

During my very first semester of seminary, we were enrolled in "general education" classes at SLU. I remember one very acutely- because I didn't care for it all that much: public speaking. Was it a necessary class? Absolutely. But it felt awful for someone who grew up on a farm, and wasn't all that familiar with speaking off the cuff in a public setting. Yet, the class did teach me something very important: you have something important to say. Step up- and say it!

The celebration of Pentecost could be thought of as an infusion of the courage you need to succeed in such a class as public speaking. The Apostles went from cowering in one space (traditionally the same space as they had the Last Supper), and after the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, they found their voice- and went out and spoke courageously about God, and His mighty acts.

We, too, are charged with the duty to speak "publicly" about our faith. This may not mean you are preaching the homily at Mass, but we have moments where we are called to tell others about Jesus. Many of these moments may be easy, or life-giving. However, many moments will be harder. To encourage that family member back to faith. To encourage another to turn away from a sinful way and to instead follow Christ. To speak words of consolation to a person who is immersed in such deep grief. These- and many other moments- are the ones we have received the power of the Holy Spirit for. It isn't just for the easy moments, or for the "public speeches" that we might be giving. It is for the hard moments, the public speeches, the private speeches- and every moment that God calls us to use our voice for His glory- and the holiness of others. You have a message- something important to say. Step up- and say it!

~Fr. Belken



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

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& Congratulations to all graduates from our Parish Families!

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	26	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	27-8am	No Mass
Thu.	28-8am	Alex & Vera Burger
Fri.	29-8am	Louis & Anna Glastetter
Sun.	31-7am	Diane Halter
Sun.	31-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, May 31, 7:00am

Lector:	Betty Essner
EM:	Larry Essner
Servers:	Nova Wikle, Jack Heuring
Greet\ Gifts:	Greg & Denise Menz

Sunday, May 31, 10:00am

Lector:	Bryce Morgan
EM:	Jamie Burger
Servers:	Chloe Welter, Tate Shively, Brooklyn LeGrand
Greet\ Gifts:	Kevin & Sandy Glaser

Parish Stewardship

Week of May 17th

Envelopes:	\$3,924.00
Loose:	\$146.00
Total Collection:	\$4,070.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	-\$939.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday May 30:
Lori & Gerald Seyer, Jane & Dwayne Lix,
Angela Blakely
Decorating Committee-May: Angie Grogan

**REMINDER: The 8am
Wednesday Mass at
St. Denis is discontinued
until the new school year!**

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon	25-8am	Memorial Day at the Grotto- Deceased Veterans
Tues	26-6pm	Connie Essner
Wed.	27-7am	Melvin Glastetter
Thurs	28-7am	Eugene Seyer
Fri.	29-7am	End to Persecution of Christians and Jews
Sat.	30-4pm	Barney & Sylvia Steimle
Sun.	31-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 30, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Krista Kluesner
Cantor:	Krista Kluesner

Sunday, May 31, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Gary Reischman
Musician:	Krista Kluesner
Cantor:	Krista Kluesner
Servers:	Vanellope & Charleigh DeShaney, Brady James, Tyler Morgan

Parish Stewardship

Week of May 17th

Envelopes:	\$1,902.00
Loose:	\$96.00
Online:	\$235.00
Total Collection:	\$2,233.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH
Church Cleaning for Friday, May 29:
Chairman: Blake & Jenny Burger
Todd & Elizabeth Brucker, Brett & Jessica Burger,
Pat & Danny Burger

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

May 31st
The Holy Trinity
Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SDS SAINT DENIS SCHOOL is now enrolling
for the 2026-2027 Academic Year! See what
a difference Saint Denis can make for your
child! Please contact **Mrs. Lindsay Wikle** at
573-545-3017 for more information!

Thank you to all of our SDS staff and volunteers
for a very good year! Have a blessed summer!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Deloma Penrose

Please remember to keep a quiet atmosphere inside both church buildings as possible to
allow for others to pray. Thank you!

WHEAT HARVEST FARMERS MASS
May 31 at Hulshof Farms, 674 county Hwy 506, Benton. Join Bishop Rice to celebrate Holy
Mass beginning at 1pm in honor and recognition of our farmers. Meal provided at 2pm
serving pork steaks and baked potatoes. Bring your own chair and any side dish to share.

It is time for the Diocesan Development Fund! Please see the materials provided in the back of
church (and mailed out) or see the Diocesan Website at www.dioscgo.org for more information.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Denis-Week 3

To Date our parish has given **\$8,525**
towards our **\$47,544** goal. Thank You! If
you have not yet made your pledge, please
add your gift, whatever the amount, in
unity with those who have already given by
returning a pledge card today.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
May 24-Pat Moore
May 31-Mary F. Glastetter

TOTUS TUUS- Save the date for Totus Tuus! The
missionaries will be here from June 21-26. Please
see Pat Moore for sign-up information!

PICNIC MEETING May 27 at 6:30pm in the
Parish Center meeting room for Chairman
and all are invited to help plan for the
success of our annual picnic July 17 & 18.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 3

To Date our parish has given **\$10,165**
towards our **\$25,045** goal. Thank You! If
you have not yet made your pledge, please
add your gift, whatever the amount, in
unity with those who have already given by
returning a pledge card today.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Please plan to join us at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in
West Plains, MO on August 15th, 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. Bus
transportation will be provided for \$65.00 per person if you choose not to drive. Reserve a seat on the
bus from Guardian Angel parking lot in Oran at 5:30 am and returning approximately at 10:00 pm on
Saturday, August 15 for the one-day event. Contact **Doris Eftink 573-380-5119**.