

# The Pastor's Corner

Is the glass half-empty, or half-full?

Most, if not all of us, have heard this countless times, and yet, I know I speak for at least myself when I am still getting it wrong on occasion. This exercise is a simple one- are we looking at a situation or our life through the lens of a pessimist or an optimist? While it seems like something of a choice that we can make without much consequence, other than our own mental well-being, what if one option was Christian, and the other was not?



The first reading and the Gospel for this weekend are in direct opposition. Job is choosing to live in pessimism. Life is all but forfeit to him, and therefore, he just simply calls it a “drudgery” and thinks about how he will never see happiness again. This is contrasted by the Gospel of Mark, where we hear about the mother-in-law of Simon. She was going through some rough times, and yet, in it all- Christ enters, the fever leaves, and she is made well. Later in the evening- more and more start to experience being made whole- many of them for the first time in what may have been years.

When we are faced with the “glass half-empty or half-full” situations in life- remember there is only one choice for the Christian to make. We are supposed to be a people of optimism, of hope, and of faith. Life may be difficult at times, but by the grace of God, the glass is indeed half-full, and is only filling up- if we give it the chance!

-Fr. Belken

## TUESDAYS ON TABOR

Adoration at St. Denis Parish  
from 7:30-10:00pm on Tuesdays  
Confession from 7:30-8:00pm  
*Come away from the busyness and rest a while  
with our Lord in the Eucharist!*

## Readings for Next Sunday

The Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Mk 1:40-45

## ST. DENIS SCHOOL 2024



DINNER AUCTION

Let The Shenanigans Begin  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

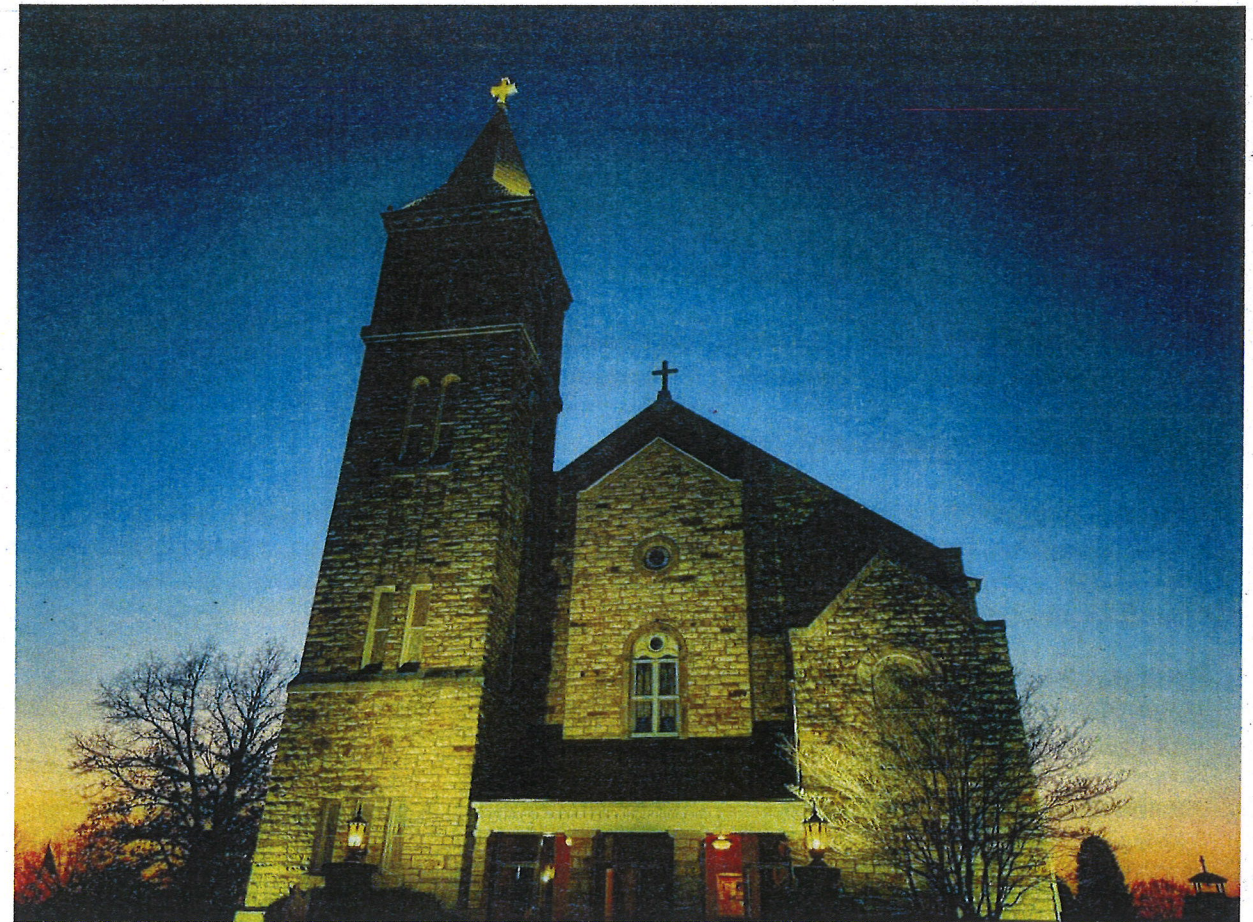
Please mark your  
calendars and plan  
to attend the  
annual St. Denis  
School Dinner  
Auction! Your  
support is  
immensely  
appreciated!

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · FEBRUARY 4, 2024



# Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*“I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.”*

-Job 7:4

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4-10, 2024  
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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Feb 3	4PM	Parish Family	Thu.	Feb 8 7AM Darryl Westrich
Sun.	Feb 4	8:30AM	Felix Enderle	Fri.	Feb 9 7AM Frank & Barbara Landewee
Mon.	Feb 5	No Mass		Sat.	Feb 10 4PM Darryl Westrich
Tue.	Feb 6	6PM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle	Sun.	Feb 11 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Feb 7	7AM	Jeff Steger		

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.** FEB 4-Mary F. Glastetter, FEB 11-Theresa Essner, FEB 18-Carol Klipfel, FEB 25-Dorothy Deason.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

January 28, 2024: Loose \$96, Envelopes \$2255, Total: \$2351.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: Scott & Caroline Drodgy

Alex & Casey Duncan, James & Marilyn Duncan, Harold & Joyce Eftink.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, ST. LAWRENCE MEN'S CLUB DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY FUNDRAISER.** Menu: Fish, fries, hushpuppies, slaw, beans, and a chocolate chip cookie. Pickup time: 4-7PM. Cost is a good will donation. This is a drive thru pickup only. The entrance will be marked where to enter. A volunteer will direct you. Drive thru is located at Shibley Hall behind the Parish Center.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, ST. DENIS MEN'S BREAKFAST.** Homemade pork sausage, eggs, ham, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, and drinks are being served in the St. Denis Parish Center. Served from 7:15-11:30AM. All for a good will donation.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE.** St. Lawrence 7AM and 6PM, St. Denis 8AM and 7PM.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING.** Starting at 6PM in the Parish Center conference room.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, ST. DENIS DINNER AUCTION.** "Let the Shenanigans Begin". Doors will open at 4PM with dinner being served at 6PM. Ticket prices are \$40 per person and includes dinner, drinks, and lots of fun. Meal is catered by 2 Chef's Catering. **Tickets may be purchased online at <https://auctria.events/SDSdinnerauction2024>.**

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor :</b>	Sat. Feb 10 4PM	Cindy Glueck
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Feb 10 4PM	Bernice Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Feb 10 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Brandon Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Feb 10 4PM	Rocky Burger/Caleb Vetter/Clara Drake
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Feb 10 4PM	Steve Holman/Derrick Irwin/Billy Johnson/Zakery Johnson

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun. Feb 11 8:30AM	Dorothy Deason
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Feb 11 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Feb 11 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Cody Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Feb 11 8:30AM	Bennett Essner/Drew Benson/Luke Benson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Feb 11 8:30AM	Doug Johnson/Brian James/Aloysius Kern/Chris Kern

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, ST. LAWRENCE LADIES SODALITY BROWN BAG FUNDRAISER.** Price is \$12 for chicken and dumplings, slaw, green beans, a roll and cookie. Order forms are in the back of church and need to be turned in by February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word!!

**FRIDAY'S OF LENT SCHEDULE.** Stations of the Cross at St. Denis at 1PM and 6:30PM at St. Lawrence.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCOTT CITY FISH FRY.** The Scott City Knights of Columbus (KOC) Lenten Fish, Chicken, and Shrimp fries begin February 16<sup>th</sup> and continue each Friday through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Served from 4:30-7PM in the upper hall. Prices will be posted in future bulletins. Dine in or carry out. **St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.** Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our upcoming Spring, Summer, and Fall 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to [www.me.org](http://www.me.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO

4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024, St. Peters, MO

8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

10/11/2024 - 10/13/2024, Springfield, IL

**ADVANCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY.** 02/09 with PCCW Bake Sale (proceeds to Amen Center); 02/16; 02/23; 03/01 and 03/08. It is All-You-Can Eat Fish/Chicken Dinner with sides, including mac & cheese, baked beans, hush puppies, fries, and slaw at Advance KC Hall. Dine-In or carry-out. Serving from 5-7PM. Adults \$12, all children 15 and under eat FREE with a paid adult plate.

**ST. LAWRENCE WEBSITE.** The new St. Lawrence website is [stlnh.org](http://stlnh.org). Checkout the website and all it's capabilities. Let us know what you think.