



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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St. Denis Parish

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St. Lawrence Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Daniel Belken

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 Parish Council President: Jeff Diebold

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St. Denis School

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Principal: Lindsay Wikle
 School Board President: Mr. Glenn Collom

Sacraments:

Saint Denis

Mass: Sunday at 7:00am and 10:00am
 Wednesday-Friday at 8:00am

Confessions: Tuesday @ 7:00pm or by appt.

Saint Lawrence

Mass: Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 8:30am

Tuesday at 6:00pm and Wednesday at 7:00am

Confessions: Saturday @ 3:15pm or by appt.

SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Tues. | 9 | Adoration 7-9pm |
| Wed. | 10- 8am | Clarence & Barbara Vandeven |
| Thurs. | 11- 8am | Charles & Delphine Backfisch |
| Fri. | 12- 8am | Charles Klueppel |
| Sun. | 14-7am | Marvin & Mary Margrabe |
| Sun. | 14-10am | St. Denis Parish Family |

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday September 14, 7:00am

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| Lector: | Anthony Scherer |
| EM: | Rita Milam |
| Servers: | Brailey Ratledge, Daniel King |
| Servers | Jack Heuring |
| Greet \ Gifts: | Brad & Rita Milam |

Sunday September 14, 10:00am

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| Lector: | Stacy Marshall |
| EM: | Jim Simmons |
| Servers: | Payton & Rylan Simmons |
| Servers | Eli Eftink/ Volunteer |
| Greet \ Gifts: | |

Parish Stewardship

The Week of August 24, 2025

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| Envelopes: | \$3,291.00 |
| Loose: | \$212.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$3,503.00 |
| Weekly Est. Budget: | \$5,009.00 |
| Difference: | \$-1,506.00 |
| | \$1,235.00 (Mission) |

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, September 13: Christy & Tim LeGrand, Tammy Cowell, Lindsay Wikle
Church Decorating Committee for the month of September Lisa Spalding
Flowerbed Committee Schedule: Week of September 7: Greg & Denise Menz

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, September 12th, Church Cleaning
Chairman: Amy Shelton: Andy & Michelle Silman,
 Danny & Theresa Simpher, Connie Steger,
 Marty & Carole Steimle

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Tues. | 9- 6pm | Patrick Shelton |
| Wed. | 10-7am | Jeff Steger |
| Thurs. | 11-7am | Henrietta Dirnberger |
| Fri. | 12-7am | Pam Heuring |
| Sat. | 13-4pm | Parish Family |
| Sun. | 14-8:30am | Eugene Dirnberger |

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday September 13, 4:00pm

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| Lector \ EM: | Dorothy Deason |
| Musician: | Bernice Kern |
| Cantor: | Mary B Glastetter |
| Gifts: | Brandon & Cara Dirnberger |
| Servers: | Leelyn & Oliver Walter, Berkly Dirnberger |
| Ushers: | Eric Beardslee, Gerald Beck, David Beussink, Henry Beussink |

Sunday September 14, 8:30am

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| Lector \ EM: | Stephanie Burger |
| Musician: | Bernice Kern |
| Cantor: | Jamie Essner |
| Gifts: | Derek & Nicole Dirnberger |
| Servers: | Charleigh & Vanellope DeShaney, Leigha Estes, Owen Asmus |
| Ushers: | Dustin Benson, Robert Blattel, Tom Blattel, Kenneth Blue |

Parish Stewardship

The Week of August 24, 2025

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| Envelopes: | \$2,110.00 |
| Loose: | \$264.00 |
| Online: | \$85.00 |
| Total Collection: | \$2,459.00 |

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Robert Gosche wishes to thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls food and visits following his knee replacement. The surgery was a success, and recovery is coming along as required by PT.

Thank you to all who came out for the August 27th **Red Cross Blood Drive** here at St. Denis. WE exceeded our goal by collecting a total of 21 units. Thank you for giving the GIFT OF LIFE!

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 19th, 2025!

One of our schools' biggest fundraisers, The 11th Annual Paul Stuckey Scramble will be here soon! Get your golf team ready! Contact Natalie at 573-887-1317 for questions and to register.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

TODD POWERS

WEEKDAY MASS SECURITY

In light of recent tragic events that have occurred, please note that on school days when Mass is held at St. Denis (Wednesday-Friday), there will be a period of time where the exterior church doors are locked for safety. They will be locked from 8:00am through the conclusion of Mass. Of course, we desire everyone to still be able to attend Mass, so please ensure arrival before 8:00am, or you may check-in at the school office to be let in. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our school community!

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.
September 7th – Margaret Heuring

PSR NEWS FROM PAT MOORE

Grade school religion classes begin Sunday, September 21 from 9:30-10:30am. Commissioning teachers during Mass also. Special THANKS to Laura Kern for agreeing to teach the 5th grade!

There has been interest in reviving the 4-H Club in the community there will be a meeting on Tuesday September 23 at 6:30pm in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. All are welcome!

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 Sunday September 7, at 5 PM in the St. Denis Cafeteria!

THANK YOU: We wish to express our sincere thanks & appreciation for the prayers and cards the parish & community showed for our mother, Donna during this time of loss. A big Thank You to Dorothy Dirnberger and all the ladies who prepared the delicious meal. A big Thank You to Fr. Belken for a beautiful service. To everyone who helped in any way from the musicians, servers, lector and cantor for the great job. We are Truly blessed to live in this great community.~
“The Donna Bucher Family”

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women will have their quarterly meeting Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at the Jackson Knights of Columbus Lower Hall, [3305 N. High St., Jackson, MO 63755](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3305+N+High+St,+Jackson,+MO+63755), hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish. Rosary starts at 6:00 pm at the KC Hall followed by refreshments and meeting. We will have our Silent Auction fundraiser, so please bring a donation to place in the auction. Every lady from the parish is welcome to come. Please contact Ruth Ann Hester at 573-270-4844 if you have any questions.

CODE OF CONDUCT. Code of Conduct is available online or in the Parish Office to be signed for volunteers, workers, and PSR staff/teachers for the upcoming year. Please come by to sign or drop off as soon as possible. This year again another form needs to be signed. The “Fair Credit Reporting Act” background check form also needs to be signed along with the CoC form. Both are available online and in the Parish Office.

If you've ever had the privilege of attending an ordination, you know it is one of the most powerful rituals in our Catholic tradition. One of the more striking moments comes when the ordinand lies prostrate in the church, face down before the Lord. It may look unusual, but the meaning is profound: that man is pouring out his entire life to Christ and His Church, surrendering himself completely to whatever service God asks of him.

Today's Gospel invites each of us into a similar act of surrender. Jesus speaks plainly: “Whoever comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, cannot be my disciple.” Of course, He does not call us to literally hate our loved ones. Rather, He teaches that unless we are free from clinging to anything more than God—even good and beautiful things—we cannot truly follow Him.

That raises a question worth pondering: if the Lord were to ask you tomorrow to give up everything, your family, your possessions, or even your very life, could you do it? Would you be willing to pay the cost of discipleship?

This kind of surrender is not reserved for priests and religious. Every Christian disciple is called to lay down his or her life each and every day. To follow Christ means nothing less than giving ourselves completely to Him—trusting that in losing our lives for His sake, we will find them.



-Fr. Belken

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| <p>Would you like to advertise here?? Call us at 573-545-3864! 3 spots are open!</p> | | | <p>Pam Dannenmueller 573-887-1081</p>  <p>Edge Realty 573-620-6054</p> <p>AMICK-BURNETT FUNERAL CHAPEL Benton, Chaffee, Oran & Scott City</p> |