

The Pastor's Corner

“TEACH US HOW TO PRAY”

This weekend, as I am being installed as pastor of St. Denis and St. Lawrence, I find myself reflecting deeply on what this role truly means. Externally, very little changes. But internally, it is a reaffirmation of the responsibilities that every priest carries to some extent. Canon Law specifically directs a pastor to ensure that “the word of God is preached in its entirety,” that the works of the Gospel are carried out, that Catholic education is provided for youth and young adults, and that the Eucharist remains the heart of parish life — among many other things. While the “laundry list” of what the law expects of me for all of you can be a bit ponderous, it’s really an effort to bring us back to the basics.

And what are the basics? We find one of them in today’s Gospel. The disciples make a beautiful request: “Lord, teach us to pray.” While this seems like such a simple petition, the truth is that we spend our entire lives learning how to speak to and listen to God. That doesn’t happen only in solitude — we are taught through the hands and hearts of many: our parents, our friends, and yes, our pastors, clergy, and religious. Many are entrusted with the sacred duty of handing on the faith in its fullness. I am just one among them, promising to do my best to lead each of you closer to Christ and to teach you “how to pray” — even as I continue learning that very thing myself.

If I may be so bold, I would like to make a humble request: please bring that same question to me. Ask me to teach you. Show up. Bring your families, your loved ones, and especially those who may not yet be on good terms with Jesus or familiar with Him at all. Together, may we open our hearts and genuinely seek to learn how to pray — and how to enter into a deeper, more intimate relationship with God.

God bless you all. Know of my constant prayers for each of you entrusted to my care — and please remember, whatever I can do for you is always just a phone call or email away.

-Fr. Belken

Keep in touch with us!

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Readings for Next Sunday

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JULY 27, 2025



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27-August 2, 2025
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<u>Mass Schedule</u>									
Sat.	Jul	26	4PM	Leonard Kluesner	Thu.	Jul	31	7AM	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Sun.	Jul	27	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Aug	1	No Mass	
Mon.	Jul	28	No Mass		Sat.	Aug	2	4PM	Pam Heuring
Tue.	Jul	29	6PM	Jeannie Essner	Sun.	Aug	3	8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	Jul	30	7AM	Dorothy Menz					

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SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JUL 27 – Pat Moore, **AUG 3** – Mary F. Glastetter, **AUG 10** - Theresa Essner, **AUG 17** – Jill Pinkston, **AUG24** – Carol Klipfel, **AUG 31** – Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

July 20, 2025: Loose \$225, Envelopes \$3694, Online giving: \$115, Total: \$4034.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Norman & Diana Kluesner

William Kluesner, Kyle & Andra Koepp, Timothy & Kristy Landewee.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, ST. LAWRENCE DAY CELEBRATION. Meet and greet with the Deacons of our Diocese at 6PM followed by Potluck dinner. The parish will provide fried chicken and ham. Potluck requests A-K bring salad or vegetables, L-Z bring desserts. The Sign-up sheet for name and number attending is in the vestibule of the church. Fireworks will begin at Dark! Please join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of St. Lawrence Parish!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, KERN CANCER BENEFIT. Dinner and Trivia Night will be held in the St. Lawrence Parish Center for Brittany Mock (Kern) and Julie Kern. All donations are appreciated! Trivia with dinner, dinner only, or carry-out tickets are available for purchase. Trivia with dinner = \$200 for 8 people, dinner only and carry-out by the quart = \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Raffle tickets will be pre-sales as well as sold the night of the event. Raffle basket tickets will only be sold on the night of the event. Doors open at 5PM and trivia begins at 7PM. Contact Jamie Kern at 573-318-4245 or Theresa Kern at 573-587-2258 to secure your entry, make donations, and /or for general questions. We hope to see you there.

<u>Lector & Communion Distributor:</u>	Sat.	Aug	2	4PM	Stephanie Burger
<u>Organist/Cantor:</u>	Sat.	Aug	2	4PM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Sat.	Aug	2	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Christopher Crook
<u>Servers:</u>	Sat.	Aug	2	4PM	Isabel Crook/Wyatt Farrow/Clara Drake
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sat.	Aug	2	4PM	Shayn Mabury/Dale Mock/Doug Menz/Jarret Moore

<u>Lector & Communion Distributor:</u>	Sun.	Aug	3	8:30AM	Gary Reischman
<u>Organist/Cantor:</u>	Sun.	Aug	3	8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Kari Bickings
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Sun.	Aug	3	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Thomas Carroll
<u>Servers:</u>	Sun.	Aug	3	8:30AM	Owen Asmus/Parker Reeves/Brooke Reeves/Mila Burger
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sun.	Aug	3	8:30AM	Doug Lynn/Steve Lynn/Ethen Maddox/Justin Modglin

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) REPORT. We have met our goal of \$24,075. Thank you to the 97 families that donated and for those that offered up prayers in support of DDF.

ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION. We are now taking donations for fireworks for our St. Lawrence day celebration on **August 10th**. Please put in an envelope marked “Fireworks” and either drop in the collection plate or the rectory. Thanks in advance.

FORTY HOURS OF ADORATION. As we celebrate our Patron Saint, Saint Lawrence, we will be observing Forty Hours Devotes beginning Friday, August 8 at 78PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Please consider spending some time with the Lord. Thanks.

CODE OF CONDUCTS. Code of Conduct is available online or in the Parish Office to be signed for volunteers, workers, and PSR staff/teachers for the upcoming year. Please come by to sign or drop off as soon as possible. **This year again another form needs to be signed. The “Fair Credit Reporting Act” background check form also needs to be signed along with the CoC form.** Both are available online and in the Parish Office.

FOOD PANTRY. Summertime can be difficult for food pantries. Please consider a donation. You can put your envelope in the collection marked: Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry. Thank you.