

One of my favorite Sunday traditions growing up was Sunday lunch with my grandparents. I still find myself missing those afternoons from time to time. I vividly remember my Grandma Belken's method of operation for Sunday lunch. She was a person that was known for not just delicious cooking but also cooking so much that there would always be leftovers. If there was just enough- that was too little. It was common for there to be an abundance of food left well into Sunday afternoon to snack on.

I often wonder what she would have thought about this Gospel- having just five loaves and two fish for thousands of people. Certainly, that would not have measured up to her standard for cooking, but that perhaps comes to show us the importance of this miracle: it was impossible so many could have eaten off such a very small amount. Yet, the Messiah was there, and through another miracle, proves without a doubt He is the one who is to come.

We all might wish we could see such dramatic miracles like the ones Jesus performed in that time. However, we have signs that, while they may not appear as dramatic from the outside, are far more powerful. Bread is transformed into our Savior. We are reconciled to the Father. Original sin is removed. We are healed in our souls. Many beautiful miracles are being performed in our midst- but the challenge is for us to believe as much as the crowd that day- and even more!

Perhaps my grandma would have thought that was a very small amount of food for such a crowd- and indeed it was. The difference was the Savior in their midst. He is still in our midst today, continuing to feed His people and reveal His greatness.

~Fr. Belken

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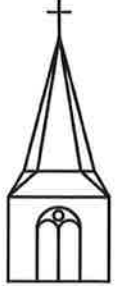
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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS		
Tues	4	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	5	No Mass
Thu.	6	Joe Klueppel
Fri.	7-8am	Diane Halter
Sun.	9-7am	Curly Klipfel
Sun.	9-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, August 9, 7:00am	
Lector:	Linda Urhahn
EM:	Larry Urhahn
Servers:	Gabriel & Roslen Mack Volunteer
Greet\ Gifts:	Larry & Linda Urhahn

Sunday, August 9, 10:00am	
Lector:	Bobby Burger
EM:	Bobby Burger
Servers:	Levi & Cheyenne Newton, Jaxon & Ava Welter
Greet\ Gifts:	Chance & Amy White

Parish Stewardship Week of July 26th

Envelopes:	\$4,270.00
Loose:	\$166.00
Total Collection:	\$4,436.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	\$-573.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday August 8th:
Betty & Larry Essner, Olivia Priggel

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS		
Tues.	4-6pm	Andrew Essner
Wed.	5-7am	Eugene Seyer
Thurs.	6-7am	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Fri.	7-7am	Elmer "Cotton" Kern
Sat.	8-4pm	Patrick Shelton
Sun.	9-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 8, 4:00pm	
Lector / EM:	Gwen Essner
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Tucker & Saylor Dirnberger, Abel Duncan

Sunday, August 9, 8:30am	
Lector / EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	Avery & Collin Felter, Leigha & Tucker Estes

Parish Stewardship Week of July 26th

Envelopes:	\$1,780.00
Loose:	\$281.00
Online:	\$290.00
Total Collection:	\$2,351.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, August 7th:
Chairman: Travis & Jenny Estes
Sheila Harper, Derek & Kelly Felter, Danny Joe &
Connie Glastetter, Jacob & Kati Glastetter

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

August 9th, 2026
The 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a
Rom 9: 1-5
Mt 14: 22-23

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SDS Back to school OPEN HOUSE is
Monday, August 17th at 6pm. 

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 18th, 2026!

One of our schools' biggest fundraisers, *The 12th Annual Paul Stuckey Scramble* will be here soon! Get your team ready! Contact Natalie Eftink at 573-887-1317 for questions and to register. Flyers are in the foyer of Church!

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!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

BECKAM KOEPP,
FAMILY OF KATIE CHASTEEN
FAMILY OF DARLENE DUFF

Flower Bed Committee Schedule :
August 2 & 9-Linda Wade, Tara Kelley

Diocesan Development Fund
St. Denis-Week 11

To Date our parish has given **\$30,965.00** 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.

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 due to generous donations will be **free** 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**.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
August 2-Jackie Griffith
August 9-Pat Moore



ST. LAWRENCE DAY CELEBRATION. Sunday, August 9, meet and greet with the Deacons of our Diocese at 5:30PM followed by potluck dinner. The parish will provide fried chicken and ham. Potluck requests A-K bring salad or vegetables, L-Z bring desserts. The Sign-up sheet for name and number attending is in the vestibule of the church. Fireworks will begin at Dark! Please join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of St. Lawrence Parish!
FORTY HOURS OF ADORATION. As we celebrate our Patron Saint, Saint Lawrence, we will be observing Forty Hours Devotion beginning Friday, August 7 at 7PM. Please consider spending some time with the Lord.

AUGUST 15- Please note there will be NO Saturday evening Confessions or Mass at any local parish on August 15 due to the Eucharistic Congress. There will be an added evening Mass on Sunday, August 16, at 5:00pm at St. Denis for those who wish to attend.

Diocesan Development Fund
St. Lawrence-Week 11

D To Date our parish has given **\$21,190.00** 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.
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

 SPEND TIME WITH JESUS
Tuesdays, from 7-9pm
(Confessions from 7:00-8:00pm)
Fridays, from 8:30-11:00am