

One night, while I was in seminary I was visited by a panicked Deacon. He came to my room and explained that he had accidentally deleted his masters thesis- and his defense of it was the very next day. He was panicked- and wanted to see if I could help. A little work on his computer later, and the files were back- and he was elated. I still remember the look of profound gratitude on his face to this day. That look of gratitude was enough of a gift to me for what I had done for him.

Jesus heals ten lepers, and this is an action even more profound than resurrecting deleted files. These ten individuals were ostracized from the community for quite some time, and they see Jesus and cry out for help. So, He sends them to the priests- and they are all cleansed. This would be a reason to be profoundly grateful- and yet only one comes back- a Samaritan of all people (someone who wouldn't have easily been grateful to a Jew for anything, normally). Yet, He is moved with gratitude for what God has done- and so He comes back to Jesus with the right response for what He has done for him.

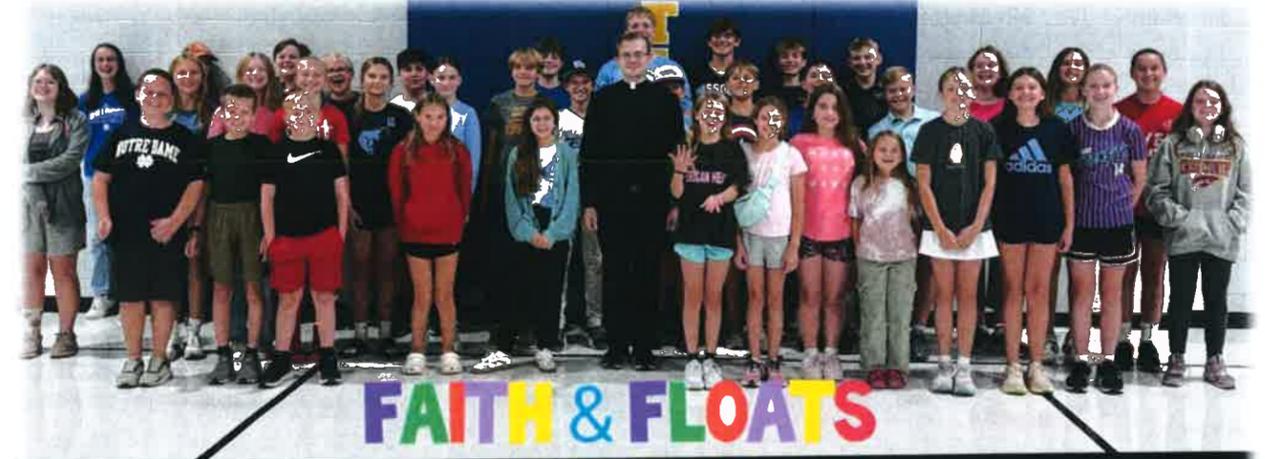
God truly does so many marvelous things in our lives, whether we are aware of them or not. Are we grateful? Do we practice every day recognizing the ways that the Lord has impacted our lives- and helped us along the way? Maybe He isn't necessarily curing us of leprosy, but He is doing so many far greater things in removing sin, and restoring us to right health of soul.

Whether it's deleted files coming back, or being cured of whatever ails us, may we truly be grateful for what help and grace we receive along the way.



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>One-on-one answers to your Medicare questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirika Knight 573-450-8066 Doris Brummeier 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><i>Fr. Belken</i></p> <p>25 W Tywappity 573-313-9200</p> | |
| <p>Halter Gas Company</p> <p>Oran, Mo.</p> <p>LP—Gasoline—Diesel—Service</p> <p>262-3322</p> | <p>MKAY SUPPLY</p> <p>FARM • HARDWARE • HOME</p> <p>6626 State Hwy 77, Benton 545-4455</p> | <p>Montgomery BANK</p> <p>Easier and Friendlier Financial Solutions</p> <p>1-800-455-2275 www.montgomerybank.com</p> | <p>Bollinger's Auto Service</p> <p>Tires & Batteries - Servicing All Makes & Models</p> <p>545-3810</p> <p>Benton, Missouri</p> |
| <p>FLOYD'S EQUIPMENT</p> <p>573.472.2652 www.cmtruckbeds.com 275 N Innerscore Dr. / Silveston, MO 63301</p> <p>MISSOURI'S TRUCK BED HEADQUARTERS!</p> | <p>ELITE PEST CONTROL</p> <p>Josh Glastetter Phone: 573-200-1715 Email: elitepestmo@gmail.com</p> | <p>MARSHALL COMPANIES</p> <p>PO Box 1, Charleston, MO</p> | <p>W. E. Walker-Lakeman A division of Sunstar Insurance Group LLC</p> <p>Janice Scherer jscherer@wewalker.com Office: 573-755-1523 Cell: 573-208-8702</p> |
| <p>Ronald Schlosser Excavating Co</p> <p>Excavating > Land Clearing > Farm Work Since 1960 > Benton, MO 545-3360</p> | <p>Jeff Shively DVM</p> <p>1904 Main Street Scott City, MO 573-264-3455</p> <p>SCOTT CITY ANIMAL CLINIC</p> | <p>WADE'S AUTO PLUS</p> <p>For all your transportation needs!</p> <p>545-4402</p> | <p>Benton Laundry & Storage</p> <p>132 N. Winchester, Benton</p> <p>Laundry open 24 hours a day Storage Units: Call 270-4507</p> |
| <p>Benton Pharmacy</p> <p>CONVENIENTLY LOCATED INSIDE BENTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTER</p> <p>LOCAL DELIVERY DRIVE THRU SLIDING SCALE GENERIC PRICING</p> <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>Would you like to advertise here?? Call us at 573-545-3864! 3 spots are open!</p> | | | <p>AMICK-BURNETT FUNERAL CHAPEL</p> <p>Benton, Chaffee, Oran & Scott City</p> |

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>St. Denis Parish</p> | <p>St. Lawrence Parish</p> |
| <p>135 N. Winchester, Benton, MO 63736 PO Box 127, Benton, MO 63736 Phone: 573-545-3864 Web: www.stdenisbenton.org</p> | <p>1001 State Highway A, New Hamburg, MO PO Box 247, Benton, MO 63736 Phone: 573-545-3317 Web: www.stlnh.org</p> |
| <p>Pastor: Rev. Daniel Belken</p> | |
| <p>Office Manager: Lisa Spalding, lisa@stdenisbenton.org Bookkeeper: Marilyn Burford Parish Council President: Jeff Diebold</p> | <p>Office Manager: Billy Ray Johnson, billyray@stlnh.org Maintenance: Henry Beussink & Gerard Dirnberger Parish Council President: Gary Reischman</p> |
| <p>St. Denis School</p> | <p>Sacraments:</p> |
| <p>105 N. Winchester Benton, MO 63736 Phone: 573-545-3017 Web: stdenisbenton.eduk12.net Email: lindsay@stdenisbenton.org</p> <p>Principal: Lindsay Wikle School Board President: Mr. Glenn Collom</p> | <p>Saint Denis Mass: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am Confessions: Tuesday @ 7:00pm or by appt.</p> <p>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.</p> |

SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| | | |
|--------|---------|-------------------------|
| Tues. | 14 | No Adoration |
| Wed. | 15- 8am | No Mass |
| Thurs. | 16- 8am | No Mass |
| Fri. | 17- 8am | No Mass |
| Sun. | 19-7am | Alex & Vera Burger |
| Sun. | 19-10am | St. Denis Parish Family |

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday October 19, 7:00am

Lector: John Welter
EM: John Welter
Servers: Jaxon & Ava Welter
Servers *Volunteer*
Greet \ Gifts: Robert & Tutti Gosche

Sunday October 19, 10:00am

Lector: Cheryl Essner
EM: Susan Care
Servers: Emmalyn Care, Tate Shively
Servers Jack Heuring, *Volunteer*
Greet \ Gifts: Curtis & Cheryl Essner

Parish Stewardship

The Week of October 5, 2025

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes: | \$3,576.00 |
| Loose: | \$396.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$3,972.00 |
| Weekly Est .Budget | \$5,009.00 |
| Difference: | \$-1,037.00 |

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, October 18:
 Michelle (Bruce) Scherer, Crystal Backfisch,
 Elaine Proctor

Church Decorating Committee for the month of
 October: Jenny Pinkston

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of
 October 12 & 19: Robert & Tutti Gosche

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, October 18, Church Cleaning:

Chairman: Brent & Diane Ashcraft
 David & Stephanie Asmus, Dustin & Heather Benson,
 Kari Bickings

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Tues. | 7-6pm | No Mass |
| Wed. | 8-7am | No Mass |
| Thurs. | 9-7am | No Mass |
| Fri. | 10-7am | No Mass |
| Sat. | 11-4pm | Albert & Cecilia Glastetter |
| Sun. | 12-8:30am | Parish Family |

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday October 18, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM: Frank Glueck
Musician: Krista Kluesner
Cantor: Krista Kluesner
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Drake
Servers: Clara Drake, Oliver & Leelynn Walter
Ushers: Kenny Dirnberger, Michael Dirnberger, Nathan Dirnberger, Rodney Dock

Sunday October 19, 8:30am

Lector: PSR Youth
EM: Cindy Glueck
Musician: Krista Kluesner
Cantor: Krista Kluesner
Gifts: PSR Youth
Servers: PSR Youth
Ushers: PSR Youth

Parish Stewardship

The Week of October 5, 2025

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Envelopes: | \$3,415.00 |
| Loose: | \$136.00 |
| Online: | \$400.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$3,951.00 |

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

“St. Denis Day” is this Sunday, October 12
 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Dine-In or Carry-Out available.

Menu: Kettle Beef, Chicken & Dressing, Chicken & Dumplings, Buttered Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw and Dessert. **ADULTS \$15, CHILDREN 6- 12 \$7- Ages 5 & under are FREE.**

St. Denis Day Alumni Fundraiser!!

Want to leave your mark on St. Denis School? All Alumni are invited to leave your **HANDPRINT** and name on the wall, for only \$10.



St. Denis Ladies Sodality will be collecting items for Birthright the month of October. Totes are available in the church foyer for your donations.

Ladies Sodality Meeting Tuesday, October 21 at 6 PM. All women of the parish are invited!

HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 26, St. Denis Parish Center: 5:30-7:30 PM. Games, concessions, and Costume contest for all ages! Admission is one bag of Candy!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
 JOE KLUPEL, DEWAYNE LIX
 FAMILY OF GERARD ESSNER



CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES: Next Confirmation Class is October 22, at 7:00pm at St. Denis in the Gym. Please note that your “Works of Mercy” reports are due (remember three are needed!)

LECTOR TRAINING: If you would like to give of your talent and time and serve as a Lector at Mass, please join Fr. Belken for a brief training class on Thursday, October 30 at 6 PM at St. Denis Parish, in the Church. This meeting is for current and new Lectors from both parishes! Feel free to join us and learn more about this ministry!
 Extraordinary Minister Training, and Server Training are also coming up very soon, please check back for dates and more information on both!

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for your prayers, calls, texts and food during my recent illness. I am truly grateful for the love and support I received. I am doing well! See you at Mass.”

Jill Pinkston

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION

October 12th -Pat Moore

October 19th-Mary F. Glastetter

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.

Sunday, October 19 is PSR Youth Mass

MOTHER-SON HAYRIDE
 October 11 @5:30 PM at St. Lawrence.
 Sign-up by contacting any St. Anne’s Officer. Ashley Listers, Ashley Dirnberger, Amanda Glastetter, Jenny Estes

