

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 24, 2025



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Denis Parish

135 N. Winchester, Benton, MO 63736
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 Phone: 573-545-3864
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St. Lawrence Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Daniel Belken

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 Parish Council President: Jeff Diebold

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St. Denis School

105 N. Winchester
 Benton, MO 63736
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Principal: Lindsay Wikle
 School Board President: Mr. Glenn Collom

Sacraments:

Saint Denis

Mass: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am
 Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am

Confessions: Tuesday @ 7:00pm or by appt.

Saint Lawrence

Mass: Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:30am
 Tuesday at 6:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00am
Confessions: Saturday @ 3:15pm or by appt.

SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	26	7-9pm Adoration
Wed.	27- 8am	Catherine Young
Thurs.	28- 8am	Erwin & Bertha Dumey
Fri.	29- 8am	Alex & Vera Burger
Sun.	31-7am	Alfred Vetter
Sun.	31-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday 7:00am

Lector:	Pam Dannenmueller
EM:	Pam Dannenmueller
Servers:	Payton & Rylan Simmons
Servers	Alyssa Dannenmueller
Greet \ Gifts:	Mike & Donna Thompson

Sunday 10:00am

Lector:	Rhonda Ratledge
EM:	Stacy Marshall
Servers:	Brailey Ratledge, River Collom
Servers	Brenly Thorne
Greet \ Gifts:	David & Rhonda Ratledge

Parish Stewardship

The Week of August 17, 2025

Envelopes:	\$5,036.00
Loose:	\$381.00
Total Collection:	\$5,417.00
Weekly Est. Budget:	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$408.00

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, August 30th:

Macy Manier, Molly Shively, Jenny Shively

Church Decorating Committee for the month of

August: Janice Scherer

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of August 24th

Ann Bond, Vic Heisserer

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th, CHURCH CLEANING.

Chairman: Jim & Jill Pinkston

Evan & Jordan Reischman, Gary & Debbie Reischman,

Richard & Andrea Reeves

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	26- 6pm	Jeannie Essner
Wed.	27-7am	Irene & Alphonse Stoverink
Thurs.	28-7am	Jerry Heuring
Fri.	29-7am	Dorothy Menz
Sat.	30-4pm	Dick & Mary Jo Dirnberger
Sun.	31-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Diane Ashcraft
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Dirk & Ashley Dirnberger
Servers:	Drew, Kinsey & Ty Essner

Ushers:	David Westrich, Jake Wagner, Justin Vetter Randy Vetter
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Sunday 8:30am

Lector \ EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Mary B. Glastetter
Gifts:	Blake & Lindsey Dirnberger
Servers:	Hailey & Heidi Heuring, Oliver Beck, Wyatt Farrow

Ushers:	Trent Walter, Benji Urhahn, Ryan Thomure, Edward Westrich
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Parish Stewardship

The Week of August 17, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2,260.00
Loose:	\$197.00
Online:	\$45.00
Total Collection:	\$2,502.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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!

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Donna Bucher

Come see us at the St. Denis Food Stand at Benton Neighbor Days! There will be lots of great food options as we celebrate together!

August 28-30, 2025!



Be sure to wish Fr. Belken a Happy Birthday when you see him! (August 25)



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.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.

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!

FLOCKNOTE PARISH RECORDS

Please note we still need all households to fill out the online registration to update our records. Thank you!

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.

It's almost funny that I can remember when it happened- and yet it feels almost like yesterday. My dad, when I returned to the shed with the raking tractor noticed I had scraped one of the rake wheels on the gate post driving through. He made the comment "that gate is wide enough for two of you to be able to go through!"

While that gate might be wide, we are told not to enter into this gate in the Sunday Gospel for this weekend. Jesus, when asked if "only a few people will be saved" told them to "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." It seems like Jesus is not answering the question, as it seems He does, but there is actually something extraordinary going on- He is instructing them to do two things: first put forth effort, and second, to do what is unpopular.

He tells them to "strive" because this indicates that entering the Kingdom of Heaven will take effort. You will have to go to Mass like the Church says. You will have to go to confession. You will have to pray on a daily basis. The second, though, is to realize that you are going through a way that is less travelled. Many may not do things as you do them. The world might laugh at you. You may be scorned or persecuted. But, strive to enter that narrow gate nonetheless.

We may not be dealing with a gate large enough for two tractors- but we are dealing with one that is worth passing through, even if it is a touch narrow.

-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> 	
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<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 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>
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