

It is difficult to capture all the ways Jesus is portrayed in Scripture. Some images are somber, like the Crucifixion. Others are powerful and convicting. Still others show a more human side—Jesus laughing, or smiling gently. There is one image, though, that is perhaps the most human of all—and if you blink, you might miss it:

“And Jesus wept.”

Why is this so significant? Because Jesus truly took on our human nature. He did not remain distant from our experience—He entered into it. He saw the grief of those around Him. He was deeply moved. He was troubled. And He wept. That is a powerful image. The Savior of the world, standing before suffering—not untouched by it, but moved by it. What does this mean for us?

First, it is a quiet invitation during Lent to reflect on the things in our lives that distance us from Him—and to continue turning back toward Him. But perhaps even more importantly, it is a reminder: Jesus sees you. He cares deeply about you. He loves you and desires what is truly good for you. When suffering enters your life, He is not distant. When things fall apart, He does not stand away from us. He weeps with you. And He walks with you as you begin again.

The simple truth we are given today is this: Jesus saw those He loved—and He wept with them. And He continues to do the same for us.

~Fr. Belken



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	24	7pm Mission/Adoration
Wed.	25-8am	Alex & Vera Burger
Thu.	26- 8am	Joe Klueppel
Fri.	27-8am	Charles & Rose Ann Scherer
Sun.	29-7am	Jim & Pat Hunott
Sun.	29-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday March 29, 7:00am

Lector: Tim & Christy LeGrand
EM: Elaine Proctor
Servers: Tori Neumeyer, Tate Shively

Greet\ Gifts: Tim & Christy LeGrand

Sunday March 29, 10:00am

Lector: Rhonda Ratledge, Leonard Weber
EM: Leonard Weber
Servers: Levi & Cheyenne Newton, Brailey Ratledge

Greet\ Gifts: David & Rhonda Ratledge

Parish Stewardship

March 15, 2026

Envelopes:	\$4,477.00
Loose:	\$235.00
Total Collection:	\$4,712.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	-\$297.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, March 28:
 Anthony & Dawn Scherer, Ron & Diane Morris
 Decorating Committee-March: Beth Uelsmann

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday- No Morning Mass

7pm at St. Lawrence

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday- 12:00pm Stations at St. Denis

3pm at St. Lawrence - 7pm at St. Denis

Holy Saturday- 7:30pm at St. Denis (No 8am at St. Denis or 4pm at St. Lawrence)

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	24- 6pm	Gerard Essner
Wed.	25- 7am	Richard Bennett
Thurs	26- 7am	Charles Klueppel
Fri.	27-7am	End of Persecution of Christians and Jews
Sat.	28-4pm	Coonie Essner
Sun.	29-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday March 28, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM: Stephanie Burger, Frank Glueck
Musician: Cheryl Kern
Cantor: Mary B Glastetter
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Brian James
Servers: Drew & Luke Benson, Eli Holman

Sunday March 29, 8:30am

Lector / EM: Gary Reischman, Sally O'Brien
Musician: Cheryl Kern
Cantor: Kari Bickings
Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Johnson
Servers: Parker, Brooke & Bristol Reeves

Parish Stewardship

March 15, 2026

Envelopes:	\$2,579.00
Loose:	\$323.00
Online:	\$310.00
Total Collection:	\$3,212.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, March 27:
 Chairman: Greg & Tiffany Morgan
 Amy Niederkorn, Pat & Sally O'Brien,
 Tony & Reatha Paul, Mike & Edith Pennington

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to remember someone at Easter, and help decorate church, please put an offering of \$12 in an envelope, write who the flowers are given in memory of, & given by. One name per donation.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for working the St. Denis Lenten Fish Fry on March 27. Please consider working a shift and help support our School. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for "Parish Day Time Workers" needed throughout the year.

Men's Sodality Meeting Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:30 PM

Friday, March 27 at 1 PM St. Denis Students K-8 will present Living Stations of the Cross. ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Benton Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt" is Saturday, March 28 at the Benton Ball Park at 1 PM. Rain date is Saturday, April 4.
"St. Denis Easter Egg Hunt" is Easter Sunday after 10 AM Mass.
"St. Lawrence Easter Egg Hunt" is Easter Sunday after 8:30 AM Mass.



CEMETERY NOTE for both parishes. The cemetery will be cleared of all grave decorations placed on the ground around the graves for the April through October mowing season to allow for access for mowing and trimming. Decorations attached to the top or the sides of gravestones off the ground and not in the way of mowing or trimming may remain.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, 1pm at St. Denis (with school), 7pm at St. Lawrence
 On Good Friday- Stations will be at 12:00pm at St. Denis
 Confessions will follow immediately after the Stations at each parish.

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. DENIS - "FULLY ALIVE"

The last session for this Lent is on March 24, 7pm: How Lent Restores our Freedom
 Optional times of Adoration and Confessions follow until 9pm.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
 March 22-Theresa Essner
 March 29-Jill Pinkston

St. Lawrence Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, March 28, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

St. Lawrence Parish Center

Theme: Denim & Diamonds

Deadline: March 21-Cost: \$20 per person

Late Registration (after March 21):

\$25 per person

For questions, please contact

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Please Remember in Prayer,

Debbie Goheen

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elmer "Cotton" Kern