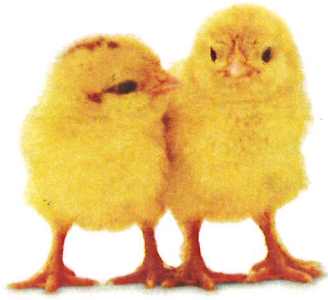


The Pastor's Corner



Whether we were working with cows that had a calf, or a hen with her chicks, the story was always the same: if the mom thought you were a threat to their calf or their chicks, you'd have to go through them first. If we needed to check on the young, often times the mother of whatever it was would immediately go into a stance of defense- and it didn't matter who we were, the mother would clearly give herself up first, before letting anyone touch her young! It's really a story of selfless sacrifice, and one that we can easily witness throughout much of the animal kingdom.

As Jesus is instructing the disciples, He begins to speak of His coming Passion. To help the disciples understand this better He gives an analogy of wheat: "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." There has to be a death to self to give life, and perhaps even more fruitful life. The idea is contradictory to the worldly way of living which often focuses on self-preservation. However, if the grain of wheat focused on that, it would never produce anything of value, and would eventually fall back into dust. Jesus wants something different-death to self, and living for others, and producing much fruit as a result.

It is all too easy to focus on self-preservation and promoting ourselves, and not looking out for one another. Even just a casual drive can tell us how self-focused we have become as a society- cutting off motorists, speeding past others and perhaps even driving with little regard for the safety or others around us. Yet, what would happen if we were that grain of wheat? What if we chose to die to self to promote life around us?

What would happen if we were like that cow with a calf or that hen with chicks? What if we were all about sacrifice for one another?

-Fr. Belken

BISHOP RICE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

May the quiet, faithful example of St. Joseph accompany us along our Lenten journey.



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Readings for Next Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

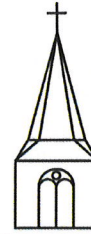
March 24, 2024

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47

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-John 12:24

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Mass Schedule

Sat. Mar 16 4PM Felix Enderle	Thu. Mar 21 7AM Louis & Anna Glastetter
Sun. Mar 17 8:30AM Parish Family	Fri. Mar 22 7AM Darryl Westrich
Mon. Mar 18 No Mass	Sat. Mar 23 4PM Jeff Steger
Tue. Mar 19 6PM Alex Jr. & Vera Burger	Sun. Mar 24 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed. Mar 20 7AM Dennis Gosche	

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAR 17-Mary B. Glastetter, MAR 24-Terri Stuckey, MAR 31-Norma Seyer.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 10, 2024: Loose \$311, Envelopes \$4290, Total: \$4601.

SUNDAY MARCH 17th, MEN'S BREAKFAST. In the Parish Center after Mass. All men of the parish are invited to enjoy a morning breakfast, prayer and fellowship! Short meeting to follow, Officers are already selected for the upcoming year. Please encourage all men of the parish to attend.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st, CURED HAM SHOOTING MATCH. Oran KC Hall doors open at 5:30PM, starts at 6:30PM. Contact Terry Seyer 573-887-4396.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: **Patty Halter**
Kenny & JoAnn Heisserer, Ralph & Debbie Heisserer, Richard & Lana Green, Scott Heisserer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd, LIVING STATIONS. All are invited to join our High School youth for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross! Starts at 6:30PM, regular time for Stations on Fridays.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th, EASTER EGG HUNT. Following religion class, on the ballfield. If you would like to donate (eggs, items to fill the eggs, prizes, or money), leave in the back of church or contact Ashley Lasters, Amanda Glastetter, or Monica Burger.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC. 11AM-Noon. \$12 shots at the New Hamburg ballpark pavilion behind the old school. Dr. Brian Heuring and Cape Small Animal Clinic will administer the discounted pet vaccines. Debit/credit cards accepted, cash, or check please.

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

Lector & Communion Distributor :	Sat. Mar 23 4PM Diane Ashcraft/Frank Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Mar 23 4PM Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Mar 23 4PM Mr./Mrs. Stephen Drake
Servers:	Sat. Mar 23 4PM Bennett Essner/Caleb & Noah Vetter/Rocky Burger
Ushers:	Sat. Mar 23 4PM Greg Morgan/Jarret Moore/Doug Menz/Tony Paul

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Mar 24 8:30AM Sally O'Brien/Dorothy Deason
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 24 8:30AM Linda Essner/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 24 8:30AM Mr./Mrs. Scott Droddy
Servers:	Sun. Mar 24 8:30AM Ty & Callen Glastetter/Hailey & Heidi Heuring
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 24 8:30AM Ethen Maddox/Dale Mock/Justin Modglin/ Pat O'Brien

CEMETERY NOTE. The cemetery will be cleared of all grave decorations placed on the ground around the graves for the April thru October mowing season to allow for access for mowing and trimming. Decorations attached to the top or the sides of gravestones off the ground and not in the way of mowing or trimming may remain.

EASTER FLOWERS. To remember someone this Easter, put an offering of \$10 in an envelope, write "Flowers in Memory ofby.....(one name or family per donation) and put in the collection basket.

CHOIR PRACTICE. Please join the choir as we prepare for the Easter Triduum on the following dates: Tuesday, March 19 immediately following the 6PM Mass.

Grounds Committee. We are looking for individuals who would like to help with the upkeep of our parish grounds, which would include meeting to help discuss potential projects and suggestions with Fr. Belken, as well as working to help complete them. If you are interested, please contact the parish office to join the group as it is being formed.

PRINCIPAL OPENING. Principal and Educator Opening, elementary: Saint Denis School in Benton, Missouri is seeking a principal and teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Responsibilities: Responsibilities will include leadership in the school environment as a community of faith, as well as providing an instructional and professional leadership to the school faculty, as well being able to fill the capacity of a classroom teacher. Requirements: A qualified candidate must be an active and practicing Catholic, possess their Missouri certification, as well as possessing a master's degree in School Administration (or are working towards it). Administrative experience is preferred, and 3-5 years of Catholic school experience is desired as well. To request an application, please contact Fr. Daniel Belken at Saint Denis Parish, Benton, MO at 573-545-3864, or email frbelken@stdenisbenton.org.

THANK YOU. Everyone for all the cards, texts, well wishes and especially your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I appreciated all of them. -Jamie Burger

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorena Beussink and for her family during this time of loss and sorrow.