

During my third year of seminary, we had a task- and it was simple: we were to go out and feed the poor. We were lead in this task by Bishop Rice (then an auxiliary in St. Louis), and we would go to soup kitchens, and we would serve trays, talk to individuals, and help clean up Yet, when it came down to reflecting on our experiences with Bishop- there was a question that we could answer quite simply: why are we doing this? The answer? Because Christ told us to exercise charity to others.

In the Gospel there is a rather odd juxtaposition of two statements Jesus made. First? Don't love your family more than you love me. Second, do charity for those around you. Be kind. Show compassion on your brothers and sisters. Do good for those around you. Why are these two things juxtaposed? The first is so that we don't get too fixated on human relationships in this life. People come and go, they succeed and they fail, they help us and they hurt us, and yet, they are not the relationship that should take priority. That place belongs to God. However, the second reminds us that we have to pay attention to and exercise charity for our brothers and sisters as well- especially those who may be less fortunate than us. We cannot just focus on God Himself and leave others around us alone in their pain. To truly have a relationship with God is to see and share in the love He has for others around us- especially the less fortunate!

So, the work of the soup kitchen continues, hopefully for each of us. Don't let your relationships with others overcome your relationship with Christ (or even block it). At the same time, make sure to serve those around you that Christ is present in as well, even those you may not expect!

~Fr. Belken

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	30	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	01	No Mass
Thu.	02-8am	Vince Hulshof
Fri.	03-8am	Clara LeGrand
Sat.	04-8am	Mary Alice Schweer
Sun.	05-7am	Brian Vetter
Sun.	05-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, July 5, 7:00am

Lector:	Anthony Scherer
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Tyson Gosche, Nova Wikle, River Collom
Greet\ Gifts:	Greg & Denise Menz

Sunday, July 5, 10:00am

Lector:	Stacy Marshall
EM:	Stacy Marshall
Servers:	Payton & Rylan Simmons, Levi & Cheyenne Newton
Greet\ Gifts:	Stacy Marshall, Karen Powers

Parish Stewardship

Week of June 21st

Envelopes:	\$4,793.00
Loose:	\$177.00
Total Collection:	\$4,970.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	\$-39.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday July 4:
Malinda, Brendan & Jalyn Milam
Decorating Committee-July
Pam Dannenmueller

Reminder: The St. Denis Parish Office
hours have changed. The office is open
8:30am-4:00pm Tues. & Wed. and 8:30am-
12:00pm on Friday. Thank you!

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	30-6pm	Coonie Essner
Wed.	01-7am	Eugene Seyer
Thurs.	02-7am	Elmer "Cotton" Kern
Fri.	03-7am	Virgil Glastetter
Sat.	04-4pm	Parish Family
Sun.	05-8:30am	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 4, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Jill Pinkston
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Eli Holman, Leelyn & Oliver Walter

Sunday, July 5, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Dorothy Deason
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	Isabel Crook, Wyatt Farrow, Ty & Callen Glastetter

Parish Stewardship

Week of June 21st

Envelopes:	\$2,442.00
Loose:	\$253.00
Online:	\$240.00
Total Collection:	\$2,935.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, July 3:
Chairman: Henry & Pam Dirnberger
Herbie & Cindy Dirnberger, Joe & Valerie
Dirnberger, Laverne & Kenny Dirnberger

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

July 5th
The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Zec 9: 9-10
Rom 8: 9, 11-13
Mt 11: 25-30

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ORGAN UPGRADE

Due to a generous benefactor, there
will be a brand new Rodgers digital
organ being installed the week of July
6. Please note the church will be
closed during that week, except for
usual Mass times.



Flower Bed Committee Schedule

Week of June 28: Sharon
Hennemann, John & Diane Urhahn

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

BECKHAM KOEPP
TODD POWERS

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION

June 28-Dorothy Deason
July 5-Margaret Heuring



THANK YOU: To everyone who helped in any
way with Totus Tuus this week. God was
totally with us. We even were visited by
Bishop Rice. Thank you to Fr. Belken and Fr.
Maurice for all their help. Thank you to the
missionaries, those who prepared the
snacks & meals, those who helped
donate cookies, and especially the young
people for taking the time to come to learn
more about their faith. Lastly, we thank
God. God bless you.

SERVER TRAINING MAKE-UP

Any students 3rd grade or older, who were not able to attend server training this past Thursday,
please join us Wednesday, July 8, at 6pm at St. Lawrence for a make-up class!

Do you know someone who wants to know more about being Catholic or would like to join the
Catholic Faith? Our Introduction Session of OCIA will be Sunday, September 13,
at 5:00pm in the SDS cafeteria. Please join us!

Diocesan Development Fund
St. Denis-Week 6

To Date our parish has given **\$22,520.00**
towards our **\$47,544** goal. Thank You! If
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Diocesan Development Fund
St. Lawrence-Week 6

To Date our parish has given **\$17,835.00**
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.