

Since about the eleventh century, the Carthusians have had a motto: *"Stat Crux dum volvitur orbis."* In English: "the Cross stands [firm] while the world turns." The meaning behind this simple motto is this: while the world is changing so rapidly, the Cross is the thing that we cling to- and what holds us fast. Over the last several weeks, I like many have been troubled by what terrible things have happened. We've seen so much violence, so much hatred, and so much cruelty being hurled about. It is evidence that the world is indeed turning in many ways- and this is both a symptom and a cause. When people lose hope they turn to vice, and they turn to sin. They turn to violence. They turn to hatred. The world is not meant to stabilize us in the chaos. If someone relies on worldliness in the middle of all of the chaos, they too will be hurting and spiraling down.

That is why the Cross stands so prominently. It is what we are to rely on. It is what stands firm. It is what stabilizes us in the middle of the storm of chaos that is our world today. Rely on the firm wood of the Cross- and on the Savior who lovingly mounts the Cross to set us free. We need this in our world, in our nation, and even in our own communities. We need to cling ever more tightly to the Cross.

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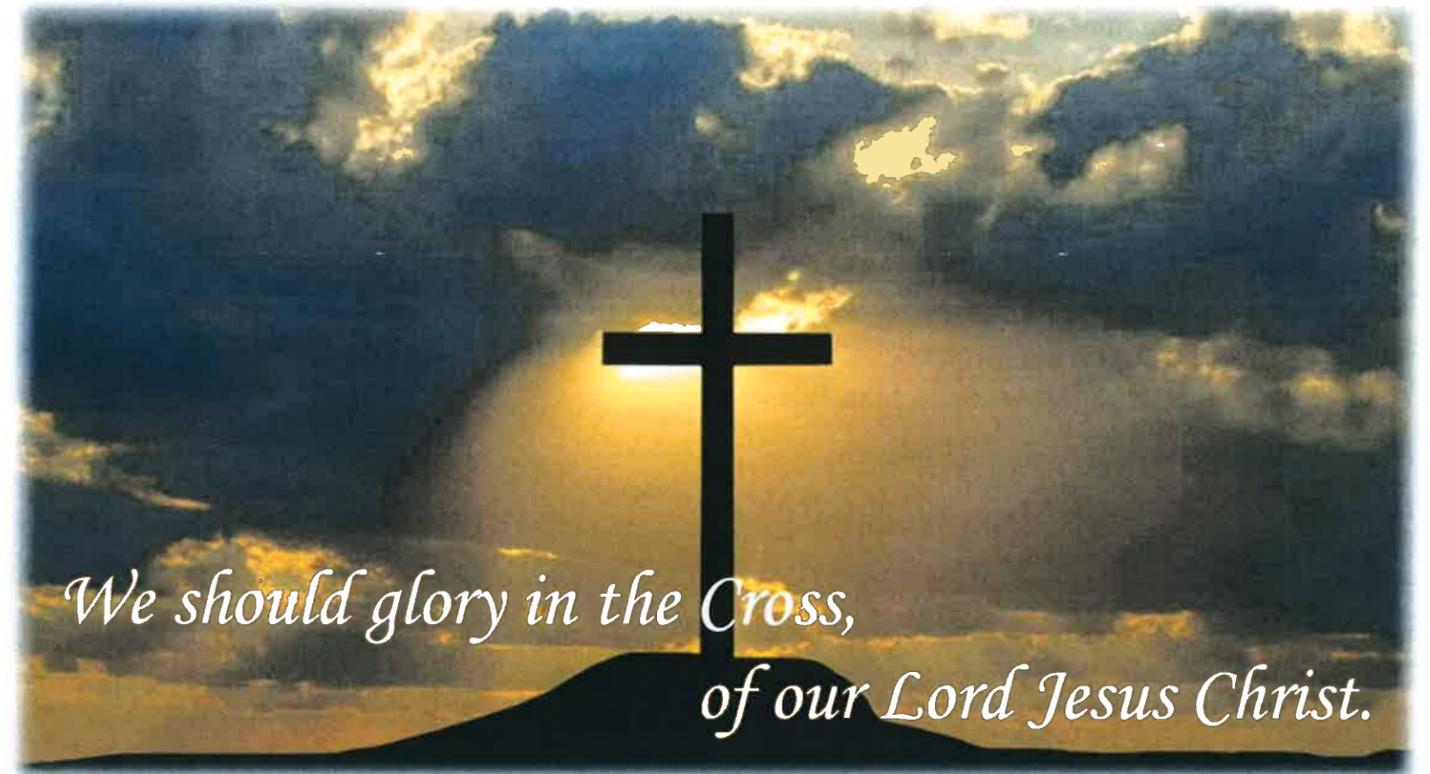
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<p>Principal: Lindsay Wikle School Board President: Mr. Glenn Collom</p>	

SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	16	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	17- 8am	Tom Ross
Thurs.	18- 8am	Bert Essner
Fri.	19- 8am	Theon & Lorena Urhahn Fam
Sun.	21-7am	Jim & Pat Hunott
Sun.	21-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday September 21, 7:00am

Lector:	John Felter
EM:	John Felter
Servers:	Nora & Jonah Hann
Servers	Tate Shively
Greet \ Gifts:	Sharon Hennemann, John Felter

Sunday September 21, 10:00am

Lector:	Bobby Burger
EM:	Bobby Burger
Servers:	Emmalyn Care, Jaxon & Ava
Servers	Welter, Tennyson White
Greet \ Gifts:	John Welter Family

Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 7, 2025

Envelopes:	\$6,011.00
Loose:	\$348.00
Total Collection:	\$6359.00
Weekly Est. Budget:	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$1,350.00
	\$275.00 (Gaza)

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, September 19: Donna Zeigler, Larry & Betty Essner, Tim & Christy LeGrand
 Church Decorating Committee for the month of September Lisa Spalding
 Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of September 14 & 21: Gary & Susie Bohannon, Joe Felter

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

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

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	16- 6pm	Herb & Virginia Essner
Wed.	17-7am	Paul W & Geneva Essner
Thurs.	18-7am	Leonard Kluesner
Fri.	19-7am	Jeanne Essner
Sat.	20-4pm	Art & Anita Ziegler Fam
Sun.	21-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday September 20, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Frank Glueck
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Herbert & Cindy Dirnberger
Servers:	Willow Bickings, Kynli & Leeland Duenne
Ushers:	Gary Brucker, Todd Brucker, Joseph Bucher, Blake Burger

Sunday September 21, 8:30am

Lector \ EM:	Jill Pinkston
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Gifts:	Henry & Pam Dirnberger
Servers:	Ty & Callen Glastetter, Brady James, Tyler Jackson
Ushers:	Brett Burger, Daniel Burger, Heath Burger, Major Burger

Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 7, 2025

Envelopes:	\$1,880.00
Loose:	\$195.00
Online:	\$295.00
Total Collection:	\$2,370.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ST. Denis 11th Annual Golf Tournament is SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025!

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

Flyers are available in the Church Foyer



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-573-576-9090.



St. Denis School is missing a 6ft orange ladder and a metal cart from the storage room. Please help us locate them!

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM & KATRINA KLUESNER BENEFIT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26, ORAN Knights of Columbus Hall

Door 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

Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women will have their quarterly meeting Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at the Jackson Knights of Columbus Lower Hall, 3305 N. High St., Jackson, MO 63755, hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish. Rosary starts at 6:00 PM at the KC Hall followed by refreshments and meeting. We will have our Silent Auction fundraiser, so please bring a donation to place in the auction. Every lady from the parish is welcome to come. Please contact Ruth Ann Hester at 573-270-4844 if you have any questions.

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.

September 14th – Mary B Glastetter

PSR NEWS FROM PAT MOORE

Grade school religion classes begin Sunday, September 21 from 9:30-10:30 AM.

Commissioning of teachers during Mass also. Special THANKS to Laura Kern for agreeing to teach the 5th grade!

NEW HAMBURG4-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.