

The Pastor's Corner

“ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS”

This time of year, as many go on vacation, they will find themselves in hotels and many other places for the accommodations they need to sleep. While many places that we can find to sleep can be tremendously comfortable, even while we are away, there is always still something missing: it's just not your bed that you're used to. It could be all sorts of comfortable and soft, and yet, if it isn't your familiar surroundings and your bed, even with its unique traits, it seems like it's harder to sleep- and harder to find some peace!

As Jesus is preparing the disciples to send His Spirit to them- the Holy Spirit- He is giving them subtle reminders about the spiritual life. One such reminder comes in this verse: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” It's got a nice sound to it, but do we understand what this means? What Jesus is saying is that if we agree to His peace, and only His peace- then we will receive peace. However, if we settle for the world's peace, we will never be satisfied. What is the world's peace? That extra vacation to the exotic location. That new car. That house that is wildly lavish. That extra sports team that consumes our time, or even that extra tournament. The possibilities are endless, but the end result is the same for everyone- whether they are honest with themselves or not- they will always be running to the next thing and never feeling fully “at home” or at peace. What is Christ's peace asking of us? Surrender to God's will. Attend Mass without excuse. Read scriptures and pray often.


Don't go looking for the best “accommodations” the world has to offer- whether you are on vacation or in your own backyard. Look to be satisfied with the familiarity of home (our faith) so that we can have true and lasting peace- unlike what the world may have to offer.

-Fr. Belken

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Readings for Next Sunday

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 1, 2025

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53



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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25-June 1, 2025
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Mass Schedule

Sat.	May	24	4PM	Don Gosche	Thu.	May	29	7AM	Henrietta Dirnberger
Sun.	May	25	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	May	30	7AM	Norman & Dorothy Heuring
Mon.	May	26	8AM	Those lost in Service	Sat.	May	31	4PM	Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich
Tue.	May	27	6PM	Melvin Glastetter	Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	May	28	7AM	Elmer Heisserer					

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. MAY 25 - Theresa Essner, **JUN 1** -Jill Pinkston, **JUN 8** – Carol Klipfel, **JUN 15** – Dorothy Deason, **JUN 22** – Margaret Heuring, **JUN 29** – Mary B. Glastetter.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

May 18, 2025: Loose \$184, Envelopes \$3550, Total: \$3734.

SUNDAY, MAY 25th, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS. Sunday 8:30AM Mass will be honoring our St. Lawrence high school graduates Hayden Steimle, Kole Burger, Kendyl Burger, Gwen Essner, Rolen Heuring, Mady Johnson, Carson Kern, and Molly Johnson. Please wear cap and gown. If we missed anyone, please call the parish office.

MONDAY, MAY 26th MEMORIAL DAY MASS. Mass at 8AM, at the Grotto. Mass is for Those Lost in Service to our country. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in church.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th, ANNUAL PICNIC MEETING. Starts at 7PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room. All Chairman please attend.

FRIDAY, MAY 30th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Travis & Jenny Estes
Derek & Kelly Felter, Danny Joe & Connie Glastetter, Jacob & Kati Glastetter.

FRIDAY, MAY 30th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church 7:30-10:30AM.

SATURDAY, MAY 31st, CANCER BENEFIT. John Beuell Cancer Benefit, doors open at 4PM at the **St. Denis Parish Center**. Multiple auctions (oral, silent & sweet treats), 50/50, raffles, lottery tree, music, and a taco bar. Bar will be by donation, beer, soda and water available. Event tickets: Donation, Pay at the door. For more information contact Abigail Blunt 573-270-2324 or Angela Blakely 573-419-9319.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17th, DEANERY 6 MEETING. The following meeting will be held at St. Anthony's Parish, Glennon, Missouri. Rosary at 5:30PM, Mass at 6PM. Installation of Officers to follow meeting and refreshments in Parish Hall. We are still looking for a Vice-President for year 2025-2027.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. DENIS. Ages 2-12, Open to all. For more information, please call or email Mrs. Wikle at 573-545-3017, lindsy@stdenisbenton.org.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat.	May	31	4PM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sat.	May	31	4PM	Linda Essner/Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sat.	May	31	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Gerald Beck
Servers:	Sat.	May	31	4PM	Paxton Beck/Oliver Beck/Berkley Dirnberger
Ushers:	Sat.	May	31	4PM	Jamie Essner/Jeff Essner/Tim Essner/Travis Estes

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Dorothy Deason
Organist/Cantor:	Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Linda Essner/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Dustin Benson
Servers:	Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Noah Vetter/Caleb Vetter/Leigha Estes/Bradey James
Ushers:	Sun.	Jun	1	8:30AM	Randy Enderle/Dustin Essner/Gerard Essner/Tom Essner

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) REPORT. To date our parish has given \$15,615 toward our \$24,075 goal. Thank You to the 59 families that have already responded! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. The goal is to have this completed by next weekend. Thank you all again for you generous donations.

TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus is coming to St. Lawrence Parish in New Hamburg on June 16-20. For more information, or to register your children, please contact Pat Moore or the church office.

WHAT IS TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) was the papal motto for Pope St. John Paul II who dedicated his life totally to Jesus Christ through Mary. Totus Tuus is also the name of our fun and energetic summer youth program for all children in elementary, middle school, and high school. The weeklong program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness; music, fun activities, Eucharistic worship, and more. Not only will the youth learn more about their Catholic faith, but they will return home excited to live it and share it! Call Pat Moore or the parish office for more information or to register your children.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. www.kofc.org/joinus

THANK YOU. As we end our Parish School of Religion, we thank God for being with us and showering His Blessings upon us this year. We thank Father Belken, our dedicated teachers for the sacrifices they make each Sunday to teach God's young people. We thank our parents and our students. Have a great summer and remember Jesus. Thanks. -Pat Moore