

Saint Denis

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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	15-7pm	+ Ralph Hennemann
Wed	16-8am	+ Jewell Graham
Thurs	17-8am	+ Louise Seiler
Friday	18-8am	+ Jane Stewart
Sun	20-7am	+ Jim & Pat Hunott
Sun	20-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

July 20, 7:00 AM

Lector: John Welter
 EM: Rita Milam
 Servers: Jaxon & Ava Welter
 Servers: Eli Eftink
 Greet/Gift Brad & Rita Milam,

July 20, 10:00 AM

Lector: Tim LeGrand
 EM: Susan Care
 Servers: Emmalyn Care, Brooklyn LeGrand
 Servers: Tennyson White
 Greet/Gift Chance White

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 2025

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The Pastor's Pen



THE LAW OF THE LORD

During his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI often spoke about the growing threat of *relativism*—the idea that each person determines their own truth, that truth is “relative” to the individual. It’s a sort of “pave your own way” or “punch your own ticket” mentality. And because it’s so subtle, it can creep even into religion and faith. What does that do to faith? It converts it from something we receive and are taught into something we construct for ourselves. In doing so, it erodes the very foundations of our faith—and even attempts to undermine its credibility.

The readings this weekend focus on a clear, challenging theme: **law**. The Law of the Lord. *Follow the law. Do what it commands, and you will live.* Even the Responsorial Psalm leans this way: “Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.” All of it points to one central truth: the Law of the Lord is to be trusted—and followed. There’s no way to make it plainer than that. Yet in our modern day, God’s law is often treated as optional—something for those who are “extra pious” or aiming for a spiritual 4.0 GPA. But it’s far more serious than that. The law reveals who truly chooses to love the Lord their God and their neighbor, as Christ commanded—and who does not. As Jesus Himself says in the Gospel, it is the law that will determine who enters the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Law of the Lord is not optional—but it is freeing. In following it, we find the path to eternal life. May we remain faithful to the end—not to our own version of the law, but to God’s. Then, we can have confidence that we are truly on the road to eternal life.

-Fr. Belken

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND AREA NEWS

A *heartfelt thank you* for the greeting cards, votive candle offerings, Masses, gift cards, monetary gifts, and cookies. A special thank you to all who helped in anyway with my celebration. I am very grateful for the love and generosity shown to me on this day!

Blessing,
Msgr. Varone

MONTHLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Church Cleaning for Saturday, July 19th: Tutti Gosche, Crissy Campbell, Ellen Lovett, Shelly Urhahn

Church Decorating Committee for the month of July: Pam Dannemueller

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of July 13th: LeShae Hann, Jim & Linda Wade

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Week of July 6, 2025

Envelopes: \$5,536.00

Loose: \$143.00

Total Collection: **\$5,679.00**

Weekly Estimated Budget: \$5,009.00

Difference from Budget: **+\$670.00**

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Wednesday. To place information in the bulletin, contact the Parish Office or email: lisa@stdenisbenton.org.



Please remember in Prayer
Sandy Hasenkamp



DDF UPDATE

I am very pleased to announce that we have officially reached our monetary pledge goal set by the Diocese for us for our annual Diocesan Development Fund appeal. This is a very quick achievement in regards to reaching our goal. God Bless you in your support of the work of our Diocese and for your abundant generosity as a parish community!

~Fr. Belken

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

Saturday, July 26, 2025
at 4:00pm

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



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!

KERN CANCER BENEFIT

Saturday September 6th! Dinner and Trivia Night at St. Lawrence Parish Center for sisters Brittany Mock (Kern) & Julie Kern. SAVE THE DATE! More information to come.