

# Saint Denis

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Belken, Pastor  
Lisa Spalding, Office Manager  
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

PARISH INFORMATION

**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

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues	29-7pm	+ No Mass
Wed	30-8am	+ Vocations
Thurs	31-8am	+ Charles & Delphine Backfisch
Friday	1-8am	Kenny Ross
Sat	2-8am	+ Vocations
Sun	3-7am	+ Joe Stuckey
Sun	3-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

August 3, 7:00 AM

Lector:	Diane Urhahn
EM:	Diane Urhahn
Servers:	Gabriel & Alexander Mack
Servers:	Tyson Gosche
Greet/Gift	Greg & Denise Menz

August 3, 10:00 AM

Lector:	Cheryl Essner
EM:	Larry Essner
Servers:	Ethan Diebold, River Collom
Servers:	Nova Wikle
Greet/Gift	Curtis & Cheryl Essner

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 3, 2025

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32  
 2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14  
 Gospel: Romans 8:15bc

*The Pastor's Pen*

"TEACH US HOW TO PRAY"

This weekend, as I am being installed as pastor of St. Denis and St. Lawrence, I find myself reflecting deeply on what this role truly means. Externally, very little changes. But internally, it is a reaffirmation of the responsibilities that every priest carries to some extent. Canon Law specifically directs a pastor to ensure that "the word of God is preached in its entirety," that the works of the Gospel are carried out, that Catholic education is provided for youth and young adults, and that the Eucharist remains the heart of parish life — among many other things. While the "laundry list" of what the law expects of me for all of you can be a bit ponderous, it's really an effort to bring us back to the basics.

And what are the basics? We find one of them in today's Gospel. The disciples make a beautiful request: "Lord, teach us to pray." While this seems like such a simple petition, the truth is that we spend our entire lives learning how to speak to and listen to God. That doesn't happen only in solitude — we are taught through the hands and hearts of many: our parents, our friends, and yes, our pastors, clergy, and religious. Many are entrusted with the sacred duty of handing on the faith in its fullness. I am just one among them, promising to do my best to lead each of you closer to Christ and to teach you "how to pray" — even as I continue learning that very thing myself.

If I may be so bold, I would like to make a humble request: please bring that same question to me. Ask me to teach you. Show up. Bring your families, your loved ones, and especially those who may not yet be on good terms with Jesus or familiar with Him at all. Together, may we open our hearts and genuinely seek to learn how to pray — and how to enter into a deeper, more intimate relationship with God.

God bless you all. Know of my constant prayers for each of you entrusted to my care — and please remember, whatever I can do for you is always just a phone call or email away.

-Fr. Belken

## PARISH, SCHOOL, AND AREA NEWS



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

### MONTHLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Church Cleaning for Saturday, August 2nd: Pam Landeros, Madison Ross, Jenny Shively

Church Decorating Committee for the month of August: Janice Scherer

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

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*The Week of July 20, 2025*

Envelopes: \$4262.00

Loose: \$269.74

Total Collection: **\$4,531.74**

Weekly Estimated Budget: \$5,009.00

Difference from Budget: - **\$477.26**

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.



*Please remember in Prayer*

*The Family of Joe Carlisle*

Forty Hours of Adoration will be held at St. Lawrence to celebrate their Patron Saint beginning Friday, August 8 at 7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the St. Lawrence foyer.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 27th, 2-6 PM at St. Denis Parish Center. Please mark your calendar and help save lives by donating blood. Your donation is truly the **Gift of Life**.

### 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! Contact Natalie at 573-887-1317 for questions and to register.



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!

### NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning August 1, 2025

Monday-No Public Mass  
 Tuesday 6 PM-St. Lawrence & Adoration-St. Denis 7-10PM  
 Wednesday 7 AM-St. Lawrence & 8 AM-St. Denis  
 Thursday 8 AM-St. Denis  
 Friday- 8 AM-St. Denis