

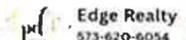
It is no mystery that I love shopping at home improvement stores, and one of the features I love about many of their chains is that they have most everything located in the same exact spot, no matter the location you are at. It makes shopping there reliable, even if I am out of town or visiting another store for another thing I need. It's even helped me help my brothers shop every once in a while when they call and ask where something is!

The Magi, when we read the Gospel, ask Herod a question- "Where is this newborn King?" They had been guided along the way so far, and they had come to do Him homage! Notice, though, that the king is powerless to respond. He has to consult with others, and they give an answer, although still not as precise as the Magi might have liked. The Magi needed it revealed to them where this object of their longing was. Thankfully, they were guided, even as King Herod was ignorant.

Whether we admit it or not, we are in a world that is thirsting for Christ, above all else. They may not ask in words, but they do seek, and they long for Him, even if not by name. But the thing for us to ponder is if we actually lead people closer or not. Our actions, our disposition, and even our joy can be a guide towards or away from Christ. Of course, we want it to be towards Him, but perhaps that is what we can work on as we enter a new year- being a solid compass and source of guidance for a world in need of its King.

If someone asks you- where is this newborn King- will you be able to guide them with your life?

Fr. Belken

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	6	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	7-8am	Kenny Ross
Thu.	8-8am	Jeff Riley
Fri.	9-8am	Clara LeGrand
Sun.	11-7am	Alex & Vera Burger
Sun.	11-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday January 11, 7:00am

Lector: Christy LeGrand
 EM: Rita Milam
 Servers: Nora & Jonah Hann,
 Emmalyn Care
 Greet \ Gifts: Brad & Rita Milam

Sunday January 11, 10:00am

Lector: Stacy Marshall
 EM: Stacy Marshall
 Servers: Payton & Rylan Simmons
 Daniel King
 Greet \ Gifts: Stacy Marshall, Karen Powers

Parish Stewardship

The Week of December 28, 2025

Envelopes:	\$7,237.00
Loose:	\$160.50
Total Collection:	\$7,397.50
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$2,388.50

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, January 10:
 Curtis & Cheryl Essner, Lana & Travis Scherer,
 Kristen Rhodes

Decorating Committee January
 Maryiln Schlosser

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, January 9:
 Chairman: Jason & Elizabeth Glastetter
 Josh & Sonya Glastetter, Allan & Theresa Green,
 Randal Grojean

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	6-6pm	Herb & Virginia Essner
Wed.	7-7am	Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich
Thurs.	8-7am	Alex & Vera Burger
Fri.	9-7am	No Mass
Sat.	10-4pm	Gerard Essner
Sun.	11-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday January 10, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM: Shannon Schumer
 Musician: Krista Kluesner
 Cantor: Krista Kluesner
 Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Jason Glastetter
 Servers: Drew, Kinsey and Ty Essner

Ushers: Ushers are now Volunteer

Sunday January 11, 8:30am

Lector / EM: Gary Reischman
 Musician: Krista Kluesner
 Cantor: Krista Kluesner
 Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Glastetter
 Servers: Leigha & Tucker Estes,
 Saylor & Tucker Dirnberger

Ushers: Ushers are now Volunteer

Parish Stewardship

The Week of December 28, 2025

Envelopes:	\$3,463.00
Loose:	\$236.00
Online:	\$450.00
Total Collection:	\$4,154.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGING OFFICE HOURS- Please note that beginning January 2nd, the St. Denis Parish Office will open at 8:30am instead of 8:00am. Closing hours remain the same: 4:00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 12:00pm on Fridays. The office doors will not be opened before or after these times (unless you have a scheduled meeting with Father). Any requests that cannot be completed during office hours may be scheduled for the next business day. Thank you for your understanding!

ST. DENIS PARISH MEETINGS JANUARY 7th

School Board -5:30pm
 Parish Pastoral Council-6pm
 Finance Meeting in February

Confirmation Meeting on Wednesday, January 7th at 7pm. If you have not done so, please turn in your Saint Name Report -Fr. Belken



Please Remember in Prayer: All those who are in the nursing home, and the homebound of St. Denis and St. Lawrence Parishes.



ALTAR SERVERS: If you are unable to fill your role at Mass, please find a substitute prior to Mass. Thank you for your help-Fr. Belken

Please Note: All announcements and inserts must be submitted in full to the parish office by 8am on Wednesday morning. Any submissions after this time will be considered for the next weekend.

BUILDING A NEW HOUSE, OR MOVING INTO A NEW ONE? Have you ever had your house blessed, even if you've lived in it for a while? If no to any of those questions, contact Fr. Belken to have him come and bless your home! It is a great practice, especially as we celebrate Epiphany, and we welcome the Magi into the Lord's home- and the Lord into ours!



Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
January 4 - Mary B. Glastetter
January 11-Theresa Essner

Annual St. Lawrence Sausage and Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 11, 8-11:30am in the Parish Center. \$10 adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, Five and under-FREE
 Homemade sausage, eggs, pancakes and more! All are welcome!



Hosted by the St. Joseph Men's Sodality.
 Butchering volunteers are needed Saturday, Jan. 10. Contact Jarret Moore for more info.

New Hamburg Euchre Tournament will be on January 17, 2026. Cost of admission is a \$15 donation. Doors open at 5pm. Play starts at 6:30pm. There will be free chili and chicken noodle soup. You do not have to play in the tournament to come.

