

At Mass this weekend there will be two distinct Gospels, one at the usual time (which will be the Passion) and one at the beginning of Mass (as we mimic the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem). This first Gospel at the beginning of Mass tells a story of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and how He instructed His disciples to go and find the animal for Him to ride into the city. They went and prepared for Him, and the people recognized Him and did Him homage- holding up palm branches, laying their cloaks on the road, and shouting "Hosanna!" before Him.

As this was all happening- notice- the city itself "was shaken" and they asked this question "Who is this?" It seems like they should have known very readily who it was! And yet, they didn't- but they were moved to try to find out as this all happened.

We do live in a "city" (so to speak) that is struggling. Many may have lost faith, and many people do not know who Jesus is (at least in a personal way). We are in a generation that largely struggles with faith, for many different reasons and in many different ways.

The appearance of the crowds that day, though, gave them a moment to reflect. Because of their shouts and their bold courage in proclaiming Jesus as the "Son of David" are moving to them, and it causes them to reflect- at least for just a little while. Perhaps that gives us something to do as well in this day and age. Perhaps we should be so bold as to proclaim our Lord in our palm branches (our actions) and in our Hosannas (the words we speak). Perhaps we can still make this city stop and wonder- who is this?

~Fr. Belken

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St. Denis & St. Lawrence

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	31	No Mass
Wed.	1	No Mass
Thu.	2	Holy Thursday
Fri.	3-7pm	Passion Service
Sat.	4-7:30pm	Bert Essner
Sun.	5-7am	Steve Ross
Sun.	5-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 7:00PM

LECTORS: STACY MARSHALL, TIM LEGRAND
SERVERS: ALYSSA DANNENMUELLER, RIVER COLLOM

EASTER VIGIL MASS SATURDAY APRIL 4, 7:30PM

LECTORS: GERA LEGRAND, BETTY & LARRY ESSNER
EM: CHERI VETTER
SERVERS: LEVI & CHEYENNE NEWTON

GIFTS: OCIA CANDIDATES

Easter Sunday April 5, 7:00am

Lector: Anthony Scherer
EM: Elaine Proctor
Servers: Nova Wikle, Tyson Gosche, Eli Eftink
Greet\ Gifts: Paul & Marilyn Burford

Easter Sunday April 5, 10:00am

Lector: Jamie Burger
EM: Jamie Burger
Servers: Chloe Welter, Tori Neumeyer, Jaxon & Ava Welter
Greet\ Gifts: Jim & Linda Wade

Parish Stewardship

March 22, 2026

Envelopes:	\$6,131.00
Loose:	\$282.00
Total Collection:	\$6,413.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$1,404.00

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	31- 6pm	Herman Dirnberger Family
Wed.	1- 7am	No Mass
Thurs	2- 7pm	Andrew Essner
Fri.	3-3pm	Passion Service
Sat.	4-4pm	No Mass
Sun.	5-8:30am	Barney & Sylvia Steimle

LITURGICAL ROLES

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

LECTOR: GARY REISCHMAN
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: CHOIR
SERVERS: CHARLEIGH & VANELLOPE DESHANEY, ISABEL CROOK, WYATT FARROW

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

LECTORS: DOROTHY DEASON, JILL PINKSTON
MUSICIAN/CANTOR: CHOIR
SERVERS NEEDED

Easter Sunday April 5, 8:30am

Lector / EM: Shannon Shumer
Musician: Choir
Cantor: Choir
Servers: Ty Glastetter, Callen Glastetter, Leeland Duenne, Parker Reeves

Parish Stewardship

March 22, 2026

Envelopes:	\$5,627.00
Loose:	\$221.00
Online:	\$210.00
Total Collection:	\$6,058.00

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-APRIL 5,

EASTER SUNDAY, 2026

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.

A Special Thank You to the ladies of Circle 6 who helped prepare the bereavement meal this week. You are truly appreciated!

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for the Month of April:
 Circle 6: Chairlady-Linda Bollinger
 Decorating Committee-April: Mary Young

Please Remember in Prayer,
Monroe LeGrand
Please pray for the Family of Diane Halter,
The Family of Mary Lou Welter, Family of Paul Essner

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
 March 29-Jill Pinkston
 April 5-Carol Klipfel

THANK YOU. We thank Father Belken along with the musicians for the beautiful funeral Mass. Thanks to the ladies of the parish for the delicious meal. We appreciate all who attended the visitation and funeral. Thank you for all the prayers, support, cards, messages, flowers, food, and phone calls during this most difficult time. It is a true blessing to belong to such a loving and caring community. -The Family of Elmer "Cotton" Kern.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH
 Church Cleaning for Friday, April 3:
 Chairman: Jim & Jill Pinkston: Evan & Jordan Reischman, Gary & Debbie Reischman, Richard & Andrea Reeves

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday- No Morning Mass 7pm at St. Lawrence, Adoration until Midnight
Good Friday- 12:00pm Stations at St. Denis, confessions to follow.
 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)

"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.



As we reflect on this Easter Season, "The Angel Tree Team" would like to express their gratitude for answering the call to love and serve others. 85 adults and children in our community experienced hope, dignity and warmth of being remembered at Christmas! Please see Flocknote for a full extension of gratitude.

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.