

In a scene of the classic Disney cartoon "The Lion King," there is a moment where Simba and Mufasa are sitting together on a high vantage point. Mufasa explains to his son the extent of their kingdom- and it was everywhere the light touches. He was the ruler over all the animals, and over everything that the light touched- but he was not to go any further than that, into the "shadowy places."

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church liturgical calendar to crown out the year with a simple statement: Christ is King. While the statement is simple, the meaning in it is not. Christ is King- but not just in Heaven. Christ is King, but not just amongst the angels. Christ is our King- and wants to be our King if we let Him. He may not be seen as the physical ruler of our government, but He wants to be King of our hearts and souls, and all that is within. He wants to be King of your life. Of your successes. Of the things you are proud of. That we would expect. However, He also wants to be King in unexpected ways as well. King as you carry your cross. King as you suffer. King as you grieve. King even as you worry or struggle to find the meaning of life. He wants to be a King that is not seen to be a tyrant, but a loving Lord and Savior.

As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, don't let Him be Lord of just where you think the light should touch. Let Him be King of everything- even the "shadowy" places you'd rather not let the light of Christ hit.

-Fr. Belken



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	25	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	26-8am	Joe Stuckey
Thurs.	27-9am	Thanksgiving Day-Vocations
Fri.	28-8am	No Mass
Sun.	30-7am	Gerard Essner
Sun.	30-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday November 30, 7:00am

Lector: Tim LeGrand
EM: Carla Robert
Servers: Levi Newton, Ella Mack
Servers: Volunteer
Greet \ Gifts: Bev Riley, Mary Ann Robert

Sunday November 30, 10:00am

Lector: Kay Elkins
EM: Kay Elkins
Servers: Eli Eftink, Nova Wikle
Servers: Alyssa Dannenmueller
Greet \ Gifts: George & Natalie Eftink

Parish Stewardship

The Week of November 16, 2025

Envelopes: \$4,931.00
Loose: \$301.00
Total Collection: \$5,232.00
Weekly Est .Budget \$5,009.00
Difference: \$+223.00

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities This Sunday

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church cleaning for Saturday, November 29,
 Janetta Bollinger, Sandra Bollinger, Camille
 Bollinger, Jeannie Fodge

Church Decorating Committee for the month of
 November: Shirley Essner

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, November 28, Church Cleaning:
 Chairman: Henry & Pam Dirnberger
 Herbie & Cindy Dirnberger, Joe & Valerie
 Dirnberger, Kenny & Laverne Diernberger

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	25-6pm	Patrick Shelton
Wed.	26-7am	David Dirnberger
Thurs.	27-7am	Barbara Kern
Fri.	28-7am	Jerry Heuring
Sat.	29-4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	30-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday November 29, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM: Frank Glueck
Musician: Linda Essner
Cantor: Mary B. Glastetter
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Enderle
Servers: Leeland & Kynli Duenne
 Eli Holman
Ushers: Steve Holman, Derrick Irwin,
 Jared Holloway, Norman Joe
 Heuring

Sunday November 30, 8:30am

Lector / EM: Sally O'Brien
Musician: Linda Essner
Cantor: Kari Bickings
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Enderle
Servers: Kinsey & Ty Essner, Tyler Jackson
Ushers: Brian Heuring, Dean Heuring,
 Jon Heuring,

Parish Stewardship

The Week of November 16, 2025

Envelopes: \$2,012.00
Loose: \$226.00
Online: \$110.00
Total Collection: \$2,348.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Advent
November 30th, 2025
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the number of intentions currently on file, St. Denis cannot open the schedule for new Mass Intentions until July of 2026.

If there is a desire to schedule an intention in the very near future, we have options available in the Diocese. Please call the parish office for more information!

"Thank you to all the members of the Flowerbed Committee for your time and effort this season. We appreciate it so much. Susie and Diane"

Breakfast with Santa Sunday, December 7
10:00-12:30, St. Denis Parish Center.
Pictures with Santa at no charge!
Breakfast will be served, all for a free will DONATION!
Questions, call- LeShae Hann 573-579-6212



Please Remember in Prayer

Mike Thompson, Family of Betty Jean Harrison & Family of Angela Lutmer



St. Denis Home & School's 26th annual "Winter Wonderland of Treasures" sale
 Saturday, December 6th-8am-2pm in the Parish Center.

Admission is by Donation!

There will be more than 50 booths with vendors ... Concessions will be breakfast items, cinnamon rolls, chicken noodle soup, chili & more. **50/50 Drawing & Raffles**

Both St. Lawrence & St. Denis will participate in the Scott County Christmas Church Tour this year on December 19, from 4:30-7:30pm. December 14 St. Lawrence will decorate after 8:30am Mass and St. Denis will decorate after 10am Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

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. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or by the Parish Office.

MASS BOOKS: Next Sunday we will be switching books that we use for Mass to reflect a different publisher, Source and Summit. The format of the book will be a little different, and the selection of hymnody will change, but it is my hope that the change will continue to help us pray and worship well. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these changes, and a special thank you to all of our musicians, cantors, and choir members who work hard to beautify and support our liturgies!

—Fr. Belken

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
 November 23-, Margaret Heuring
 November 30, Mary B. Glastetter

St Lawrence High School students invite their grandparents and Senior Citizens for fellowship and Bingo Sunday November 23 in Shibley Hall 9:30am to 10:30am. Please join us!



Thanksgiving Youth Mass: During the Youth Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8am the youth are doing a "Noisy collection" to benefit the Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry.

December 6, Family Christmas Party-
 Happy Hour 5-6pm, Dinner 6pm.
 December 7, Sweets with Santa-9:30-12:30

