

Saint Denis

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Cheryl Essner, Ladies' Sodality President
 Larry Essner, Men's Sodality President

Mass Schedule:
 Sunday at 7:00AM & 10:00AM
 Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM
Confessions:
 Tuesday at 7:00PM 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	5	+ No Mass
Wed	6	+ No Mass
Thurs	7-8am	+ Drew King
Friday	8-8am	+ Liv & Decd Members Lawrence & Dorothy Seyer Family
Sun	10-7am	+ Marvin & Mary Margrave
Sun	10-10am	St. Denis Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

August 10, 7:00 AM

Lector: Diane Urhahn

EM: Diane Urhahn

Servers: Brooklyn LeGrand, Ella Mack

Servers: **Volunteer**

Greet/Gift Paul & Marilyn Burford

August 10, 10:00 AM

Lector: Gera LeGrand

EM: Gera LeGrand

Servers: Tennyson White, Jack Heuring

Servers: Ethan Diebold

Greet/Gift Shane & Teresa Ray

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 2025

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

The Pastor's Pen



A FARMER'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

If there was one constant living on the farm (or for anyone living on any farm, in fact) it was that a farmer's work is truly never done. When you break something, two more things break. If you mend a fence, somehow the cows find two more holes. Often we are making repairs "just to get by" and deferring the real maintenance for the off season- when there will be more than enough work then. All in all- a farmer's work truly is never done. Not on weekends. Not even in the night time hours.

It is rather intriguing, then, to see a Gospel about someone who is apparently "finished" with all the work they've had to do on the farm. They've torn down and built bigger barns, and put the crops in the barn, they've apparently mended all that needed fixing, they are simply sitting at home, thinking "eat, drink, and be merry." They've got more than enough stored up to live life very comfortably. This likely seems so very strange to most farmers- because they have never really had the chance to do that. There was always more to be done.

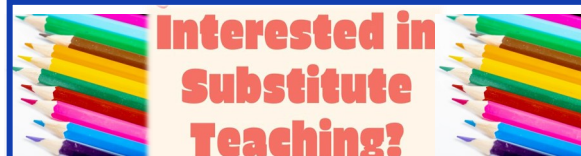
Jesus, as He addresses the crowds reminds them that the farmer's life would be demanded of him that very night- and the things he has stored up will instantly become someone else's. It is a rather startling message- don't store up what you can't take with you when you go.

Jesus is very familiar with the human heart's tendency to put possessions in such a place of importance, as to make us feel secure. Maybe we have that dream house, the car, the amenities, and perhaps even a healthy retirement account, and we are starting to think we can rest and take it easy. However, we need to be aware- this life is not about the things that can be taken from us as our chest rises and falls the last time. We need to busy ourselves with storing up treasures for the kingdom of God- the treasures that will never be taken away.

A farmer's work is never done. And neither is ours- not until we finally reach the judgement seat of God.

-Fr. Belken

PARISH, SCHOOL, AND AREA NEWS



CONTACT LINDSY
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MONTHLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Church Cleaning for Saturday, August 9th:
Lori Dambach, Angela Dambach,
Jenny Shively

Church Decorating Committee for the
month of August: Janice Scherer

Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of
August 3rd & August 10th: Rick & Cheri
Klipfel

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT The Week of July 27, 2025

Envelopes: \$3,143.00

Loose: \$478.00

Total Collection: **\$3,621.00**

Weekly Estimated Budget: \$5,009.00

Difference from Budget: **- \$1,388.00**

NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning August 1, 2025

Monday-No Public Mass

Tuesday 6 PM-St. Lawrence &

Adoration-St. Denis 7-9PM

Wednesday 7 AM-St. Lawrence &
8 AM-St. Denis

Thursday 8 AM-St. Denis

Friday- 8 AM-St. Denis



Please remember in Prayer

Lucy Bennett, Sheila Rogers

Faye Scheeter

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 11th Annual Paul Stuckey Scramble* 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!

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.