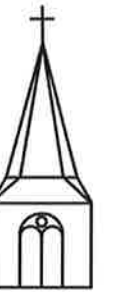




St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH




There is a line of scripture that is used for night prayer on a weekly basis that I've always found rather striking: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8). At first glance, this doesn't seem like a thought to fall asleep to—and yet the Church places it there, in the prayers that clergy, religious, and laity are encouraged to pray before rest. Why? Because it reminds us of something important, but not something meant to take our peace.

Thank goodness, then, that we have a Shepherd who is here to protect us. The Church is not trying to unsettle us before we drift off to sleep, but rather to remind us that we are safe when we place ourselves under the care of the Good Shepherd. We should still heed the warning of that line—or even the Gospel today. There are "thieves and robbers" who come to steal and destroy the human heart and soul. That can sound frightening, but it is better understood as a call to be awake, aware, and grounded in reality.

Do our phones sometimes steal our peace? Yes.  
Do our sins try to pull us away from eternal life? They do.  
Are there even people in our lives who can harm or mislead us? At times, yes.

But the point is not fear. Should we be crippled with anxiety because of these things? No, of course not. We are meant to be aware—not overwhelmed. Because when we are awake enough to recognize these dangers, we are also quick to seek out Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who guides us, protects us, and leads us away from harm. ~Fr. Belken



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## SAINT DENIS PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	28	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	29-8am	Jim & Pat Hunott
Thu.	30-8am	Louis & Anna Glastetter Fam
Fri.	1-8am	Vince Hulshof
Sun.	3-7am	Kenny Ross
Sun.	3-10am	Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Sunday, May 3, 7:00am

Lector:	Anthony Scherer
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Gabriel, Alexander & Roslen Mack
Greet\ Gifts:	Paul & Marilyn Burford

#### Sunday, May 3, 10:00am

Lector:	Stacy Marshall
EM:	Stacy Marshall
Servers:	River Collom, Ethan Diebold, Tori Neumeyer
Greet\ Gifts:	Stacy Marshall, Karen Powers

### Parish Stewardship

Week of April 19

Envelopes:	\$5,642.00
Loose:	\$231.00
Total Collection:	\$5,873.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$864.00

## SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	28-6pm	Coonie Essner
Wed.	29-7am	Melvin Glastetter
Thurs	30-7am	End the persecution of Christians and Jews
Fri.	1-7am	Eugene Seyer
Sat.	2-8am	Paul & Bert Essner
Sun.	2-4pm	Don & Dennis Gosche
	3-8:30am	Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Saturday, May 2, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Frank Glueck
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Noah & Caleb Vetter, Bennett Essner, Eli Holman

#### Sunday, May 3, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	PSR Mass
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	PSR Students

### Parish Stewardship

Week of April 19

Envelopes:	\$4,675.00
Loose:	\$351.00
Online:	\$200.00
Total Collection:	\$5,226.00

### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, May 1:  
Chairman: Justin & Christina Vetter  
Randy & Lisa Vetter, Trent & Amber Walter

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

May 3, 2026  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 6:1  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12

## ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Committee Meetings  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

School Board-5:30 PM  
Parish Pastoral Council-6:15 PM  
Finance Council-7:15 PM

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM Our  
St. Denis students will present  
The Living Rosary.



**RUMMAGE SALE**

**St. Denis**

Please join us for our 2nd annual Rummage Sale! We are accepting donations, so clean out your closets!  
Email [lindsay@stdenisbenton.org](mailto:lindsay@stdenisbenton.org) for donation info!

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 9am-4pm  
Drop off your donations now!

A special thank you to Alyssa D. for her creating our new St. Denis Parish logo! Thank you, Alyssa!

Please don't forget! After Masses we will continue to pray the St. Michael Prayer. Please also continue to wait to converse outside the Church for any who wish to stay in thanksgiving after Mass. Thank you!

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.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS!



Please congratulate all 42 of our confirmandi who were confirmed by Bishop Rice this past Saturday and Sunday! Special thanks to their parents, sponsors, and also Cara Dimberger and Jenny Estes who helped with classes! May God Bless all of you, and always fill our confirmandi with His Spirit!

-Fr. Belken



## ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION  
April 26-Mary B Glastetter  
May 3-Terri Stuckey

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 AM Mass we will celebrate May Crowning, Honor 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates and have the closing for PSR.

St. Anne's Sodality Breakfast for the members will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> right after Mass.

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM Mass we will honor our High school Seniors: Charleigh DeShaney, Ben James, Hudson Moore, Griffin Wilhelm, Kade Wilson. If we have missed anyone, please contact the parish office.

Please wear cap and gown.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER  
Gene Harrison

### DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Please plan to join us at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains, MO on August 15<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Eucharistic Renewal as a diocese. For more information, please see the flyers and posters that are in the back of both of our parishes.

### ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday May 2:  
Jane & Lenny Burford, Cheryl & Paul Welter, Pam & Katelyn Dannenmueller  
Committee-May: Angie Grogan



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
SPEND TIME WITH JESUS  
Tuesdays, from 7-9pm  
(Confessions from 7:00-8:00pm)  
Fridays, from 8:30-11:00am