

**THE PASTOR'S PEN**

**A TIME TO "INDULGE"**

ALL SOULS' DAY- NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025

It is a venerable and time-honored practice in the Catholic Church to pray for the dead, and to even offer sacrifice for them as well. We recognize that, at the end of this life, it is very difficult for each person to be "perfect" in every way, meaning that we are totally detached from sin, grudges, and our weaknesses, and ready to meet the Lord. Purgatory, even as it is a place of purgation and of repentance, is a place of hope, as the faithful present in purgatory are given assurance that Heaven can be theirs even after their time of purification.

They are not alone on their path- and we as the members of the Church militant on earth are charged with the duty to pray for them and to offer sacrifices for them, especially during the month of November. During this time, in which we remember the faithful departed, a special opportunity exists during the first eight days of November to gain a plenary indulgence each day for a soul to be released into heaven from their purification. A plenary indulgence is the complete remission of the punishment due to sin for any individual- living or dead- and we can gain eight of them during these first eight days.

The conditions are simple: we must go to a cemetery each day we wish to receive the indulgence, say a prayer there for the dead, be sure to be free from grave (mortal) sin, receive the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation once during that time (or up to eight days prior to or after the eight days). Use this opportunity well to pray for the faithful departed who have gone before us- and rest in the hope of life eternal in Heaven!

*Fr. Belken*



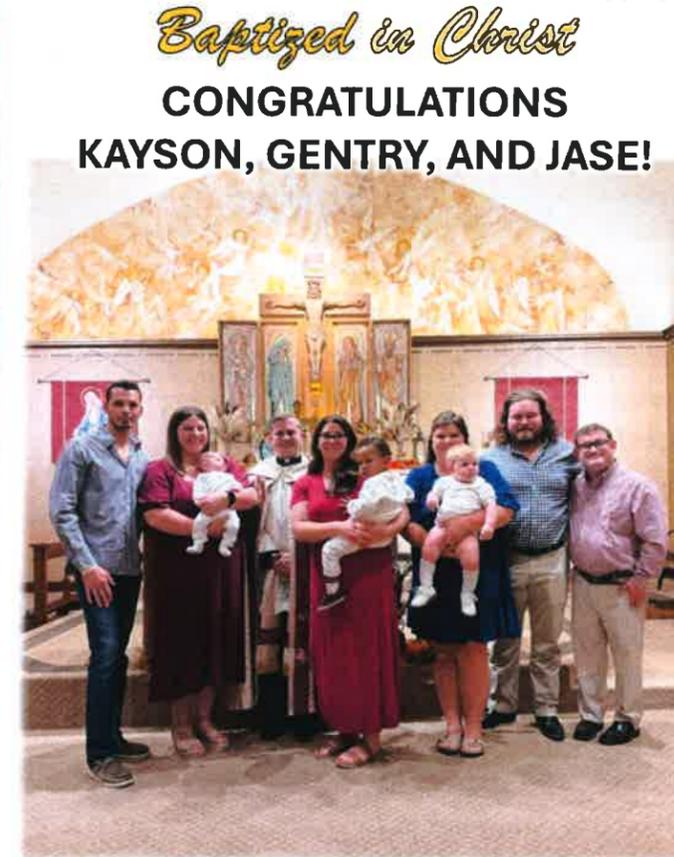
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## SAINT DENIS PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	4	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	5- 8am	Marcella Mack
Thurs.	6- 8am	Evangeline Wade
Fri.	7- 8am	Charles Klueppel
Sun.	9-7am	Bill Jansen
Sun.	9-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

#### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Sunday November 9, 7:00am

Lector:	Anthony Scherer
EM:	Rita Milam
Servers:	Tate Shively, Tori Neumeyer,
Servers	Emmalyn Care
Greet \ Gifts:	Brad & Rita Milam

#### Sunday November 9, 10:00am

Lector:	Rhonda Ratledge
EM:	Jim Simmons
Servers:	Payton & Rylan Simmons
Servers	Brailey Ratledge
Greet \ Gifts:	David & Rhonda Ratledge

#### Parish Stewardship

The Week of October 26, 2025

Envelopes:	\$5,146.00
Loose:	\$207.00
Total Collection:	\$5,353.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$344.00

## SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	4-6pm	Melvin Glastetter
Wed.	5-7am	Jeff Steger
Thurs.	6-7am	Ralph & Margaret Klipfel
Fri.	7-7am	Leonard Kluesner
Sat.	8-4pm	Parish Family
Sun.	9-8:30am	Pat Schott

#### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Saturday November 8, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Dorothy Deason
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. James Duncan
Servers:	Isabel Crook, Wyatt Farrow, Rocky Burger
Ushers:	Daniel Glastetter, Jacob Glastetter, Jason Glastetter, Joshua Glastetter

#### Sunday November 9, 8:30am Veteran's Day Mass

Lector / EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Stacey Johnson, Rodney Dock
Servers:	Brooke & Parker Reeves, Drew & Luke Benson
Ushers:	Otto Kern, Steve Griffith, Floyd Klipfel, Rodney Dock
Honor Guard:	William Kluesner

#### Parish Stewardship

The Week of October 26, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2,549.00
Loose:	\$183.00
Online:	\$100.00
Total Collection:	\$2,832.00

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 9th, 2025**  
**Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9,12**  
**1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17**  
**John 2:13-22**

## ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** from Jim Austin for your prayers, and kindness during his recent surgery. He is recovering and doing well!  
**"Thank you** for the calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital stay. I am home and doing well." Barbara Urhahn

**Liturgy Training Schedule for Both Parishes will be held at St. Denis Church**  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Thursday, Nov. 13th - 6pm  
**Servers:** Wednesday, Nov. 19th - 6pm.

✠ PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠  
**MIKE THOMPSON**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>-School Board meeting- 5:30pm**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>-Finance Meeting-6:15pm**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>-Pastoral Council Meeting 7:15pm**

If you would like to help our food pantry (Jesus In Disguise) to provide a Thanksgiving meal to our clients, please place a \$25 check in an envelope marked Jesus in Disguise.

**Starting . November 19<sup>th</sup> Our Ladies Sodality will meet on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays at 6pm in the basement cafeteria.**

**Save the Date: Breakfast with Santa December 7<sup>th</sup> after 10am Mass.**

**Remembrance Mass for St. Lawrence & St. Denis Sunday, November 9th at St. Lawrence. This is a special Mass for all families who have lost a loved one over the last year (November '24 - '25). Mass will begin at 5pm with a Potluck Dinner immediately following in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. Please submit a 5x7 photo of your loved one to the parish office to be on display as well!**

**Stuff a Truck** - The Scott City Knights of Columbus are hosting a stuff a truck canned food/ toy drive on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at their hall from 8-11am. We will collect canned goods and nonperishable food items to support the Scott City Food Pantry and the St. Denis Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry in Benton. We will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys to help the Happy Slapowitz/Marine Corp League Toys for Tots drive. Please join us and help support these great causes! Hunger never takes a holiday, and every child deserve a Happy Holiday!

## ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Lawrence Fall Parish Dinner is Sunday, November 2nd- serving from 10:30am-1:30pm. Workers who agreed to help in the kitchen on Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for our Turkey Dinner will begin at 8am. Items are needed for the Country Store. Parish families are asked to bring 2 pies, and kitchen help to bring 1 cake.

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION**  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jill Pinkston  
 November 9<sup>th</sup>-Carol Klipfel

**St. Anne's Sodality Meeting & Birthright Baby Shower is Thursday, November 6th. Rosary at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting and refreshments at 6:15pm. Refreshment Committee: Dorothy Deason, Amanda Glastetter, Tammy Cureton and Rhonda Carroll. A donation tote will be in the back of church for those who wish to contribute to Birthright. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>-Finance Meeting in the Parish Center at 6pm.**

**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE ST. LAWRENCE RECTORY GARAGE DOOR AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON. FR. MAURICE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE AT UNEXPECTED TIMES TO COMPLETE HIS OBLIGATIONS.**

#### COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

##### ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, November 8: Sandy Hasenkamp, Casey Irwin, Becky Roth, Karen Scherer

Church Decorating Committee for the month of November: Shirley Essner

##### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, November 7, Church Cleaning:  
 Chairman: Russell & Stephanie Burger  
 Nathan & Summer Meystedt, Daniel & Rhonda Carroll, Thomas & Kristan Carroll