

One of the more entertaining things that has appeared online over the years has been the rise of "trivia nights." People gather together to answer obscure questions about history, sports, music, movies, and all sorts of random facts. Sometimes the questions are surprisingly difficult, and sometimes they are things that make you wonder why anyone would even know that information in the first place. When it comes to theology, it can sometimes feel the same way. How many disciples were there? How many days was Jesus in the desert? What are the seven sacraments? At times, these things can seem like little religious facts to remember rather than something deeply important.

As we celebrate the Holy Trinity, some might wonder why the Church places such emphasis on something that can initially seem abstract or distant. Three persons, one God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It can sound more like a difficult theological formula than something practical for everyday life.

The reality could not be more different. The Trinity is not simply a theological puzzle to solve. The Trinity reveals to us who God is. God is not solitary or distant. From all eternity, the Father pours Himself out to the Son, the Son receives everything from the Father and returns Himself completely in love, and the Holy Spirit is the very love shared between them. The Trinity shows us an overabundance of love and connection.

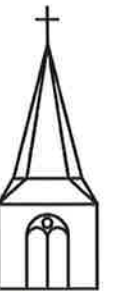
And because we are made in the image and likeness of God, this tells us something important about ourselves as well. We are not made for isolation, selfishness, or endless self-focus. We are made for communion. We are made for love. We are made to give ourselves away in service to God and to one another. This is why the Trinity matters so much. It is not just a doctrine to memorize. It is the very pattern of life itself. The more we live in genuine love, sacrifice, forgiveness, and communion, the more we begin to reflect the very life of God.

And that is something far more than just a bit of trivia.



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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	2	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	3-8am	No Mass
Thu.	4-8am	Paul & Bert Essner
Fri.	5-8am	Louise Seiler
Sun.	7-7am	Kevin Bollinger
Sun.	7-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, June 7, 7:00am

Lector:	Anthony Scherer
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Payton & Rylan Simmons, Eli Eftink
Greet \ Gifts:	Bev Riley, Mary Ann Robert

Sunday, June 7, 10:00am

Lector:	Leonard Weber
EM:	Leonard Weber
Servers:	Jonah & Nora Hann, Tate Shively, Brooklyn LeGrand
Greet \ Gifts:	Jim & Linda Wade

Parish Stewardship

Week of May 24th

Envelopes:	\$3,691.30
Loose:	\$140.00
Total Collection:	\$3,831.30
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	-\$1177.70

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday June 6:
Doris Breymeyer Kyla Evans, Ellen Lovett,
Shelly Urhahn
Decorating Committee-June: LaDonna Gregory

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

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	2-6pm	Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich
Wed.	3-7am	Herman Dirnberger Family
Thurs	4-7am	No Mass
Fri	5-7am	No Mass
Sat.	6-4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	7-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 6, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Jill Pinkston
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Willow Bickings, Owen Asmus, Isabel Crook

Sunday, June 7, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Dorothy Deason
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	Parker, Brooke & Bristol Reeves, Colin Felter

Parish Stewardship

Week of May 24th

Envelopes:	\$2,812.00
Loose:	\$230.00
Online:	\$290.00
Total Collection:	\$3,332.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, June 5:
Chairman: Heath & Karen Burger
Alex & Hattie Burger, Major & Monica Burger,
Mark & Shay Burger, Matt Burger

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

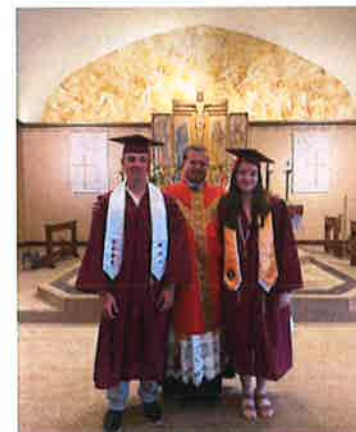
June 7th

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

S.D.S. 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 the members of the flowerbed group who placed the flags for our 76 veterans in the cemetery. If we have missed any family member, please let our group know. Susie & Diane"



Congratulations to all high school and college Graduates!

May God Bless you on your journey!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

BARBARA URHAHN AND The Family of John Felter

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 31-Mary F. Glastetter
June 7-Theresa Essner



TOTUS TUUS- The missionaries will be here from June 21-26. Please see Pat Moore to sign-up!

Thank you to all who made the Memorial Day Mass such a beautiful event and thank you to all who attended! May God Bless you, as we pray for and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice!

RECTORY/FIREHOUSE/OLD SCHOOL CLEAN-OUT! Volunteers needed on Saturday, June 6 at 9AM to clean-out basement rectory, Firehouse and old school. Please contact Gerard Dirnberger at (573) 887-1207 for details.

Ugly Quilts: If anyone has gently old or used clean bedding including quilts you no longer want, please drop them off 8:30-11:30 am on any Wed. at the PSR Building in the quite room!

Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 4

To Date our parish has given **\$11,165** 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.