

One of the memories I have from childhood (which has turned into a practice still today) was that any time a storm came about, we would usually light a candle. The purpose was quite simple- in the case we lost power we'd have at least a little light flickering and dancing about to help guide the way. It was a rather fascinating ritual, because that candle seemed to have the power to dispel any sort of wind, hail, or lightning that would come our way, or at least it felt that comforting, even if, in reality, it may not change the situation we were in, or stop the power from going out!

The first reading spoke of manna in the desert, and this was a relief and comfort to the Israelites as they were released from the Egyptians and found themselves needing to rely on someone else for food. That someone else was God- and He provided in abundance. Notice the encouragement- Moses reminds them not to forget the Lord, who lead them past all sorts of perils and dangers- from serpents, to the desert, and lead them to a place of overabundant food and water.

We have something far better in our midst. The Eucharist serves in the place of the manna and rock of plenty as we receive Jesus. He is the source that will truly satisfy our deepest longings, if we allow Him. But perhaps it is important for us to know that the Eucharist is to lead us through the struggles, the trials, and the situations we find ourselves in. Sure, it may not remove those situations, but it will give us the strength to endure until we see the sun again- or even the Son in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Just like the light of a simple candle, do not forget the Lord who wants to comfort you in the midst of life's storms with the gift of the Eucharist.

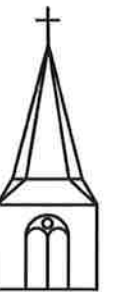
~Fr. Belken

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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	9	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	10-8am	No Mass
Thu.	11-8am	Vince Hulshof
Fri.	12-8am	Joe Klueppel
Sun.	14-7am	Alex & Vera Burger
Sun.	14-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, June 14, 7:00am

Lector:	Rhonda Ratledge
EM:	Carla Robert
Servers:	Brailey Ratledge, Nova Wikle, River Collom
Greet \ Gifts:	Paul & Marilyn Burford

Sunday, June 14, 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 May 31st

Envelopes:	\$4,126.00
Loose:	\$223.06
Total Collection:	\$4,349.06
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	-\$659.94

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday June 13:
Sheila Evans, Natalie Eftink, Darlene Haines,
Courtney Newton
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.	9-6pm	Andrew Essner
Wed.	10-7am	Charles & Lucille Heuring
Thurs	11-7am	Andrew Essner
Fri	12-7am	Jeannie Essner
Sat.	13-4pm	Donna Bucher
Sun.	14-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 13, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Frank Glueck
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Leelyn & Oliver Walter, Leeland Duenne

Sunday, June 14, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Drew, Kinsey & Ty Essner, Berkley Dirnberger

Parish Stewardship

Week of May 31st

Envelopes:	\$2,312.00
Loose:	\$53.00
Online:	\$440.00
Total Collection:	\$2,805.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, June 12:
Chairman: Russell & Stephaine Burger
Nathan & Summer Meystedt, Daniel & Rhonda Carroll, Thomas & Kristian Carroll

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

June 14th

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower Bed Committee Schedule

Week of June 7 & June 14:
Linda Emerine, LeShae Hann

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

LINDA BUNSELMEYER
MONROE LEGRAND

CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Please join us as we celebrate the Eucharist today for a traditional Corpus Christi procession at St. Lawrence, at 1pm, starting in the parish church.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Denis-Week 4

To Date our parish has given **\$15,045.00** 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
June 7-Theresa Essner
June 14-Jill Pinkston



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

Meet us in the Grotto to pray the Rosary on Saturday, June 13 at 3 PM. Bring your lawn chair, in case of inclement weather we will pray in church.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

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

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.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 4

To Date our parish has given **\$12,430.00** 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.