



*St. Denis & St. Lawrence*

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



One thing I learned very quickly while growing up near my dad's tool shed was to make sure I had the right tool for the job. Now, certainly that seems obvious, up until the point that we can't find the screwdriver, so the hammer is convenient to drive that last screw, or perhaps I need to use the flathead as a prybar on some staple it has no business pulling up. We do know better but in a pinch we may use the right tool for the wrong thing. But we really should use the right tools for the right jobs!

The Gospel this weekend is rather confusing because it seems that Jesus, as He tells us this parable of a steward squandering his master's property, extols the virtue of this dishonest steward. Yet, it is not Jesus praying the vice of lying, cheating, or stealing. Rather what He is praising is that even this poor, dishonest steward understands the basic hierarchy of the world around him- and that he needs friends more than he needs to hold on to his master's goods or his position.

It is a lesson that we are often taught and seldom remember. We need to use or engage with things or people in the right way. God first, our neighbors, and then everything else flows in beneath that. But too often we are using people, loving things, and putting God in a holding pattern until we get to Him. If we understand that He is the source of what we need- and that we need to put people above things- and that this will make us happy- maybe we will start using the right tools for the right jobs, just like the dishonest steward eventually did.

*-Fr. Belken*



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## SAINT DENIS PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	23	No Adoration
Wed.	24- 8am	Dorothy Jansen
Thurs.	25- 8am	Decd Members Men's Sodality
Fri.	26- 8am	Louise Seiler
Sun.	28-7am	Bernie Landis
Sun.	28- 10am	St. Denis Parish Family

#### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Sunday September 28, 7:00am

Lector:	Betty Essner
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Nova Wikle, River Collom
Servers	Chloe Welter
Greet \ Gifts:	Paul & Marilyn Burford

#### Sunday September 28, 10:00am

Lector:	Kay Elkins
EM:	Kay Elkins
Servers:	Alyssa Dannenmueller, Ella Mack, Brooklyn LeGrand, Etha Diebold
Greet \ Gifts:	William & Jessica O'Guinn

### Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 14, 2025

Envelopes:	\$4,272.00
Loose:	\$373.00
Total Collection:	\$4,645.00
Weekly Est.	\$5,009.00
Budget:	\$- 364.00
Difference:	\$1,068.00 Retired Religious

#### COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

##### ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, September 27: Kevin & Sandy Glaser, Amber Thorne, Lindsay Wikle  
 Church Decorating Committee for the month of September Lisa Spalding  
 Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of September 21: Gary & Susie Bohannon, Joe Felter

##### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Church Cleaning  
 Chairman: Terri Stuckey: Danny & Belinda Tetley, Ryan & Lani Steimle, Ryan & Erica Thomure, Ben & Nikki Urhahn

## SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	23- 6pm	No Mass
Wed.	24-7am	Pat Schott
Thurs.	25-7am	Lillian Westrich
Fri.	26-7am	Alex Powderly
Sat.	27-4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	28-8:30am	Parish Family

#### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Saturday September 27, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Diane Ashcraft
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Dirnberger
Servers:	Paisley & Kaybree Bahr, Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Alex Burger, Daniel Carroll, Thomas Carroll, Chris Crook

#### Sunday September 28, 8:30am

Lector \ EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dirnberger
Servers:	Drew & Ty Essner, Kinsey Essner, Mila Essner
Ushers:	Mark Burger, Matthew Burger, Robin Burger, Russell Burger

### Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 14, 2025

Envelopes:	\$3,635.00
Loose:	\$484.00
Online:	\$145.00
Total Collection:	\$4,264.00

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

## ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Denis Day worker and donation sign-up forms are in the church foyer!

#### ST. DENIS PRESCHOOL NEWS

OUR INFANT ROOM IS FULL AND FLOURISHING! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO ROCK OUR LITTLE BUNDLES OF JOY, PLEASE CONTACT LINDSY AT THE SCHOOL-573-545-3017



#### ATTENTION CRAFT VENDORS & LOVERS

St. Denis Home & School will host the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Winter Wonderland of Treasures" craft show Saturday, December 6, from 8 PM -2 PM in the Parish Center. We all love talents, such as woodworking, art, jewelry, soaps, candles, signs, personalized items and more! Booth rental for an 8x8 space is \$30, with an additional \$10 for electricity. Table rental is \$10, or you may bring your own. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, text or call Crystal Gosche- 573-264-1217.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

JAMES AUSTIN, KAY ELKINS, CLARA HEISSERER

## ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.  
 September 21st -Terri Stuckey  
 September 28<sup>th</sup>-Norma Seyer

#### PSR NEWS FROM PAT MOORE

High School religion classes begin Sunday, October 12, 9:30-10:30 AM in Shibly Hall. All students are welcome. Also, ALL parents and students for PSR are asked to remain in church following Mass on September 21 for a short meeting with Fr. Belken.

NEW HAMBURG 4-H: All community members in grades 3 and up are invited to an informational meeting. The meeting will be on Tuesday September 23 at 6:30 PM in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. New Hamburg 4-H will meet quarterly and will offer short-term learning experiences. Opportunities will include cooking, outdoor adventures, and additional activities to be announced.

#### MOTHER-SON HAYRIDE

October 11 @5:30 PM at St. Lawrence  
 Sign-up by contacting any St. Anne's Officer.  
 Ashley Lasters, Ashley Dirnberger, Amanda Glastetter, Jenny Estes

## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TOM & KATRINA KLUESNER BENEFIT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, ORAN Knights of Columbus Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 PM & Band Plays 8 PM-Midnight

Tom is battling a rare blood cancer

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR! Cash Bar, Snack & Appetizer Provided

MASS WITH BISHOP RICE at St. Lawrence on Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Rosary at the Grotto after Mass, followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

MASS WITH BISHOP RICE for the St. Denis School Students at St. Denis Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM.

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.