



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Celebrating St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

St. Denis Parish	St. Lawrence Parish
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105 N. Winchester Benton, MO 63736 Phone: 573-545-3017 Web: stdenisbenton.eduk12.net Email: lindsay@stdenisbenton.org Principal: Lindsay Wikle School Board President: Mr. Glenn Collom	<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Denis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confessions: Tuesday @ 7:00pm or by appt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Lawrence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass: Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:30am Tuesday at 6:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confessions: Saturday @ 3:15pm or by appt.</p>

SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	19	No Mass
Wed.	20	No Mass
Thurs.	21- 8am	Vince Hulshof
Fri.	22- 8am	Charles Klueppel
Sun.	24-7am	Gil Robert
Sun.	24-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday 7:00am

Lector:	John Welter
EM:	Carla Robert
Servers:	Eli Eftink
Servers	Jaxon & Ava Welter
Greet \ Gifts:	Bev Riley, Mary Ann Robert

Sunday 10:00am

Lector:	Bryce Morgan
EM:	Jamie Burger
Servers:	Nora & Jonah Hahn
Servers	Tate Shively
Greet \ Gifts:	Jeff & Jenny Shively

Parish Stewardship

The Week of August 10, 2025

Envelopes:	\$4,654.00
Loose:	\$170.00
Total Collection:	\$4,824.00
Weekly Est. Budget:	\$5,009.00
Difference:	~\$185.00

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, August 23rd: Brenda Dumey, Malinda Milam, Brendan & Jalyn Milam

Church Decorating Committee for the month of

August: Janice Scherer

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of August 17th:

Rick & Cheri Klipfel

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd, CHURCH CLEANING.

Chairman: Greg & Tiffany Morgan

Amy Neiderkorn, Pat & Sally O'Brien, Tony & Reatha

Paul, Mike & Edith Pennington

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	19- 6pm	Pat Schott
Wed.	20-7am	Melvin Glastetter
Thurs.	21-7am	Herman Dirnberger Family
Fri.	22-7am	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Sat.	23-4pm	Parish Family
Sun.	24-8:30am	Jerry & Carol Dirnberger

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Cindy Glueck
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Gifts:	Jim & Lynn Dennis
Servers:	Drew and Luke Benson, Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Don Seyer, Eric Seyer, Andy Silman, Danny Simpher

Sunday 8:30am

Lector \ EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Terry & Dorothy Deason
Servers:	Tyler Morgan, Brady James, Leigha Estes, Berkley Dirnberger
Ushers:	Joseph Spurgeon, Ryan Steimle, Danny Tetley, Marty Steimle

Parish Stewardship

The Week of August 10, 2025

Envelopes:	\$3,177.00
Loose:	\$175.00
Online:	\$235.00
Total Collection:	\$3,587.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Interested in
Substitute
Teaching?**

CONTACT LINDSY AT 573-545-3017 OR
LINDSY@STDENISBENTON.ORG

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025! One of our schools biggest fundraisers, The 11th Annual Paul Stuckey Scramble will be here soon! Get your team ready! Contact Natalie at 573-887-1317 for questions and to register.

Flyers are available in the Church Foyer

OCIA 2026-2027: If you know anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, and may wish to become Catholic, please invite them to the first OCIA meeting on September 7, at 5 PM in the Cafeteria!

American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 27th, 2-6 PM at St. Denis Parish Center. Please mark your calendar and help save lives by donating blood. Your donation is truly the Gift of Life.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Faye Scheeter, Ronnie Schlosser,
Robert Gosche, Denise Shelton

Fr. Belken will be away next weekend, but as always, if there is an emergency, please call the parish, as normal.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.
AUG 17 – Jill Pinkston, AUG 24 – Carol Klipfel,
AUG 31 – Dorothy Deason

PSR NEWS FROM PAT MOORE

We are already planning for the coming year. We are grateful for all of the teachers that have already agreed to teach again this year, however, we need a 5th grade teacher. Also, If your child will be in Kindergarten and plans to attend Religion Class there is a Kindergarten Sign-Up sheet in the back of Church. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes out to Brad Kern for a fantastic fireworks display, as well as the many hands who made St. Lawrence's Feast Day so special!

Fr. Eugene Ntawigenera RCJ of the Congregation of Rogationists will be offering a mission appeal at both of our parishes the weekend of August 23-24, 2025. The mission appeal will benefit especially the Rogationist mission efforts among the poor children in Mexico, the education of street children in India, the building of a new church in the Philippines and assist St. Anthony Center for orphans in Africa. Please welcome Fr. Eugene and thank you, in advance, for your prayerful and financial support of the mission efforts of the Congregation of Rogationists.

Please turn in any outstanding bills for the St. Lawrence Parish Picnic so that we can publish final totals. Thank you!

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note a new bulletin deadline- all announcements and inserts must be submitted in full to the parish office by 8am on Wednesday morning. Any submissions after that will be considered for the next weekend.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT. 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.

In some Catholic circles, there is a tendency to portray Jesus through a sort of 1970s lens—where “peace” is seen as the primary governing factor of His mission and ministry. No matter what He said or did, some claim it was all about “love” and “peace.” While there is truth to these in a certain respect, we should stop and ask what they truly mean. Is peace merely the absence of war and division?

This weekend’s Gospel doesn’t mince words—which makes it all the more striking. Jesus warns very clearly that division will come because of what He says and does—and because of what He is about to accomplish. He tells us that even families will be torn apart because of His word, and that some will even betray their loved ones for living out the faith.

At first, this may seem almost “unlike” Jesus. Yet we must understand what it means: the teachings Christ has handed down to us are not easy. If they were, there would be no conflict over them. If they were easy, there wouldn’t be thousands of Protestant denominations. If they were easy, there wouldn’t be ministers-turned-influencers online promoting watered-down or distorted versions of the Gospel.

Christ’s message may bring division—or even persecution—but only because we stand for the truth, expressed in authentic love and genuine peace.

-Fr. Belken

<p>One-on-one answers to your Medicare questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shana Kight 573-450-8066 • Doris Brey Meyer 573-545-4253 • Rhonda Ratledge 573-979-4537   <p>Medicare Supplements Medicare Advantage Plans Part D Plans</p>	<p>Ditronics</p> <p>Video Surveillance / Two-Way Radio</p> <p>14 N. Winchester, Benton, Missouri</p>	<p>25 W Tywappity 573-313-9200</p> 	
<p>Halter Gas Company</p> <p>Oran, Mo.</p> <p>LP—Gasoline—Diesel—Service</p> <p>262-3322</p> 	<p>MKAY SUPPLY</p> <p>FARM • HARDWARE • HOME</p> <p>6626 State Hwy 77, Benton</p> <p>545-4455</p> 	<p>Montgomery BANK</p> <p>Easier and Friendlier Financial Solutions</p> <p>1-800-455-2275</p> <p>www.montgomerybank.com</p> 	<p>Bollinger's Auto Service</p> <p>Tires & Batteries—Servicing All Makes & Models</p> <p>545-3810</p> <p>Benton, Missouri</p> 
<p>FLOYD'S EQUIPMENT</p> <p>573.472.2652 www.cmtruckbeds.com</p> <p>225 N Interstate Dr. / Sikeston, MO 63801</p> <p>MISSOURI'S TRUCK BED HEADQUARTERS!</p>	<p>ELITE PEST CONTROL</p> <p>Josh Glastetter</p> <p>Phone: 573-200-1715</p> <p>Email: elitepestsemo@gmail.com</p> 	<p>MARSHALL COMPANIES</p> <p>PO Box 1, Charleston, MO</p> 	<p>W. E. Walker-Lakenan</p> <p>A division of Sunstar Insurance Group LLC</p> <p>Janice Scherer</p> <p>jscherer@wewalker.com</p> <p>Office: 573-755-1523</p> <p>Cell: 573-208-8702</p>
<p>Ronald Schlosser</p> <p>Excavating Co</p>  <p>Excavating > Land Clearing > Farm Work</p> <p>Since 1960 > Benton, MO 545-3360</p>	<p>Jeff Shively DVM</p> <p>1904 Main Street</p> <p>Scott City, MO</p> <p>573-264-3455</p>  <p>SCOTT CITY ANIMAL CLINIC</p>	<p>WADE'S AUTO PLUS</p>  <p>For all your transportation needs!</p> <p>545-4402</p>	<p>Benton Laundry & Storage</p> <p>132 N. Winchester, Benton</p> <p>Laundry open 24 hours a day</p> <p>Storage Units: Call 270-4507</p>
<p>Benton Pharmacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONVENIENTLY LOCATED INSIDE BENTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTER • LOCAL DELIVERY • DRIVE-THRU • SLIDING SCALE GENERIC PRICING <p>6468 STATE HWY 77, BENTON, MISSOURI</p>	<p>Our providers are accepting new patients!</p> <p>MISSOURI DELTA BENTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTER</p> <p>Amber Thorne, FNP-BC Family Nurse Practitioner</p> <p>Juliana Jones, PMHNP-BC Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</p> 		<p>Pam Dannenmueller</p> <p>573-887-1081</p>  <p>Edge Realty 573-620-6054</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Would you like to advertise here??</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call us at 573-545-3864! 3 spots are open!</p>			<p>AMICK-BURNETT FUNERAL CHAPEL</p> <p>Benton, Chaffee, Oran & Scott City</p>