

**THE
EPIPHANY
January 4, 2026**

**THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD
January 11, 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

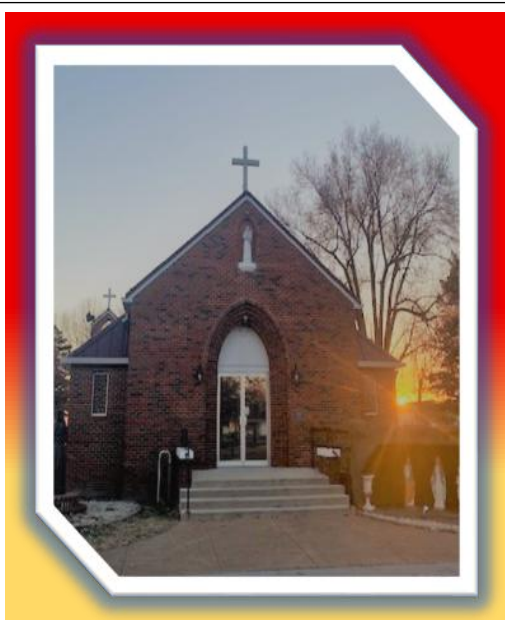
Father Christopher Aubuchon, Pastor

Deacon Steve Schwartz

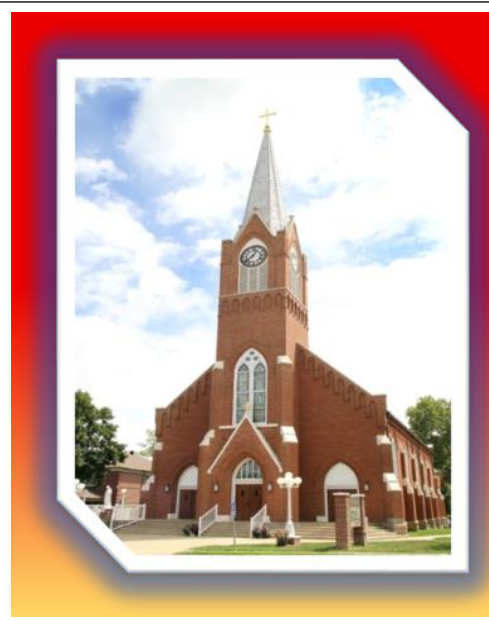
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Loren Otto / Michele Renkemeyer, St. Anthony Hall Rental

Lauren Kliethermes & Kara Scheulen, Faith Formation Coordinators



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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.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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WEEKLY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: January 6 - 18, 2026

ST. LAWRENCE				ST. ANTHONY	
Tuesday	Jan 6	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Ron & Laverne Weckenborg		
Wednesday	Jan 7	7:15 AM 6:40 PM	† Loretta Weiler CCD Rosary Only (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
Tuesday	Jan 13	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration / Confessions † Mary Jane Kemna		
Wednesday	Jan 14	6:30 PM	CCD Mass / † Fred & Mary Ann Struempf Ministries & Confessions: Grade 4	6:30 PM	CCD Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary Grades 10-12
Thursday	Jan 15	7:15 AM	† Fred Evers	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions † Joseph Struempf
Friday	Jan 16	7:15 AM	† Aspyr Marie Heckman		
Saturday	Jan 17	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions † Frank & Eleanor Wilde		
Sunday	Jan 18	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions † Donna Hoeller	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Confessions Parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Lawrence

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
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Paul Beck & Dale & Karla Buechter	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Mary Schulte, Liz Voss	<u>PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD</u> Deacon Schwartz Bert & Jane Doerhoff, Macy Beck
SACRISTAN	Diane Juergensmeyer	Catherine Kliethermes	Stan Struempf
PRAYER 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

Stewardship Schedule Ordinary Time	SATURDAY, Jan 17, 2026 5:00 PM St. Lawrence † Frank & Eleanor Wilde	SUNDAY, Jan 18, 2026, 8:00 AM St. Anthony Parishioners' Mass	SUNDAY, Jan 18, 2026, 10:00 AM St. Lawrence † Donna Hoeller
LECTORS	Janet Beck	Lisa Otto	Abby Kemna
SERVERS	Cooper Lueckenotto Harrison & Preston Plassmeyer	Bryan Chipman Leo & Rita Wieberg	Ben, Harper, & Kane Kemna
GIFT BEARERS	Eric & Alysha O'Neil Family	Quentin & Casey Neuman Family	Tom & Rachel Oligschlaeger Family
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deacon Schwartz Kim Plassmeyer, Kathleen Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz	Deacon Schwartz Theresa Struempf, Ashley Buechter
SACRISTAN	Mike Verhoff	Mary Schulte	Jennifer Oligschlaeger
PRAYER HOSPITALITY SERVICE	Rosary: Cathy Reinkemeyer Greeters: Jim & Teresa Plassmeyer	Rosary: Betty Voss Greeters: Clint & Jackie Perkins Ushers: Keith, Kevin, Loren, & Mark Otto	Rosary: Brett & Lindsey Holtmeyer Greeters: Leroy & Sheila Heckemeyer

CCD CLASS for Wednesday, January 7, 2026

St. Anthony begins at 6:30 PM with Mass & Confessions / Ministries: Grades 10-12

St. Lawrence begins at 6:40 PM with The Rosary / Ministries: Grade 4

Sunday, January 4, 2026; The Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, a pivotal moment in God's plan of salvation. Leading the magi by the light of a star, God revealed his Son, Jesus, to the first Gentiles (The Magi). And as he did, he made known his astounding intention that the Jewish Messiah, promised long ago to Abraham's descendants, had come to save all people. Who were the Magi? These wise men were most likely astrologers, pagans from Persia or Babylon. Eastern cultures at that time believed the rising of a new star indicated the birth of a new king, so these magi left their homeland and followed the star's light to find him. Once they discovered Jesus, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage," offering him "gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh". But not only the Magi came to welcome Jesus, so did the poor Jewish shepherds as it was God's desire that everyone would see him, and that in their seeking, they would all find him. Today, now, Jesus is the "true light, which enlightens everyone". That includes you. No matter who you are or what you have done, his light is shining upon you. It's shing upon the people you love. It's shing upon everyone. Jesus draws to himself all who are seeking truth and goodness, everyone who recognizes their longing for meaning, and everyone who is searching for answers. Rejoice and be glad! Jesus, your light, has come!

***Thank you, Jesus! Your light is always
leading me closer to you!***

Sunday, January 11, 2026. The Baptism of the Lord

Why did Jesus submit to John's baptism? This cleansing in the waters of the Jordan River was a baptism of repentance. But Jesus was the Son of God, he didn't need to repent! That's why John said to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" John did not live long enough to witness Jesus' death and resurrection, but if he had heard Jesus pray, "Father, forgive them," from The Cross, John would have witnessed firsthand the full significance of Jesus' Baptism. Jesus was baptized, not for his own sins, but for ours and those of the whole world. On The Cross, Jesus, the sinless One, would take on the sin of all humanity. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, when Jesus was baptized, he "loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulder; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners... The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity". Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we sinners would be made righteous. Jesus stood with sinners like us along the banks of the Jordan and descended into the waters, just as they had. Then, on The Cross, he took on every one of our sins, and put them to death, once and for all. Today, thank the Lord for your own Baptism. In this great Sacrament, you are joined to Jesus in his death and resurrection and freed from the burden of guilt and cleansed of sin and made righteous. JESUS... May he forever be praised!

***Lord, thank you for the new life
I received at my Baptism.***

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.

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026: St. Anthony Parish/Finance Council Meeting in Lorenz Hall.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Thursday, Jan 15, 7:00 PM: St. Lawrence Parish/Finance Council Meeting in the Church Basement.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2026

- First Communion Ceremonies for our Second Graders will be on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026.
- Confirmation Ceremonies (for both parishes) will be held in St. Anthony of Padua Church on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. His Excellency, Bishop Ralph O'Donnell will officiate the ceremonies!
- Totus TUUS is scheduled for June 14 – 19, 2026.
- Steubenville discussions are occurring; stayed tuned for more information!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSED SOUL OF
MILDRED (BAX) BLOMBERG
Jan 25, 1941 - Dec 28, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen*

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 Toebben
Vicki Cox Bullock
Ramona Bax
Bruce Berendzen
Christopher
Thompson
Nic Gilardi
Patrick Holtmeyer
Treyton Kemna
Joseph Volmert
Gene Wilde

MINISTRY on the Move
DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

January
St. Mary Parish, Shelbyville.....22nd
St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia 23rd
St. Brendan's School Mexico 29th
SVDP Parish, Sedalia.....30th

6:30- 8:00 PM
Doors open @ 6 pm

<https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-on-the-move-2026-registration/>

Finding Joy Living in the Spirit
Discover how the Holy Spirit leads us toward a life of deeper joy, peace, and purpose. This inspiring talk invites us to open our hearts to God's presence, recognize His movement in our daily lives, and embrace the joy that flows from living in true communion with Him.

Shelley Pichler

Register here!

DIOCESE OF Jefferson City

This January 2026, the Diocese of Jefferson City Women's Ministry will once again be '**On the Move**,' traveling to different parishes across the diocese for an evening of faith, fellowship, and encouragement. Finding Joy: Living in the Spirit.

Join us as Shelley Pichler shares an inspiring message on how the Holy Spirit leads us toward deeper joy, peace, and purpose. Together, we'll reflect on God's presence in our daily lives and the joy that flows from living in communion with Him.

DID YOU KNOW.... The Epiphany celebrates Jesus' manifestation to the world, focusing on the Magi's visit, but also Jesus' Baptism and the wedding at Cana; it's known as "Three Kings Day," where traditions include eating "King Cakes" (like Galette des Rois with hidden figures), chalking doors with the Magi's initials (C+M+B for Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar), and gift-giving in some cultures like Spain. Epiphany also means a sudden, profound realization or insight in everyday language, but in the religious context, it marks Jesus's revealing himself as God's Son; further, while the Bible doesn't specify three Magi, the three gifts (gold, frankincense, myrrh) led to the tradition, symbolizing Jesus' royalty, divinity, and humanity/foretelling of death.

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 – 12/29/2025		ST. ANTHONY OFFERINGS	Fiscal Year to Date (FYD) Totals 07/01/2025 – 12/29/2025	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 118,228.98	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 169,863.79	Adult Envelopes	\$ 49,456.57	Total Offertory Contributions \$ 60,172.57
Online Offerings	20,390.00		Online Offering	4,370.00	
Youth Envelopes / Loose	1,835.00 / 4,250.66		Loose	4,231.00	
Missions	12,785.00		Missions	897.00	
Christmas Special	12,374.15		Christmas Special	1,218.00	
Easter Special	0.00		Easter Special	0.00	
Other Income	32,141.01		Other Income	5,109.32	
Total YTD Parish Income	202,004.80		2025 Fall Supper Income	26,622.00	
Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 212,439.16		Total YTD Parish Income	91,903.89	
FY Budget 25 - 26: \$ 320,200.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 6,159.62			Parish Ordinary Expenses	76,768.03	
MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)	2025 Fall Supper Expenses	15,514.09	
August (5 Weeks)	4,380.60	1,805.00	Total YTD Parish Expenses	\$ 92,282.12	
September	6,548.11	2,576.00	FY Budget 25-26: \$ 123,400.00 / Weekly Avg Offertory Goal: \$ 2,373.08		
October	7,289.90	1,613.01	MONTH	Weekly Average Offertory Contributions	Monthly Tithe (BASED on tithable Income)
November (5 Weeks)	5,330.55	2,349.00	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