

# The Pastor's Corner

“Any time that we took out to the fields for the day on the farm, it was not all that unusual to bring along at least a water bottle, perhaps a jug for a longer day, and maybe even food if it was going to be a very long day. When we got out to where we were going, there was no turning back, and often you had to endure the entire day of grueling heat, and it may be closer to dark before you actually made it home. Once we hit the road that morning, we knew we had to be prepared, because there would be no turning back.



The Gospel for this Sunday speaks about the first moments before Jesus's ministry. He is going out into the desert, and He remains there for forty days and forty nights. There were no extra provisions provided to Him, outside of what the angels gave. The wilderness was treacherous, and yet, His faith carried Him places that we would likely never dare to think that we could go ourselves. He didn't turn back but remained steadfast throughout His journey in the desert.

As much as we like to think ourselves strong no matter what we are doing, in the midst of our spiritual journey, there is no making it successfully outside of our relationship with Christ. We need to constantly be learning how to enter into our faith more and more deeply,

because it truly is something that is often arduous, at least when we think about the trials and suffering we often undergo. We need to learn how to let our Lord become our strength, so that we can make it for the long haul- with no turning back.

-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 Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

## ST. DENIS SCHOOL 2024



### DINNER AUCTION

*Let The Shenanigan's Begin*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND**

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT · FEBRUARY 18, 2024



# Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Repent

and believe in the  
Gospel

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
February 18-24, 2024  
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#### Mass Schedule

Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Don Gosche	Thu. Feb 22 7AM	Charles & Lucille Heuring
Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Feb 23	No Mass
Mon. Feb 19	No Mass	Sat. Feb 24 4PM	Andrew Essner
Tue. Feb 20 6PM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger	Sun. Feb 25 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed. Feb 21 7AM	Henry & Agnes Leible		

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. FEB 18-Carol Klipfel, FEB 25-Dorothy Deason.**

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

February 11, 2024: Loose \$115, Envelopes \$3834, Total: \$3949.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, EUCHRE TOURNAMENT ST. AMBROSE.** Doors open at 11:30AM and play begins at 1PM. Cost is \$10 per person. Food available.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Dustin & Amy Essner**  
Carla Essner, Gerard & Carolyn Essner, Jamie & Emily Essner.

**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>.**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please spread the word!!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, SCOTT CITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER.** The Scott City Knights of Columbus 6420 will hold their religious appreciation dinner Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024. Happy Hour 4:30PM and meal at 5:30PM. All members and families are invited along with any widows of members are invited to attend. For a proper food count, we ask that you RSVP to Gary 573-576-6451.

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

**LENTEN FISH FRY.** It is once again time for the Scott City Knights of Columbus to hold their Lenten fish fry's. They will be every Friday and ending on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Serving will be from 4:30-7PM in their upper hall located at 28745 US-61 Scott City MO 63780. Menu will be fried fish, fried chicken, shrimp, hushpuppies, french fries, slaw, and baked beans along with tea and water. Prices: Adult \$13, Children ages 6-11: \$7 and 5 and under free. All carryout's will be \$13. **St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor :</b>	Sat. Feb 24 4PM	Shannon Schumer
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Feb 24 4PM	Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Feb 24 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Herbert Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Feb 24 4PM	Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne/Drew Essner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Feb 24 4PM	Kyle Kern/Michael Kern/Neal Kern/Randy Kern

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun. Feb 25 8:30AM	Diane Ashcraft
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Feb 25 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Mary B Glastetter
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Feb 25 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Joe Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Feb 25 8:30AM	Ty Glastetter/Callen Glastetter/Brady James
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Feb 25 8:30AM	Richard Kern/Robert Doug Kern/Patrick Kiefer/ Jeff King

**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.** 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 its capabilities. Let us know what you think.

**ORAN JAYCEES FISH FRY.** Every Friday during the Lenten season from 5-7PM. Pond raised catfish \$16, all you can eat. \$14 carry out.

**TEACHER POSITION OPENING.** St. Francis Xavier in Sikeston is looking for a full-time elementary teacher for the 2024-25 school year. It would be helpful if the person preferred the upper middle grades, but not necessary. We may have to move teachers around to make things work. A practicing Catholic would be a definite bonus, since we need help teaching religion classes. We have applications available in the school office or they can email at [barnessfx@yahoo.com](mailto:barnessfx@yahoo.com) for more information. The school phone number is 573-471-0841.