

Believe it or not, the season of Lent begins this Wednesday. For both of our parishes, this can be a time of renewal and growth. For forty days and forty nights we journey through the desert, practicing self-denial so that we may temper our attachment to earthly things. When we "give something up," the small hunger we feel can remind us of the deeper hunger we should have for God and for following His will in our lives.

As one parish family across two communities, I will be introducing two practices during this season to help us in our renewal, both rooted in the sacred tradition of the Church.

First, at the conclusion of Mass, after the final hymn, we will kneel together and pray the Saint Michael Prayer. Saint Michael is a powerful intercessor and protector. As your pastor, I desire that our parish be strengthened and protected against the darkness and evils present in our world today.

Second, after this prayer and as I go out to greet you, I am gently asking that we maintain silence in the church before and after Mass (with understanding for families with small children). This helps preserve the church as a place of prayer for those wishing to remain in thanksgiving after Mass and minimizes distractions. Fellowship is warmly encouraged outside the church, as it always has been.

During this Lenten season, please know of my prayers for each of you. May this Lent be more meaningful than any before, drawing us closer to God and further from sin and whatever distances us from Him.

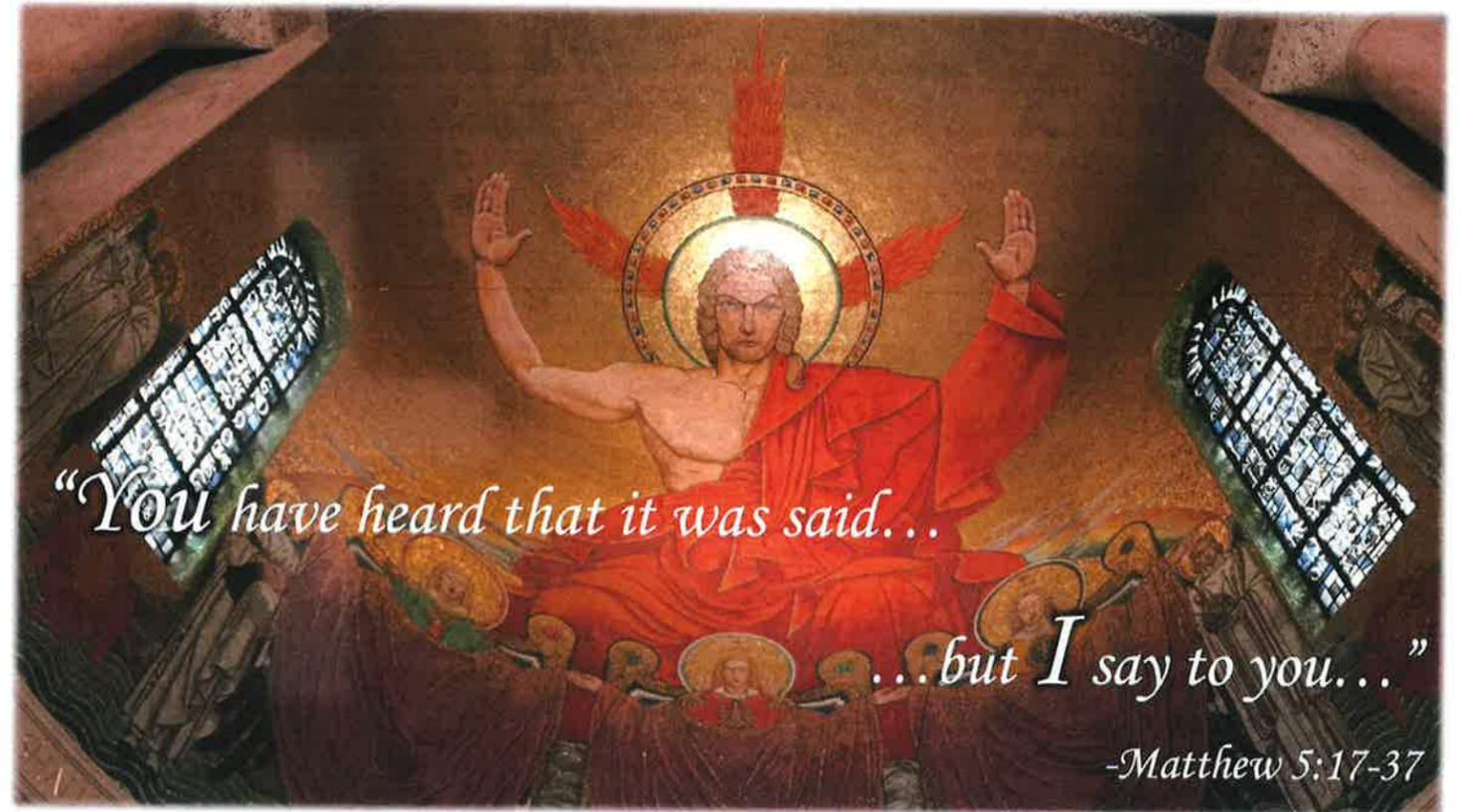
-Fr. Belken

| | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p>One-on-one answers to your Medicare questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiana Kight 573-450-8066 Doris Breymeyer 573-545-4253 Rhonda Batledge 573-979-4537 <p>Medicare Supplements Medicare Advantage Plans Part D Plans</p>   | <p>Ditronics</p> <p>Video Surveillance / Two-Way Radio</p> <p>14 N. Winchester, Benton, Missouri</p> | <p>75 W Tywappilly 573-313-9200</p>  | |
| <p>Halter Gas Company</p> <p>Oran, Mo.</p> <p>LP—Gasoline—Diesel—Service</p> <p>262-3322</p>  | <p>MKAY SUPPLY</p> <p>FARM • HARDWARE • HOME</p> <p>6626 State Hwy 77, Benton</p> <p>545-4455</p> | <p>Montgomery BANK</p> <p>Easier and Friendlier Financial Solutions</p> <p>1-800-455-2275</p> <p>www.montgomerybank.com</p> | |
| <p>FLOYD'S EQUIPMENT</p> <p>573.472.2652 www.cmtruckbeds.com</p> <p>725 N Interstate Dr. / Silveston, MO 63301</p> <p>MISSOURI'S TRUCK BED HEADQUARTERS!</p> | <p>ELITE PEST CONTROL</p> <p>Josh Glastetter</p> <p>Phone: 573-200-1715</p> <p>Email: elitepestmo@gmail.com</p> | <p>MARSHALL COMPANIES</p> <p>PO Box 1, Charleston, MO</p> | |
| <p>Ronald Schlosser Excavating Co</p>  <p>Excavating > Land Clearing > Farm Work</p> <p>Since 1960 > Benton, MO 545-3360</p> | <p>SCOTT CITY ANIMAL CLINIC</p> <p>Jeff Shively DVM</p> <p>1904 Main Street</p> <p>Scott City, MO</p> <p>573-264-3455</p> | <p>WADE'S AUTO PLUS</p> <p>For all your transportation needs!</p> <p>545-4402</p> | |
| <p>Benton Pharmacy</p> <p>CONVENIENTLY LOCATED INSIDE BENTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOCAL DELIVERY DRIVE THRU SLIDING SCALE GENERIC PRICING <p>6468 STATE HWY 77, BENTON, MISSOURI</p> | <p>Our providers are accepting new patients!</p> <p>MISSOURI DELTA BENTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTER</p> <p>Amber Thorne, FNP-BC Family Nurse Practitioner</p> <p>Judiana Jones, PMHNP-BC Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</p> | <p>Pam Dannenmueller</p> <p>573-887-1081</p>  <p>Edge Realty 573-620-6054</p> | |
| <p>Caleb Seyer</p> <p>Owner</p> <p>573-887-9395</p> <p>calebseyer19@gmail.com</p> <p>1504 County Hwy 413</p> <p>Oran, MO 63771</p> | <p>GATEWAY SEED</p> <p>It Doesn't start with the seed. It starts with the farmer.</p> <p>200 Industrial Drive</p> <p>Advance, MO 63730</p> <p>573-256-0200</p> <p>www.gatewayseed.com</p> | <p>Would you like to advertise here??</p> <p>Call us at 573-545-3864!</p> | |
| <p>AMICK-BURNETT FUNERAL CHAPEL</p> <p>Benton, Chaffee, Oran & Scott City</p> | | | |



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



| St. Denis Parish | St. Lawrence Parish |
|---|---|
| <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>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> |
| <p>Pastor: Rev. Daniel Belken</p> | |
| <p>Office Manager: Mrs. Lisa Spalding, lisa@stdenisbenton.org</p> <p>Bookkeeper: Mrs. Marilyn Burford</p> <p>Parish Council President: Mr. Jeff Diebold</p> | <p>Office Manager: Mr. Billy Ray Johnson, billyray@stlnh.org</p> <p>Maintenance: Mr. Henry Beussink & Mr. Gerard Dirnberger</p> <p>Parish Council President: Mr. Gary Reischman</p> |
| St. Denis School | Sacraments |
| <p>105 N. Winchester</p> <p>Benton, MO 63736</p> <p>Phone: 573-545-3017</p> <p>Web: stdenisbenton.eduk12.net</p> <p>Email: lindsay@stdenisbenton.org</p> <p>Principal: Mrs. Lindsay Wikle</p> <p>Parish & School Maintenance: Mr. Larry Essner</p> <p>School Board President: Mr. Glenn Collom</p> | <p>Saint Denis</p> <p>Mass: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am</p> <p>Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am</p> <p>Confessions: Tuesday @ 7:00pm or by appt.</p> <p>Saint Lawrence</p> <p>Mass: Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:30am</p> <p>Tuesday at 6:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00am</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday @ 3:15pm or by appt.</p> |

SAINT DENIS PARISH

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| | | |
|------|---------|-----------------|
| Tues | 17 | Adoration 7-9pm |
| Wed. | 18-8am | Steve Ross |
| Wed. | 18-7pm | Parish Family |
| Thu. | 19- 8am | Clara LeGrand |
| Fri. | 20-8am | Jeff Riley |
| Sun. | 22-7am | Gerri Powell |
| Sun. | 22-10am | Parish Family |

| | | |
|-------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Tues. | 17- 6pm | Earl & Henerietta Dirnberger |
| Wed. | 18- 7am | Skip & Charlene Steger |
| Thurs | 19- 7am | Henry & Agnes Leible |
| Fri. | 20-7am | Mark & Jeannie Essner |
| Sat. | 21-4pm | Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich |
| Sun. | 22-8:30am | Parish Family |

LITURGICAL ROLES

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday February 22, 7:00am

Saturday February 21, 4:00pm

Lector: Pam Dannenmueller
 EM: Susan Care
 Servers: Nova Wikle, Emmalyn Care
 Alyssa Dannenmueller
 Greet \ Gifts: Greg & Denise Menz

Lector \ EM: Frank Glueck
 Musician: Krista Kluesner
 Cantor: Krista Kluesner
 Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Heisserer
 Servers: Isabel Crook, Wyatt Farrow,
 Berkley Dirnberger

Sunday February 22, 10:00am

Sunday February 22, 8:30am

Lector: Bobby Burger
 EM: Bobby Burger
 Servers: Tori Neumeyer, Daniel King,
 Tennyson White
 Greet \ Gifts: Curtis & Cheryl Essner

Lector / EM: Diane Ashcraft
 Musician: Krista Kluesner
 Cantor: Krista Kluesner
 Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. John David Harper
 Servers: Leigha & Tucker Estes, Mila Burger

Parish Stewardship

February 8, 2026

Envelopes: \$3,769.00
 Loose: \$457.00
 Total Collection: \$4,226.00
 Weekly Est .Budget \$5,009.00
 Difference: **-\$783.00**

Parish Stewardship

February 8, 2026

Envelopes: \$3,022.00
 Loose: \$102.00
 Online: \$265.00
 Total Collection: \$3,389.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, February 21:
 Mary Simmons, Whitney Simmons, Linda
 Emerine, JoAnn Easter
 Decorating Committee-February: Lisa Neumeyer

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, February 20:
 Chairman: John & Jennifer Kern
 Dennis & Kelly Kern, Mike & Laura Kern,
 John & Krista Kluesner

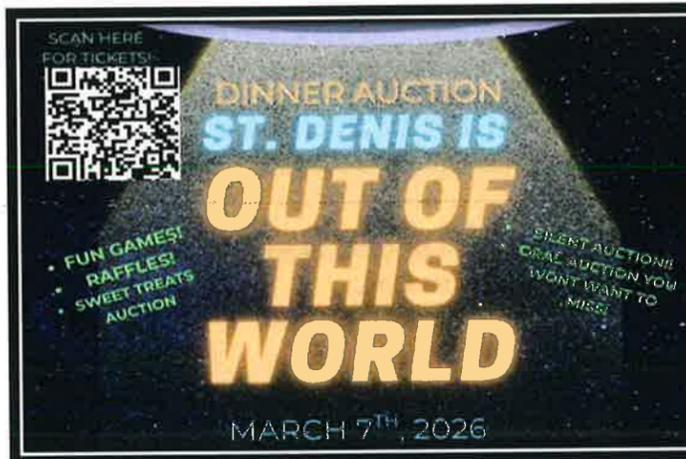
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 22, 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:1-7
 Romans 5: 12-19
 Matthew 4: 1-11

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MO-Scholars applications close on April 2nd, visit brightfuturesfund.org/springfield-cape-girardeau to apply for a scholarship to St. Denis Catholic School! Call or email Mrs. Wikle with any questions!



Attention all bakers of/for St Denis. This year, an 8.8" keepsake wooden spoon with the handle inscribed "2026 St Denis Dinner Auction Sweet Treats Winner" will be awarded to the baker whose item has the highest bid in this auction. Get your rolling pins rolling and ovens ready to bake. Let's make the 2026 Sweet Treats Auction *Out of this World!*
 Sincerely, Crystal Gosche



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

February 18 7am (Workers "short" Mass)@ SL , 8am at SD , 7pm at SD
Confirmandi- please remember you are attending the 7pm in place of our usual class
Don't forget- this is a day of fasting (18+) and abstinence (14+) for all Catholics

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, 1pm at St. Denis (with school), 7pm at St. Lawrence
 Confessions will follow immediately after the Stations at each parish.

LENTEN MISSION - "FULLY ALIVE"

Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm in St. Denis Church
 Come join us during this Lent for very short sessions (<30 mins each) to receive encouragement on how to become more fully alive this Lent!
 Optional times of Adoration and Confessions follow until 9pm.

Reminder: All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence- meaning that they are meatless. This is binding from all Catholics over the age of 14 years old!

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
 February 15-Terri Stuckey
 February 22-Norma Seyer

St. Lawrence Brown Bag Fundraiser March 1st

Pre-order by Feb. 15th. 10:30am to Noon-pickup. Cash or check accepted only! 12 oz. Chicken & Dumplings, Slaw, Green Beans, Roll & Cookie. Email: karaking43@hotmail.com
 Respond on St. Anne's Sodality Facebook page, drop off form at Parish Office or give to parishioner to order!

Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Thursday, February 19 at 6pm in the Parish Center. Signup sheet is in the back of church for working the Church's Lenten Fish Fry on March 6.