

# The Pastor's Corner

"Half the battle is just showing up."

That was a line that our seminary rector, Fr. Mason, used with some frequency. To us, it sounded sort of disposable- that it sounded nice, but it wasn't actually the main concern. However, he was more aware than we were- others hadn't showed up in the past, and others hadn't done what needed to be done.



There is a subtle detail included in the very beginning of the Gospel for this weekend- the leper came to Jesus. He didn't stand far off, didn't make excuses, he didn't feel he was too good for Jesus's presence. He simply came- and was healed. Why this matters to us is that we are often called to show up. We are told we have the "obligation" to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation - and this is by design. It challenges us never to forget the necessity of Mass. The Pope himself is not exempt- and we shouldn't feel ourselves exempt either. Too often, we make a number of excuses: I'm not feeling religious today. I had an event last night and am too tired. I've got a sports game today. I just went. I'll get to it later. All of these things are mere excuses, which ultimately separate us from God- and not just now, but from this lifetime, perhaps even into the next, if we are not careful.

## 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!*

In short- we need to be like that leper. We too need to "just show up" to Mass and to better our faith- whether we think we need it or not. If we do that- God can do some incredible things. But not if we make more excuses now.

Let's show up. No excuses. *-Fr. Belken*

## Readings for Next Sunday

### The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

## ST. DENIS SCHOOL 2024



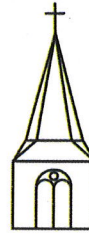
### DINNER AUCTION

*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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · FEBRUARY 11, 2024



# Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

-Mark 1:40

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 11-17, 2024  
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#### Mass Schedule

Sat. Feb 10 4PM	Darryl Westrich	Thu. Feb 15 7AM	Shelby & Charlene Steger
Sun. Feb 11 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Feb 16 7AM	Vernon Vetter
Mon. Feb 12	No Mass	Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Don Gosche
Tue. Feb 13	No Mass	Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed. Feb 14 7AM	Louis & Anna Glastetter		

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

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

February 4, 2024: Loose \$96, Envelopes \$2255, Total: \$2351.

**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.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: James & Lisa Eftink  
Terry Eftink, Brian & Rhonda Enderle, Orville & Carolyn Enderle, Randy & Glenda Enderle.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

**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.

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

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Frank Glueck
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Cheryl Kern/Kari Bickings
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Derek Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Leeland Vetter/Oliver Vetter/Brooke Reeves
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Feb 17 4PM	Dale Kern/Dannv Kern/Donnie Kern/Dennis Kern

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	Gary Reischman
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Henry Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	Oliver Beck/Paxton Beck/Wyatt Farrow
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Feb 18 8:30AM	David Kern/John Kern/Jon-Erik Kern/Kendall Kern

**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 start on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and 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>.**

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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR "THE MIRROR"**