

From my youngest years- even as far back as kindergarten, I had one dream: I wanted to be a priest. The visitation of Pope John Paul II had inspired me greatly because I was able to see this very holy man doing something magnificent: shepherding the whole Church, and doing so in a humble, awe-inspiring way. It was something I truly adored, even at a young age, and it certainly got me to where I am today!

The Gospel shows us a couple of movements- Jesus beholding the need of the people, and responding by commissioning disciples. The line that ends the first part of the Gospel is rather remarkable: to ask the master of the harvest to send out more laborers- the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

I think this matters quite a bit, because we are entering into a time as a Diocese where we are experiencing a severe crunch in regards to the number of available priests. There were once many priests- perhaps one or two in each rectory. Now, you see me at a ratio of one priest to two parishes, trying to fill both capacities.

The point of this is to say we do live in a time of crisis- but not collapse. We are in a difficult way, but not stuck there. Pray fervently for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese. Don't be afraid to speak to your children about the value of a vocation- and support them thinking about it!

As much of a harvest as there was then, or the harvest when I was in kindergarten, there is a harvest to be reaped today. Will you help us reap that harvest by answering the call or encouraging others to do so?

~Fr. Belken

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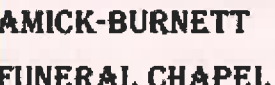
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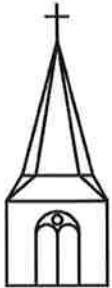
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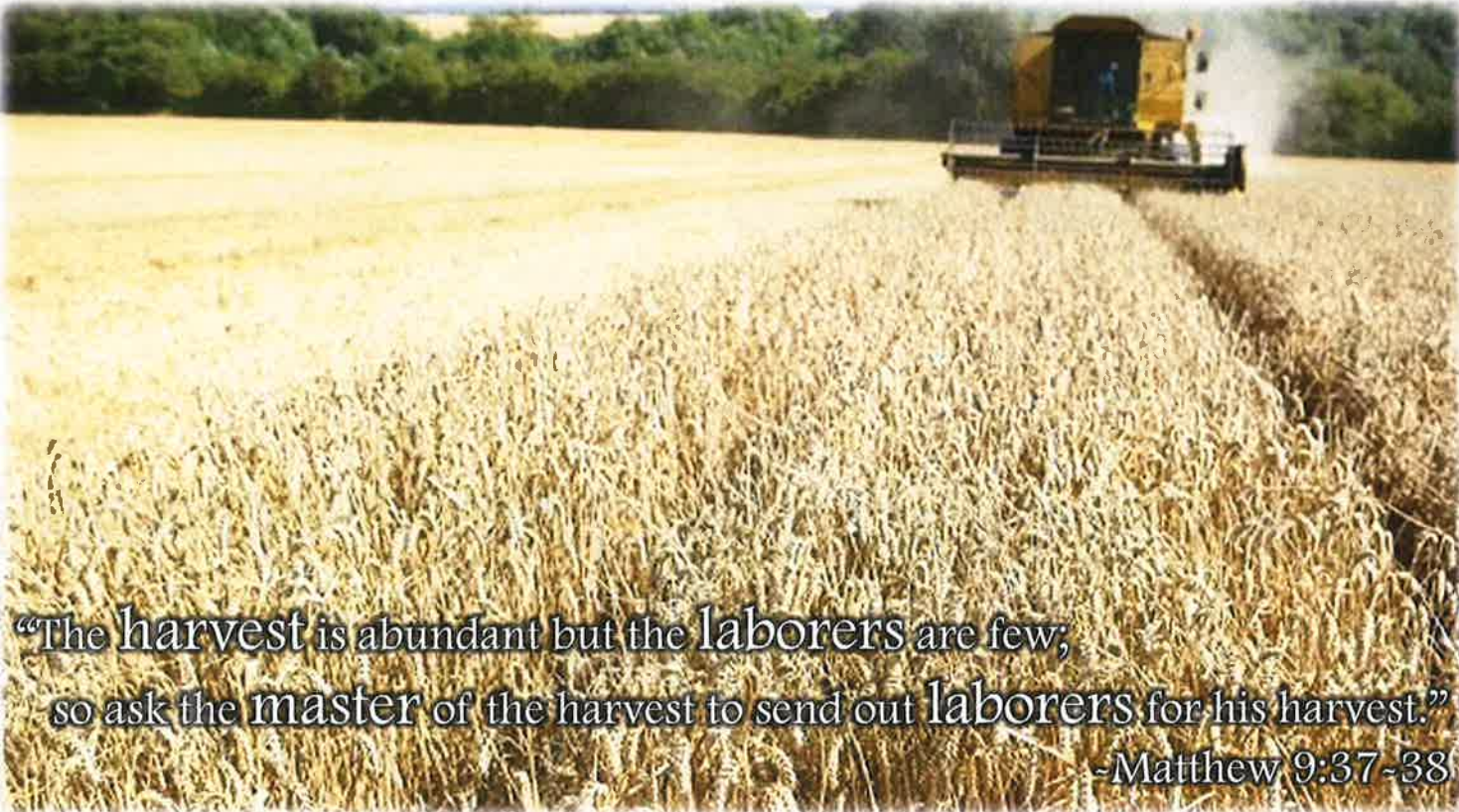


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"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."
-Matthew 9:37-38

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	16	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	17-8am	No Mass
Thu.	18-8am	Curly Klipfel
Fri.	19-8am	Charles & Delphine Backfisch
Sun.	21-7am	Danny Dumey
Sun.	21-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, June 21, 7:00am

Lector:	Linda Urhahn
EM:	Larry Urhahn
Servers:	Jaxon & Ava Welter, Nova Wikle
Greet\ Gifts:	Larry & Linda Urhahn

Sunday, June 21, 10:00am

Lector:	Bobby Burger
EM:	Bobby Burger
Servers:	Tori Neumeyer, Ella Mack, Chloe Welter, Daniel King
Greet\ Gifts:	William & Jessica O'Guin

Parish Stewardship

Week of June 7th

Envelopes:	\$4,869.00
Loose:	\$246.00
Total Collection:	\$5,115.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$106.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday June 20:
Carla Robert, Carol Heisserer, Alicia King,
Nancy Buell
Decorating Committee-June: LaDonna Gregory

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

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	16-6pm	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Wed.	17-7am	Herman Dirnberger Family
Thurs	18-7am	No Mass
Fri	19-7am	No Mass
Sat.	20-4pm	Parish Family
Sun.	21-8:30am	Gerard Essner

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 20, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Stephanie Burger
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Bennett Essner, Leah & Tucker Estes

Sunday, June 21, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	Ty & Callen Glastetter, Paisley & Kabree Bahr

Parish Stewardship

Week of June 7th

Envelopes:	\$2,447.00
Loose:	\$165.00
Online:	\$430.00
Total Collection:	\$3,042.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, June 19:
Chairman: Shannon & Tammy Cureton
Kevin & Debbie Curry, Terry & Dorothy Deason,
Brandon & Cara Dirnberger

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

June 21st

The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13
Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **"John Felter Family"** would like to
extend a heartfelt thank you to our St.
Denis family for all your love, prayers,
and generosity. The support
and care showered
upon us was truly

Appreciated!

Thank you to everyone from Circle 7 who
cleaned church during the month of
May. Your help was truly appreciated!

Flower Bed Committee Schedule

Week of June 14:

Linda Emerine, LeShae Hann



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
THE FAMILY OF EVELYN SCHEFFER



American Red Cross Blood Drive

ST. DENIS PARISH CENTER Monday June 22, 2-6 PM

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StDenisChurchBenton to
schedule an appointment.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Denis-Week 5

To Date our parish has given **\$15,295.00**
towards our **\$47,544** goal. Thank You! If
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ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
June 14-Jill Pinkston
June 21-Carol Klipfel



PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

THURSDAY, June 18 at 6 PM in the
Parish Center meeting room.

TOTUS TUUS June 21-26: grades 1-6 meet
8:30am-2pm, Monday-Friday. Grades 7-12
meet 7-9pm, Sunday-Thursday. Donations of
cookies are appreciated. There is still time to
SIGN-UP!

Ugly Quilts: If anyone has old or gently 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.

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Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 5

To Date our parish has given **\$12,430.00**
towards our **\$25,045** goal. Thank You! If
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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.