

One of my favorite shows to watch when I was a child was always on right after America's Funniest Home Videos on ABC: Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. The premise of the show was simple. A family in need would entrust their home to a team of people that would rebuild it and make it completely new, and then the family would come back to see what the builders had made out of the home. It was really a "leap of faith" to go away and leave them to their work- and yet they did!

Today's Gospel reveals Jesus who is the light who has shown upon the "people in darkness" and was the one who continued the preaching of John the Baptist. Even after the arrest of John the Baptist Jesus goes around preaching- and He comes to the moment where He invited His first disciples. These men must have seen something captivating in Jesus, because they took that leap of faith, and set out on a new journey and new walk of life.

We may not be at the Sea of Galilee where the other disciples were called, but we are called to discipleship nonetheless. This also requires a leap of faith of us. Are we willing to leave behind the lucrative way of the world? Are we willing to lay aside the nets that ensnare us in sin? Are we willing to leave behind the familiar company of so many, and seek the company of the disciples?

We aren't necessarily building a new house yet- but we are asked to take a leap of faith regardless. May we follow freely when Jesus calls us to leave everything behind and follow Him, so that He can make all things NEW.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Rite of Welcoming for our OCLA Candidates

<p><b>St. Denis Parish</b></p> <p>135 N. Winchester, Benton, MO 63736</p> <p>PO Box 127, Benton, MO 63736</p> <p>Phone: 573-545-3864</p> <p>Web: www.stdenisbenton.org</p>	<p><b>St. Lawrence Parish</b></p> <p>1001 State Highway A, New Hamburg, MO</p> <p>PO Box 247, Benton, MO 63736</p> <p>Phone: 573-545-3317</p> <p>Web: www.stlnh.org</p>
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**SAINT DENIS PARISH**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues	27	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	28-8am	Lawrence & Mary Klipfel
Thu.	29- 8am	Lenora Ziegler
Fri.	30-8am	Laura Glaus
Sun.	1- 7am	Alfred Vetter
Sun.	1- 10am	Parish Family

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Sunday February 1, 7:00am**

Lector: John Felter  
 EM: John Felter  
 Servers: Ella Mack, Brooklyn LeGrand, Tyson Gosche  
 Greet \ Gifts: Paul & Marilyn Burford

**Sunday February 1, 10:00am**

Lector: Bryce Morgan  
 EM: Jamie Burger  
 Servers: Jonah & Nora Hann, Ethan Diebold  
 Greet \ Gifts: Shane & Teresa Ray

**Parish Stewardship**

The Week of January 18, 2026

Envelopes:	\$4,801.00
Loose:	\$79.00
Total Collection:	\$4,880.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	-\$129.00

**COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS**

**ST. DENIS PARISH**

Church Cleaning for Saturday, January 31:  
 Bev Riley Family  
 Decorating Committee for January:  
 Maryiln Schlosser

**ST. LAWRENCE PARISH**

Church Cleaning for Friday, January 30:  
 Chairman: Brian & Lauren Heuring  
 Dean & Leonna Heuring, Scott Heisserer, Shawn Heisserer, Jon Heuring

**SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH**

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tues.	27- 6pm	Coonie Essner
Wed.	28- 7am	Alfred Kluesner
Thurs	29- 7am	An end to the persecution of Jews and Christians
Fri.	30-7am	David Dirnberger
Sat.	31-4pm	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Sun.	1-8:30am	Parish Family

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Saturday January 31, 4:00pm**

Lector \ EM: Stephanie Burger  
 Musician: Cheryl Kern  
 Cantor: Jamie Essner  
 Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Glueck  
 Servers: Isabel Crook, Wyatt Farrow, Vanelope DeShaney  
 Ushers: Volunteers

**Sunday February 1, 8:30am**

Lector / EM: Dorothy Deason  
 Musician: Cheryl Kern  
 Cantor: Kari Bickings  
 Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Allan Green  
 Servers: Ty & Callen Glastetter, Owen Asmus, Willow Bickings  
 Ushers: Volunteers

**Parish Stewardship**

The Week of January 18, 2026

Envelopes:	\$4,452.00
Loose:	\$104.00
Online:	\$165.00
Total Collection:	\$4,721.00

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 1, 2026  
 Zeph 2: 3;3:12-13  
 1-Cor 1:26-31  
 Mt 5:1-12a

**ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**MO-Scholars applications are open, visit [brightfuturesfund.org/springfield-cape-girardeau](http://brightfuturesfund.org/springfield-cape-girardeau) to apply for a scholarship to St. Denis Catholic School! Call or email Mrs. Wikle with any questions!**



**Please bring in any old palms to be burned by Fr. Belken to use for Ash Wednesday. Baskets will be in the foyer at St. Denis and St. Lawrence.**



**“Thank you Fr. Belken and Msgr. Varone for the beautiful funeral service for Lawrence “Curly” Klipfel, our husband, dad & grandpa. Thanks to Angie Klueppel, Jim Simmons & St. Denis Choir for the beautiful music and thank you to the servers. Thank you to the cooks for the delicious meal, and to all who sent food, flowers, cards & Messages. Your prayers and support are appreciated during this difficult time. It is a blessing to belong to such a loving and caring community.” Lawrence Klipfel Families**

**“Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. I am home and continuing therapy and recovering well.” Rose Halter**



**Please Remember in Prayer: Janice Beardslee, Andres Herrera, Beckam Koepf, Laurel Mack, Deloma Penrose, Lydia VanPelt**



SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS!

**DINNER AUCTION**  
**ST. DENIS IS OUT OF THIS WORLD**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
 TICKETS GO ON SALE FEB 7 @9AM ONLINE  
 AVAILABLE IN PERSON AT MEN'S BREAKFAST FEB 8

*FUN GAMES! RAFFLES! SWEET TREATS AUCTION*

*SILENT AUCTION!! ORAL AUCTION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!*

**Christmas Decorations:**

Sunday February 1, St. Lawrence will take down Christmas decorations after 8:30am Mass, and St. Denis will take down Christmas Decorations after 10am Mass. We would appreciate all available help!