

When we went to my grandparents house on my dad's side of the family for Sunday lunch, it was fairly common that there was a table that got set up in the living room, called "the kids table." Now, over the years it shifted slightly in who was seated there, but the idea was very simple- the kitchen was too small, so we were seated elsewhere at a foldable table. Us younger relatives were fine with the arrangement, but we also had aspirations for when we could move up to the "big" and "important" table, or to the den, so that we could really be someone to be noticed and part of the bigger picture!

The first reading is a perspective from the book of the prophet Habakkuk. The general theme of this passage is a question and an answer. The question is whether the Lord is listening- because the petitioner is having to cry out. They've cried out many times in fact, and no response. The answer at the end- yes, I have heard, be patient. The simple message we can take away from this? We are important in the eyes of God. This does not mean the rules do not apply to us, and it doesn't mean we can be filled with arrogance. It does mean, though, that we are known by God, and He cares immensely for us. We don't have to prove our worth.

We aren't just sitting at the "kid's table." This is God's table- and it shows us we are valued and loved so much that He listens to our prayers- and calls us His.

-Fr. Belken



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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	7	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	8- 8am	Vocations
Thurs.	9- 8am	Steve Ross
Fri.	10- 8am	Lawrence & Mary Klipfel
Sun.	12-7am	Charles & Rose Ann Scherer
Sun.	12-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday October 12, 7:00am

Lector:	Pam Dannenmueller
EM:	Pam Dannenmueller
Servers:	Alyssa Dannenmueller
Servers	Brooklyn LeGrand, Nova Wikle
Greet \ Gifts:	Mike & Donna Thompson

Sunday October 12, 10:00am

Lector:	Bryce Morgan
EM:	Jamie Burger
Servers:	Tori Neumeyer, Chloe Welter
Servers	Daniel King
Greet \ Gifts:	Vanessa Koepp, Bryce Morgan

Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 28, 2025

Envelopes:	\$4,229.00
Loose:	\$411.00
Total Collection:	\$4,640.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	\$- 369.00

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, October 10: Julie Riley, Rita Milam, Kay Gant

Church Decorating Committee for the month of October: Jenny Pinkston

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of October 5: Jim & Mary Simmons

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, October 10, Church Cleaning:

Chairman: Brent & Diane Ashcraft

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	7-6pm	Claude & Rebecca Dirnberger
Wed.	8- 7am	Arnold & Christina Dirnberger
Thurs.	9- 7am	Special Intention
Fri.	10- 7am	Joe, Theresa & Kari Westrich
Sat.	11- 4pm	Albert & Cecilia Glastetter
Sun.	12- 8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday October 11, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Dorothy Deason
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Dock
Servers:	Noah & Caleb Vetter, Eli Holman
Ushers:	Gerard Dirnberger, Henry Dirnberger, Herbert Dirnberger, Joe Dirnberger

Sunday October 12, 8:30am

Lector \ EM:	Gary Reischman
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Travis Dirnberger
Servers:	Tucker & Saylor Dirnberger, Paisley & Kabree Bahr
Ushers:	Blake Dirnberger, Brandon Dirnberger, Dirnberger, Derek Dirnberger

Parish Stewardship

The Week of September 28, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2,480.00
Loose:	\$195.00
Online:	\$410.00
Total Collection:	\$3,085.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

2-Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith & Floats



Sunday October 5th, 2025
@ St. Denis, Benton
(School Entrance)

Guest Speaker: Fr. Daniel Belken



6:00-7:20 - Grades 6-8
7:30 - 9:00 - Grades 9-12



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! Food donations may be dropped off on Friday. All parishioners are asked to bring TWO desserts. Please bring them to the Parish Center by 9 AM on Sunday!

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

IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR AT ST. DENIS, OCTOBER 2nd-9th in the school. This Book Fair is open to all and has such an awesome variety of books and gifts. Stop by after Mass today, or call the school to stop by this coming week.



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 St. Denis School Students at St. Denis Wednesday, October 8 @ 8 AM.

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.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
October 5th-Jackie Griffith
October 12th -Pat Moore

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Thursday, October 9th at 6 PM in the parish center meeting room.

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



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