

If you've ever had the experience of drilling through brick or concrete (or even rock), you know how difficult it can be. Where it may be easier to get through metal, plastic, or wood, amongst other materials, brick, concrete, and rock are rather resilient. Some are so resilient, in fact, that it takes a hammer drill- to give the persistence of a drill bit striking into that material so that eventually you can get through. It isn't enough to just give a half-hearted attempt. You need something that will persist and will keep going until the job is done.

The Gospel gives an unusual parable in the way that it is constructed. Jesus gives a parable with "shock" value to illustrate the need for persistence in prayer. So He tells about a widow that prevails over a judge who did not fear God nor respect any human being. The widow kept going to him asking for a just decision- and eventually she prevailed over this judge- even if he was a terrible person. Jesus uses this example to show us that God is far, far better. He isn't one withholding from us what we need out of negligence, but one who wants to lavish gifts on us who ask for them in prayer.

The point that Jesus gives us is to be like the hammer drill- we persist and keep going, and eventually we prevail- in prayer, in faith, and in petition before our God.

-Fr. Belken



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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	21	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	22- 8am	Erwin & Agnes Glastetter
Thurs.	23- 8am	Kenny Ross
Fri.	24- 8am	Ralph Hennemann
Sun.	26-7am	Lois Spalding
Sun.	26-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday October 26, 7:00am

Lector:	Linda Urhahn
EM:	Larry Urhahn
Servers:	Gabriel & Alexander Mack
Servers	Tyson Gosche
Greet \ Gifts:	Greg & Denise Menz

Sunday October 26, 10:00am

Lector:	Karen Powers
EM:	Stacy Marshall
Servers:	Ethan Diebold, Brenly Thorne,
Servers	River Collom, Nova Wikle
Greet \ Gifts:	Karen Powers, Stacy Marshall

Parish Stewardship

The Week of October 12, 2025

Envelopes:	\$4,966.00
Loose:	\$442.00
Total Collection:	\$5,408.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$399.00

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, October 24:
Janelle Price, Gina Elfrink, LeShae Hann
Church Decorating Committee for the month of
October: Jenny Pinkston

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

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, October 24, Church Cleaning:
Chairman: Blake & Jenny Burger
Todd & Elizabeth Brucker, Brett & Jessica Burger,
Danny & Pat Burger

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	21-6pm	Melvin & Pat Schott
Wed.	22-7am	Jeannie Essner
Thurs.	23-7am	Dorothy Menz
Fri.	24-7am	Charles & Lucille Heuring
Sat.	25-4pm	Charles Klueppel
Sun.	26-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday October 25, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Cindy Glueck
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Dirnberger
Servers:	Brooke & Parker Reeves, Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Harold Eftink, James Eftink, Terry Eftink, Brian Enderle

Sunday October 26, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Mary B. Glastetter
Gifts:	Jackie Griffith, Pat Moore
Servers:	Drew & Ty Essner, Kinsey Essner, Leigha Estes
Ushers:	Ashley Dirnberger, Ashley Lasters, Amanda Glastetter, Jenny Estes

Parish Stewardship

The Week of October 12, 2025

Envelopes:	\$4,792.00
Loose:	\$221.00
Online:	\$105.00
Total Collection:	\$5,118.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Meeting Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00pm.
All ladies of the parish are invited!
Men's Meeting Thursday, October 23 at 6:00pm.
All men of the parish are invited!

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

HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 26, St. Denis
Parish Center: 5:00-7:00pm. Games,
Concessions, and Costume Contest for all ages!
Admission is one bag of Candy!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
MARGARET ARTEME, MARY BUELL,
BARBARA URHAHN

"I plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." – Pope Saint John Paul II

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday this weekend, October 19th.

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 6:00pm 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

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
October 19th-Mary F. Glastetter
October 26th-Theresa Essner

St. Lawrence Parish Office will start taking Mass Intentions for the upcoming year on October 22nd.

St. Lawrence Fall Parish Dinner is Sunday, November 2nd. The worker's list is in the back of church.
MENU: Turkey, Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Slaw, Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Drink & Homemade Bread.
Adults: \$15, Children: (6-12) \$6, Ages 5 & Under -Free.



St. Anne's Sodality Meeting-Birthright Baby Shower, Wednesday, November 6. Rosary at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting and refreshments at 6:15pm.
Refreshment Committee: Dorothy Deason, Amanda Glastetter, Tammy Cureton and Rhonda Carroll.

