039.89</b>	
Parish Ordinary Expenses	73,493.03	
2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,514.09	
<b>Total YTD Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 89,007.12</b>	
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)
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