



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



One of my favorite ways to cook is a way I came to discover when I was in high school- by smoker. There is something that is so rewarding and enriching about being able to take whatever your choice food is- even steak or chicken- and being able to perfectly prepare it, and then smoke it for some time. Perhaps that even translates into bigger cuts of meat, such as a brisket or a pork loin- and these cooks become quite lengthy. Some become so lengthy, in fact, that it is not uncommon for me to get up early to put on a turkey for Thanksgiving, just to make sure it is done on time. Aren't there easier ways to prepare the same foods- and much faster ways? Certainly there are! However, the goal when I smoke some food isn't expediency- it is a good, and delicious, end result.

The Gospel this weekend deals with the rich man and Lazarus. One had an easy way to go throughout life, and one had a much harder way to go. Only one made it to heaven- that was the one who had the harder way to go- that was Lazarus. The rich man had it easy throughout his entire life, and remained nameless and unimportant, even as he disappeared into eternal punishment.

It can be so easy to be fixated on the "fast and easy" things in life, and yet the Gospel could not be more clear. Fast and easy are two ways to wind up with a bad end result- or at the very least one that is not as "delicious" or savory as they could have been. Sometimes we do have to choose to be faithful to the harder way to do things- and even the ones that take time.

The spiritual life is not meant to be "fast and easy." Run it like a smoker- it may be hard, and it may take longer, but the end result is so much more rewarding.

-Fr. Belken



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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	30	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	1- 8am	Louis & Anna Glastetter Family
Thurs.	2- 8am	Collin Crockett
Fri.	3- 8am	Eugene Fodge
Sat.	4-8am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sun.	5-7am	Clara LeGrand
Sun.	5-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday October 5, 7:00am

Lector: Anthony Scherer
EM: Carla Robert
Servers: Payton & Rylan Simmons
Servers: Eli Eftink
Greet \ Gifts: Mary Ann Robert, Bev Riley

Sunday October 5, 10:00am

Lector: Rhonda Ratledge
EM: Gera LeGrand
Servers: Brailey Ratledge, Tennyson
Servers: White, Nora & Jonah Hann
Greet \ Gifts: Chance & Amy White

Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 21, 2025

Envelopes:	\$3,905.00
Loose:	\$272.00
Total Collection:	\$4,177.00
Weekly Est. Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	\$-832.00

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, October 3: Georgia Ross, Elaine Proctor, Donna Thompson
 Church Decorating Committee for the month of October: Jenny Pinkston
 Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of September 28 & October 5: Jim & Mary Simmons

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, October 3, Church Cleaning
 Chairman: David & Laura Westrich
 Catherine Wilder, James & Kari Wilhelm,
 Kyle & Nicole Wilson

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	30- 6pm	Ralph Klipfel
Wed.	1-7am	Melvin Glastetter
Thurs.	2-7am	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Fri.	3-7am	Margaret Klipfel
Sat.	4-4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	5-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday October 4, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM: Shannon Schumer
Musician: Cheryl Kern
Cantor: Kari Bickings
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Dirnberger
Servers: Rocky Burger, Luke & Drew Benson
Ushers: Kevin Curry, Kyle Curry, Jim Dennis, Lenard Dirnberger

Sunday October 5, 8:30am

Lector \ EM: Gary Reischman
Musician: Cheryl Kern
Cantor: Jamie Essner
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dirnberger
Servers: Wyatt Farrow, Isabel Crook, Tyler Morgan, Colin Felter
Ushers: Kendal Deason, Terry Deason, Dirk Dirnberger, Shannon Cureton

Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 21, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2,010.00
Loose:	\$237.00
Online:	\$200.00
Total Collection:	\$2,447.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. DENIS SCHOOL BREAKFAST

THIS SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

SERVING 7-11:30 AM

GOOD WILL DONATION



ST DENIS

PRE-K BAKE SALE

GOOD WILL DONATIONS FOR
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT



St. Denis Day Dinner Sunday October 12th

Serving 10:30-12:30

St. Denis Day worker and donation sign-up forms are in the church foyer! All parishioners are asked to bring TWO desserts. Please bring them to the Parish Center by 9 AM on Sunday!



"Priesthood Sunday" is TODAY, September 28th. This is a day set aside to honor and celebrate the men in priesthood. Please pray for all priest, especially our priest, Fr. Daniel Belken. If you see Fr. Belken today, show your appreciation and thank him for being our shepherd and serving us in the name of Christ.

We love you Fr. Belken!



ATTENTION CRAFT VENDORS & LOVERS

St. Denis Home & School will host the 26th Annual "Winter Wonderland of Treasures" craft show Saturday, December 6, from 8 AM -2 PM in the Parish Center. We welcome all 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 \$5, or you may bring your own. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, text or call Crystal Gosche- 573-264-1217.

MASS WITH BISHOP RICE at St. Lawrence on Tuesday October 7th 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 8th 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.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.
 September 28th-Norma Seyer
 October 5th-Jackie Griffith

PSR NEWS FROM PAT MOORE
 High School religion classes begin Sunday, October 12, in Shibly Hall after 8:30 AM Mass, from 9:30-10:30 AM.
 All high school students are welcome.

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

