

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 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

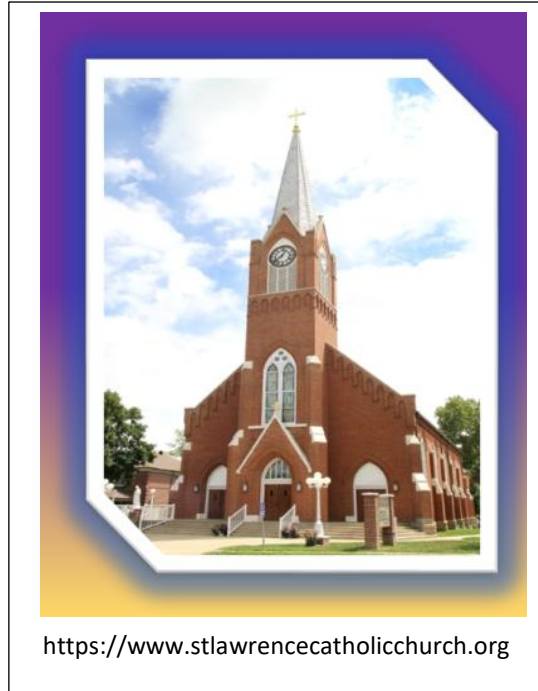
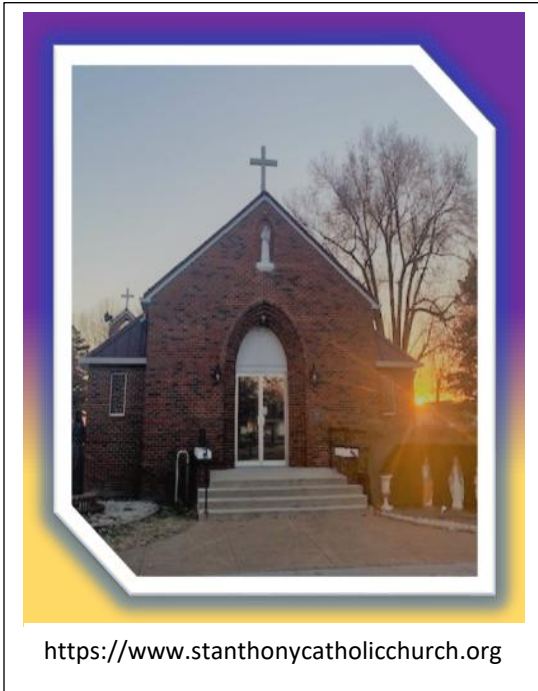
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Deacon Steve Schwartz

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POPE LEO'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



**FOR CHRISTIANS IN
AREAS OF CONFLICT**
Let us pray that
Christians living in areas
of war or conflict,
especially in the Middle
East, might be seeds of
peace, reconciliation
and hope.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: December 8 – December 14, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE			ST. ANTHONY		
Monday Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception	Dec 8	6:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence	7:00 PM	† Veronica Holtmeyer
Tuesday	Dec 9	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration † Herbert & Ludmilla Kliethermes		
Wednesday	Dec 10	7:15 AM 6:30 PM	† Keith Pigg CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary Ministries: Grade 5	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Father Ambrose Stratman Ministries & Confessions: Grades 3 & 4
Thursday	Dec 11	7:15 AM	† Donna Hendricks	6:30 PM	Penance Services (St. Anthony) / No Mass
Friday	Dec 12	7:15 AM 10:00 AM	† George Holtmeyer Miller Co Care Center & Rehab Mass		
Saturday	Dec 13	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Emil & Bernadine Bax		
Third Sunday of Advent	Dec 14	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Confessions † Dennis Plassmeyer Penance Services (St. Lawrence)	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

Sun, Dec 7, 2025; Second Sunday of Advent. Daily Reflection: Today we meet John the Baptist, herald and forerunner of the Messiah. A man of prayer and fasting. John knew from an early age that God had called him to preach repentance and “to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins”. In the Gospel, John appears in the desert and proclaims, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” For years, he has attuned his heart to God’s promptings so he could prepare the people for the Messiah, and now, by the Holy Spirit, he understands that the hour has come! John urges the people to “prepare the way of the Lord,” and get their lives in order so they could welcome Jesus and be saved. John’s words cry out in our wilderness today as well: Prepare the way for the Lord! Repent, and get ready to welcome God’s Son! Just as the people of John’s time flocked to him to turn away from sin and be baptized, we can return to the Lord this Advent. We can seize the opportunity to repent and make room for Jesus in our hearts. Then we’ll know the joy of salvation as Jesus releases us from the burden of our sins. How is God calling you to prepare the way for the Lord today? Are you burdened by guilt? Are you struggling to love someone? Or are you so stressed or preoccupied that you can’t even see your need to repent? Jesus delights to offer you absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is also present with you right now, wherever you are. One of the quickest ways to God is through Confession. He is waiting!

Lord Jesus, I repent of any sin that separates me from you.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Monday, Dec 8	St. Lawrence Monday, Dec 8, 6:00 AM Mass Parishioners’ Mass	St. Anthony Monday, Dec 8, 7:00 PM † Veronica Holtmeyer
LECTORS	Kathleen Schwartze	Margie Chipman
SERVERS	Kiptyn Green, Matthew Heckemeyer Lucy & Benton Heckemeyer	Augie Dearduff, Aiden Faulkner Ben & Sidney Engelmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Trevor & Sarah Luetkemeyer	Dennis & Doris Kliethermes
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Steve & Leroy Heckemeyer Doug & Karla Holtmeyer	PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD Deacon Steve & Catherine Kliethermes Cathy Engelmeyer
SACRISTAN	Albert Frey	Mary Schulte
PRAYER/SERVIC HOSPITALITY	Rosary: Bert & Jane Doerhoff	Rosary: Paul & Catherine Kliethermes / Greeters: Bill & Phyliss Brand Ushers: Ralph Engelmeyer & Abe, Aiden, & Cohen Faulkner

Stewardship Schedule Dec 13 – 14 Second Sunday of ADVENT	SATURDAY, Dec 13, 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Emil & Bernadine Bax	SUNDAY, Dec 14, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners’ Mass	SUNDAY, Dec 14, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Dennis Plassmeyer
LECTORS	Karla Buechter	Donna Dickneite	Kenney Schwartze
SERVERS	Emmalyn, Harrison, & Preston Plassmeyer	Cohen Faulkner Grant & Riley Holtmeyer	Heath Heckemeyer Sofia & Gemma Holtmeyer
GIFT BEARERS	Tim & Nichole McDonnell Family	Jacob & Lauren Kliethermes Family	Leslee McGrail Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartze Paul Beck	Deacon Schwartze	Deacon Schwartze Chris Beck
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Margie Wilson	Lora Luetkemeyer
PRAYER HOSPITALITY & SERVICE	Rosary: Cathy Reinkemeyer Greeters: Paul & Janet Beck	Rosary: Betty Voss Greeters: Janice Brand Ushers: Earl Finch, Ronnie Gladden, Adam & Coltin Green	Rosary: Jennifer Oligschlaeger Greeters: Brian & Carol Kirk

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 – 12/04/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 92,424.21	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 127,407.87
Online Offerings	18,310.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	715.00 / 3,123.66	
Missions	12,785.00	
Christmas Special	50.00	
Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income	27,561.77	
Total YTD Parish Income	154,969.64	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 189,662.35	
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithes (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 – 12/04/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 37,656.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 45,754.57
Online Offering	4,090.00	
Loose	3,111.00	
Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special	0.00	
Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income	4,319.32	
2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
Total YTD Parish Income	76,695.89	
Parish Ordinary Expenses	64,510.50	
2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,514.09	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 80,024.59	
FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08		
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithes (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

CCD CLASSES – Wednesday, Dec 10, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony begins with Mass & Confessions - Ministries: Grades 3 & 4
St. Lawrence begins with Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary - Ministries: Grade 5

St. Anthony Sunday Rosaries

Dec 7 @ 5:30 PM
Dec 21 @ 6:00 PM

ST. ANTHONY PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday, Dec 7, 6:00 PM: *It's the St. Anthony Parishioners' Christmas Party* featuring the CYO Christmas Play, treats and goodies, and a visit from Santa Claus! Prize donations can be brought to the party and each family is asked to bring a plate of cookies. The Parish will provide coffee and punch.

Wednesday, Dec 10, 9:30 AM: Senior Citizens Christmas Party. We will have BBQ ribs and pork steaks (Thank You Greg Hoecker!) and a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 - \$15) for anyone that wants to participate.

Thursday, Dec 11, 5:30 PM: St. Anthony Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, Dec 13, 5:00 PM: The Old School House Boutique Christmas Parade, 350 Main Street, Iberia, MO. EVERYONE is welcome and anyone can put a float, tractor, or old car in the parade. Call Joise for more information at 573-619-2331. Also serving FREE Hot Chocolate and S'MORES!

The St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Giving Tree again this year. The Giving tree is/will be set up in the back of church. Please select the tag(s) off the tree, gift wrap and attach the tag on the gift(s), and place in the back of church. Gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 15th. Your support in helping the Auxiliary sponsor families this holiday season is much appreciated!

St. Anthony Christmas Caroling begins at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve in Church. Both Youth and Adult Choirs will lead caroling. All choir members are asked to arrive by 5:55 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus with song. There will be no caroling on Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 28, the Youth Choir will lead caroling and are asked to arrive by 7:30 am.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Cecilia Children's Choir Christmas Practices: Monday, Dec 8, 3:30 PM, After School, Church Balcony

MUST ATTEND Choir Practices: Wed, Dec 17, 5:30 PM (Church Balcony) and Wednesday, Christmas Eve (time to be determined). Questions: Contact Michele Renkemeyer at 573-291-6638.

FIRST Sunday, Dec 7, 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!

WE NEED YOUR HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS! ON Monday, Dec 15, FOOD PANTRY DAY. Hours are 4 – 8 PM. Store Hours are 1–7 PM. We appreciate the assistance!

St. Ann's Sodality has begun work on our "Angel" project for Christmas. This project has become a wonderful giving event! If any St. Ann's member has not been contacted yet and you would like to help with baked goods, candy, etc., to include in the Christmas gift boxes, please contact Diane Juergensmeyer at 573-680-9900. St. Ann's will assemble gift boxes on Wednesday, Dec 17, 8:00 am. in the church basement and any help is appreciated. This is a great way to spread cheer to some individuals at Christmas.



It's that time of the year again. 🎄 **St. Ann's Giving Tree** is placed in the back of St. Lawrence church. We adopted three families and nine nursing home residents. If you would be so kind, take a tag, buy the gift(s), wrap it, put the tag on the gift and return it to the back of Church by **December 14**. Your gift and generous heart will certainly brighten someone's holiday. Thank you in advance. Merry Christmas!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES HERE & AROUND US

Our Lady of the Snows (Mary's Home)
Wed, Dec 10, 6:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Church
Thurs, Dec 11, 6:30 PM

St. Lawrence (St. Elizabeth)
Sun, Dec 14, 5:30 PM

Our Lady of the Lake (Lake Ozark)
Wed, Dec 17, 6:00 PM

St. Cecilia Church (Meta)
Thurs, Dec 18, 6:30 PM

FIRST RECONCILIATIONS
SECOND GRADES

St. Lawrence 2nd Grade
Sunday, Dec 7, 2025
Following the
10:00 AM Mass

St. Anthony 2nd Grade
Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025
Following the 6:30 PM
CCD Mass



CHRISTMAS Special Collection envelopes can be found in your church envelop packets and/or in the Catholic Missourian. This special offering can be made any time during the Christmas Season with second collections being done during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please consider supporting our diocesan seminarians and infirm priests.



Fred Grellaur
Donna Hoeller
Barb Brison
Fred Schaffer
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 Toebben
Vicki Cox Bullock
Ramona Bax
Bruce Berendzen
Christopher Thompson
Nic Gilardi
Patrick Holtmeyer
Treyton Kemna
Joseph Volmert
Gene Wilde

2025 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm St. Lawrence
6:30 pm St. Anthony

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am St. Anthony
10:00 am St. Lawrence

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2025
6:00 pm St. Lawrence

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2026
9:00 am St. Lawrence
6:00 pm St. Anthony

NOTICE OF ELECTION: Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of St. Elizabeth School Dist. R-4, Miller County, that an election in said District will be held on April 7, 2026. The said election shall elect three (3) members to serve for a term of three years. All candidates must file with the board secretary between December 09, 2025 and December 30, 2025. Filing may occur during regular business hours on days school is in session, which is 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On December 30, filing will remain open until 5:00 p.m. Candidates wishing to file during Christmas Break please contact the Superintendent by email at doug@ste.k12.mo.us The school will close starting on December 22nd for the Holiday break. If school is cancelled during the filing dates, due to inclement weather, the business office will also be closed on those days. The names of qualified candidates shall be placed on the ballot in the order of filing. The terms of Doug Holtmeyer, James Wieberg and Natalie Kemna expire in April 2026. Valarie Kesel, Board of Education Secretary, St. Elizabeth R-IV School, 240 Church Street, PO Box 68, St. Elizabeth, MO 65075.