

# The Pastor's Corner

When we hear the word "authority" usually what will come to mind is our boss, perhaps our parents, those who are lead, or even at times those that may be in political leadership as well. We experience it in all sorts of ways, and perhaps even on a daily basis, and yet nothing quite compares to what we hear of in the Gospel this week: Jesus teaches with authority. This is not authority that is tyrannical nor in an oppressive way, but in a way that is reassuring, that allowed his followers to have peace and security in knowing they found the Messiah.



This week in the Catholic Church, we celebrate our annual tradition of Catholic Schools Week. This week is one that is set aside to truly appreciate the difference that a Catholic education can make. In a world of choices, a Catholic education is a choice that allows one to experience a unique form of teaching- a form that is filled with faith and with Christ-centered formation and is charged to speak with authority on the faith even to our youngest disciples. There is nothing quite like this form, which is able to proclaim the most important truths of faith and life without apology and without hesitation as a Catholic school can.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools week- we celebrate what a difference faith can make in every aspect of our life- even our education. May we, as we celebrate what sets Catholic education apart, celebrate what should be the center of every Catholic school: Jesus Christ- the one who teaches with authority, and the central goal of helping every child obtain heaven.

## 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!*

If no one has ever asked, I humbly ask now:  
pray about and discern the difference a  
Catholic education- founded upon Christ-  
could make for you and your loved ones!

-Fr. Belken

## Readings for Next Sunday

### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1:29-39

## Pope Francis's January Prayer Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



## Bishop Rice's January Prayer Intention

As we mark the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22, let us recommit ourselves to support mothers in need.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JANUARY 28, 2024



# Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"What is this? A new teaching with authority.  
He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."*

-Mark 1:27

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 28-February 3, 2024

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**Mass Schedule**

Sat. Jan 27 4PM	Felix Enderle	Thu. Feb 1 7AM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Sun. Jan 28 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Feb 2 7AM	Melvin Glastetter
Mon. Jan 29	No Mass	Sat. Feb 3 4PM	Parish Family
Tue. Jan 30 6PM	Robert & Emma Gaines	Sun. Feb 4 8:30AM	Felix Enderle
Wed. Jan 31 7AM	Shelby & Charlene Steger		

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.** JAN 28-Pat Moore, FEB 4-Mary F. Glastetter, FEB 11-Theresa Essner, FEB 18-Carol Klipfel, FEB 25-Dorothy Deason.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

January 21, 2024: Loose \$48, Envelopes \$2495, Total: \$2543.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>, ST. DENIS SCHOOL WINTER COMMUNITY BREAKFAST.** Being held in the St. Denis school gym from 7-7:40AM. Sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk, coffee, and orange juice are being served. Cost: \$5 per plate. All are welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, NOTRE DAME ADORATION WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP.** Join us for an evening of Adoration with praise & worship! Notre Dame Regional High School's Wings and St. Joseph Club will be hosting an evening of praise, Adoration and Benediction from 6-7PM in Notre Dame's Chapel. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>, ST. ANNE'S SODALITY MEETING.** Rosary at 6:15PM. Meeting at 6:30PM in the parish center. All ladies are welcome to join us for faith & fellowship!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: Mike & Darlene Dirnberger  
Nathan & Kara Dirnberger, Rodney & Carri Dock, Stephen & Erin Drake.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</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.

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor :</b>	Sat. Feb 3 4PM	Pat Moore
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Feb 3 4PM	Cheryl Kern/Jamie Essner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Feb 3 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Blake Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Feb 3 4PM	Tyler Jackson/Vanellope DeShaney/Eli Holman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Feb 3 4PM	Dean Heuring/Jon Heuring/Norman Joe Heuring/ Jared Holloway

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun. Feb 4 8:30AM	Jill Pinkston
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Feb 4 8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Kari Bickings
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Feb 4 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Gerard Dirnberger
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Feb 4 8:30AM	Leigha Estes/Tyler Morgan/Isabell Crook
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Feb 4 8:30AM	Kenric Heisserer/Scott Heisserer/Shawn Heisserer/Brian Heuring

**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>.**

**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>.**

**SECOND COLLECTION.** This week's second collection is for the Church in Latin America.

**Requirements for all diocesan personnel—clergy, employees and adult volunteers**

The mission and ministry of creating a safe environment for all to flourish and thrive is a responsibility we all share.

Before regularly working or volunteering with minors or vulnerable adults, all diocesan personnel are required to first complete 1) the Safe Environment Training; 2) have a Background Screening conducted; and, 3) submit the current and signed Code of Conduct. The Safe Environment training is now available online after creating an account in the VIRTUS system (through the VIRTUS webpage <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>). The Code of Conduct, which is required annually and made available at the beginning of every school year, the Background Disclosure and Authorization, as well as all other required Safe Environment Policies and forms are available on the Diocese website, under the Office of Child and Youth Protection <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>.

Questions about these requirements may be directed to the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or by email: [childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org](mailto:childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org)