

Farm equipment can be quite loud- and if you've driven a tractor or heavy machinery for a while, you know the feeling when you turn the key to "off." All of a sudden there is silence, and your ears may ring a little for some time, as you acclimate back to normal life. It takes a while for the birds, crickets, and all of the soft ambient noises to come back- but eventually they do.

The disciples that are on their way to Emmaus, after Jesus disappears from their sight, ask a question "were not our hearts burning within us?" They asked this question because they were so sorrowful, that it must've felt like they could perceive very little of what was going on around them- much like after driving around a tractor, or even a mower. It is only when something strikes them profoundly that they are able to go back and realize the sounds they had been searching for were in fact present.

What does that mean for us? We need to remember our need to turn the key "off" occasionally. We can be so easily consumed by the busy-ness of this life, or the countless distractions that are in our pockets or on our wrists, that it can be very difficult to hear or see our Lord- especially in the harder moments of life. The encouragement this week is quite simple: give God more quiet space by setting some keys of noise and distraction "off" in your life so that you can recognize more easily when your heart is burning within you because of Jesus's presence and His voice.

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	21	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	22-8am	Clara LeGrand
Thu.	23-8am	Robert & Emma Gaines
Fri.	24-8am	Alex & Vera Burger
Sun.	26-7am	Louise Seiler
Sun.	26-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, April 26, 7:00am

Lector: Tim LeGrand
EM: Carla Robert
Servers: Levi & Cheyenne Newton

Greet\ Gifts: Robert & Tutti Gosche

Sunday, April 26, 10:00am

Lector: Bobby Burger
EM: Bobby Burger

Servers: Daniel King, Jonah & Nora Hann

Greet\ Gifts: William & Jessica O'Guin

Parish Stewardship

Weeks of April 5 & 12

Envelopes:	\$11,354.00
Loose:	\$882.00
Total Collection:	\$12,236.10
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+1,109.05 per week

ST. DENIS PARISH

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

THE BULLETIN COVER

THIS WEEKEND FEATURES A SPECIAL COVER FOR THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ON AUGUST 15TH, 2026. THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME OF RENEWAL FOR OUR DIOCESE. PLEASE PLAN TO MAKE THE TRIP FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION!

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	21-6pm	Henrietta Dirnberger
Wed.	22-7am	Alfred Kluesner
Thurs	23-7am	Clara Westrich
Fri.	24-7am	Elmer Kern
Sat.	25-4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	26-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 25, 4:00pm

Lector / EM: Stephanie Burger
Musician: Cheryl Kern
Cantor: Jamie Essner
Servers: Caleb & Noah Vetter, Eli Holman, Bennett Essner

Sunday, April 26, 8:30am

Lector / EM: Gary Reischman
Musician: Cheryl Kern
Cantor: Kari Bickings
Servers: Berkley Dirnberger, Willow Bickings, Leigha & Tucker Estes

Parish Stewardship

Week of April 12

Envelopes:	\$2,530.00
Loose:	\$145.00
Online:	\$345.00
Total Collection:	\$3,020.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH
 Church Cleaning for Friday, April 17:
 Chairman: Terri Stuckey
 Danny & Belinda Tetley, Ryan & Erica Thomure,
 Ben & Nikki Urhahn

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to all First Communicants who received the Eucharist for the first time last weekend!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SHORT RECEPTION AFTER THE 4:00PM SATURDAY MASS AT ST. LAWRENCE AND AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS AT ST. DENIS WITH OUR CONFIRMANDS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE BISHOP RICE ON CELEBRATING HIS **500TH CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION** AT THE 10:00AM MASS ON SUNDAY!

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
 April 19-Margaret Heuring
 April 26-Mary B Glastetter

THANK YOU
 A Thank you to all who helped make our seasons of lent, Passiontide, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday and first Holy Communion so beautiful. It takes so many hands to make it all happen. We are so blessed to belong to a community where people are eager to work to honor our Lord. Thanks to all who helped clean up the grounds around the church and helped get mulch down in the grotto. Your efforts are appreciated so much. Thank you to Father Belken and Father Maurice for making our Masses so special.
 Also, Thank you to Mary B. Glastetter for all she has done for our first communicants.

 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**
 Monroe LeGrand, Judy Scherer

WELCOME BISHOP RICE!
 Please welcome Bishop Rice as he joins us this weekend to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 42 of our young parishioners from both parishes. God Bless you, Bishop!