

# Saint Denis

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH STAFF

PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Daniel Belken, Pastor  
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 Marilyn Burford, Secretary/Bookkeeper  
 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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<p>One-on-one answers to your Medicare questions.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shana Kight 573-450-8066</li> <li>Doris Breymer 573-545-4253</li> <li>Rhonda Ratledge 573-979-4537</li> </ul>                   Medicare Supplements   Medicare Advantage Plans   Part D Plans</p>	<p></p>	<p><b>Dittronics</b>                  Video Surveillance / Two-Way Radio                  14 N. Winchester, Benton, Missouri</p>
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<p> <b>Benton Pharmacy</b>                  6468 STATE HWY 77, BENTON, MISSOURI</p>	<p>Our providers are accepting new patients!   <b>MISSOURI DELTA</b>                  BENTON COMMUNITY CARE CENTER                  Amber Thorne, FNP-BC Family Nurse Practitioner                  Juliana Jones, PMHNP-BC Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner</p>
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues	22-7pm	+ Charles Klueppel
Wed	23-8am	+ Erwin & Agnes Glastetter
Thurs	24-8am	+ Marcella Mack
Friday	25-8am	+ Bert Essner
Sun	27-7am	+ Iona Welter
Sun	27-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

July 27, 7:00 AM

Lector:	Linda Urhahn
EM:	Larry Urhahn
Servers:	Tyson Gosche, Chloe Welter
Servers:	Brenly Thorne
Greet/Gift	Linda & Larry Urhahn

July 27, 10:00 AM

Lector:	Bobby Burger
EM:	Bobby Burger
Servers:	Alyssa Dannenmueller
Servers:	Tori Neumeyer, River Collom
Greet/Gift	Kevin & Sandy Glaser

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 27, 2025

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

## The Pastor's Pen



### CHOOSING THE BETTER PART

At some point in our lives, each of us has likely been encouraged to “take the high road.” Maybe it was after someone wronged us. Maybe we heard someone spreading gossip—about us. Maybe we felt betrayed, hurt, or simply overlooked. In those moments, we’re faced with a choice: do we seek revenge, or do we take the high road?

This weekend’s Gospel gives us a clear picture of that very choice. Jesus draws a distinction between two ways of responding, two paths we might walk: one that leads to freedom, and one that leads to frustration. Which will we choose? In the familiar story of Martha and Mary, we see this tension play out. Martha is busy—working, serving, stressing. She even complains to Jesus about Mary, who appears to be doing “nothing,” just sitting at His feet. But Jesus responds with surprising clarity: Mary has chosen “the better part.”

It’s not that Martha was doing something explicitly bad. She was serving, which is a good and necessary thing. But Mary was doing something deeper—she was drawing close to the Lord. And that, Jesus says, is better. In other words, she took the high road—not by doing more, but by choosing the one thing that truly matters: being near to Christ. That’s a reminder for us, too. In our own frustrations—when we feel overworked, overlooked, or tempted to strike back—we’re invited to choose the better part. Not to ignore our responsibilities or pretend things don’t hurt, but to orient everything we do toward closeness with Jesus.

At the end of the day, it won’t matter who got the last word or who seemed more productive. What will matter is who ended up closer to the Lord.

-Fr. Belken

## PARISH, SCHOOL, AND AREA NEWS

### 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!



### 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 Dannenmueller

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of July 20th & 27th: Cam Mirgeaux, Grace and Sharon Urhahn

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Week of July 13, 2025

Envelopes: \$6,316.00

Loose: \$349.00

Total Collection: **\$6,665.00**

Weekly Estimated Budget: \$5,009.00

Difference from Budget: **+\$1,656.00**

Code of Conduct forms are available online @ [dioscg.org](http://dioscg.org) or in the Parish Office. Please complete your forms for the 2025-2026 school year as soon as possible. All school and parish volunteers and required to complete the Code of Conduct. each year.



ST. DENIS  
**PRESCHOOL** [www.stdenisbenton.org](http://www.stdenisbenton.org)

We still have a few opening in our program  
ages birth to Junior Kindergarten!  
For more information, contact  
Lindsay at 573-545-3017

### St. Denis School

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025!

One of our schools biggest fundraisers,  
*The St. Denis School Golf Tournament* will be here soon! Get your team ready! More information on the tournament and registration coming!!



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.