

Saint Denis

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Congratulations, Atlas!!



PARISH STAFF

PARISH INFORMATION

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 Lindsay Wikle, School Principal
 Glen Collom, School Board President
 Jeff Diebold, Pastoral Council President
 Cheryl Essner, Ladies' Sodality President
 Larry Essner, Men's Sodality President

Mass Schedule:
 Sunday at 7:00AM & 10:00AM
 Tuesday: 7:00PM
 Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM
 Confessions:
 Tuesday at 7:30PM or by appointment
 Baptism: Please Contact the Parish Office
 Marriage: Please Contact the Parish Office
 Sacramental Emergency:
 Please Contact the Parish Office, use Prompt #3

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues	8-7pm	+	Mildred LeGrand
Wed	9-8am	+	Harold & Louise Burger
Thurs	10-8am	+	Melissa Shively
Friday	11-8am	+	Gil Robert
Sun	13-7am	+	David Jansen
Sun	13-10am		St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

July 13, 7:00 AM

Lector:	John Felter
EM:	John Felter
Servers:	Brailey Ratledge, Tate Shively
Servers:	Jack Heuring
Greet/Gift	Sharron Hennemann, John Felter

July 13, 10:00 AM

Lector:	Stacy Marshall
EM:	Jim Simmons
Servers:	Payton & Rylan Simmons
Servers:	Nova Wikle, Ella Mack
Greet/Gift	Karen Powers, Stacy Marshall

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2025

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: John 6:63c, 68c

The Pastor's Pen

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

In the 70's and 80's, there was a tagline that was becoming popular with the car maker Porsche: "There is no substitute." It is, quite frankly, very effective in marketing exactly what Porsche feels about their cars- these are the best, all the rest are just trying to catch up and imitate- or even dare to substitute- what we have. But- there is no substitute.

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus is sending His disciples out two by two, instructing them on how they are to go forward, to minister, and to preach. There is a stark contrast in the form of a warning that Jesus gives them- in telling them that they are being sent out like lambs among wolves. Yet, they are to go out and to speak. But... why bother? Why do this if it would be much safer to stay home? Why is Jesus sending them out into a world where their message is so bold that it would likely be rejected? Couldn't they leave well enough alone?

No. Because they have true faith. They have the Catholic faith. There is no substitute.

We would do well to remember this for a couple of reasons. First, we need to be mindful of the faith and the worship we have- the very same one that countless martyrs shed their blood for. They knew the Eucharist was something special- and only the Church can provide- and still does today. They knew only the Catholic Church speaks and preaches the truth without apology. They knew that the way to heaven would be difficult, and the Catholic Church would offer the most aid and grace- through the sacraments. Second, we need to reject any worship "substitute." No other church that offers flashy lights, catchy songs, a soft message, or anything at all- and does not have the Eucharist and the sacraments- will ever substitute for what is given to us here. Do not forget nor neglect what treasures fill and build us here!

Fr. Belken

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND AREA NEWS

Please congratulate Matt and Cassandra on the baptism of their son, Atlas. God Bless You, Atlas, and welcome to the Catholic Church, and our parish!

Thank you from the Evangeline Wade family for all the cards, food and Masses. Special thanks to the Ladies Sodality, Good Neighbor Ministry, Choir, servers, Fr. Belken and Msgr. Varone.

Thank you to all the ladies from circle 7 who helped clean church the month of June. As always, you are appreciated.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Church Cleaning for Saturday, July 12th: Darlene Haines, Justine Heppe, Alicia King, Nancy Buell

Church Decorating Committee for the month of July: Pam Dannemueller

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of July 6 and July 13: LeShae Hann, Jim and Linda Wade

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Week of June 29, 2025

Envelopes: \$4,699.00

Loose: \$388.00

Total Collection: **\$5,087.00**

Weekly Estimated Budget: \$5,009.00

Difference from Budget: **+78.00**

Peter's Pence: \$489.00



Please Remember in Prayer
All those who are in nursing homes
and the home bound



DDF UPDATES

To date our parish has given \$33,044 toward our \$42,922 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.

NEW HAMBURG PICNIC –FRIDAY & SATURDAY JULY 11 & 12!

Little Mr. & Miss Contest, Friday 7:30 PM
Smorgasbord Dinner Saturday, 3-6 PM
Corn Hole Tournament Saturday, 6:30 PM

OCIA 2026-2027: If you know anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, and may wish to become Catholic, please invite them to the first OCIA meeting on September 7, at 5 PM in the Cafeteria!

Code of Conduct forms are available online or in the Parish Office. All school and parish volunteers and employees must complete these forms each year.

FR. BELKEN'S INSTALLATION AS PASTOR AND 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Fr. Belken's Installation as Pastor of St. Denis and St. Lawrence at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass at St. Lawrence with Bishop Rice. Fellowship with a meal to follow!

