



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SAINT DENIS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	8-8am	Vocations
Mon.	8-7pm	Parish Family
Tues	9	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	10-8am	Bernie Landis
Thurs.	11-8am	Marcella Mack
Fri.	12-8am	Louise Seiler
Sun.	14-7am	Marvin & Mary Margrabe
Sun.	14-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday December 14, 7:00am

Lector:	Tim LeGrand
EM:	Carla Robert
Servers:	Gabriel & Alexander Mack
Servers	Brooklyn LeGrand
Greet \ Gifts:	Tim & Christy LeGrand

Sunday December 14, 10:00am

Lector:	Sandy Glaser
EM:	Leonard Weber
Servers:	Chloe Welter, Levi Newton
Servers	Tori Neumeyer
Greet \ Gifts:	Kevin & Sandy Glaser

Parish Stewardship

The Week of November 30, 2025

Envelopes:	\$3,760.00
Loose:	\$283.00
Total Collection:	\$4,043.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	\$-966.00

COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church cleaning for Saturday, December 13,
 Angie Grogan, Kristin Grogan, Susan Grogan
 Liz Welter, Hailey Welter, Lisa Neumeyer
 Church Decorating Committee for the month of
 December: Sandy Glaser

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Friday, December 12, Church Cleaning:
 Chairman: Scott & Caroline Drodzy –Alex & Casey
 Duncan, James & Marilyn Duncan,
 Harold & Joyce Eftink

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon.	8-7am	Parish Family
Tues.	9-6pm	Melvin Glastetter
Wed.	10-7am	Richard Bennett
Thurs.	11-7am	Dorothy Menz
Fri.	12-7am	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Sat.	13-4pm	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Sun.	14-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday December 13, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Stephanie Burger
Musician:	Krista Kluesner
Cantor:	Krista Kluesner
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Essner
Servers:	Mila Burger, Drew Benson, Luke Benson
Ushers:	Daniel Kern, Dale Kern, Dennis Kern, Neal Kern

Sunday December 14, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Krista Kluesner
Cantor:	Krista Kluesner
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Essner
Servers:	Leigha Estes, Tucker Estes Tyler Morgan
Ushers:	David Kern, Donnie Kern, John Kern, Jon-Erik Kern

Parish Stewardship

The Week of November 30, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2,157.00
Loose:	\$236.30
Online:	\$605.00
Total Collection:	\$2,998.30

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Breakfast with Santa Sunday, December 7
10:00-12:30, St. Denis Parish Center.
Pictures with Santa at no charge!
Breakfast will be served, all for a
free will DONATION!**



Questions, call- LeShae Hann 573-579-6212

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 6, Family Christmas Party

Happy Hour 5-6pm, Dinner 6pm.



December 7, Sweets with Santa-9:30-12:30

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION

December 7, Terri Stuckey

December 14, Norma Seyer



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SDS an understatement.
Check us out heading South on I-55 just
past Cape exit 95, on the left.**

CHOIR PRACTICE

**Come and join us as we prepare the liturgical
music for the Lord's coming. Choir practice at St.
Lawrence, Wednesday, December 10 & 17 at
6:30PM.**

**"New Hamburg Euchre Tournament will be on
January 17, 2026, at the New Hamburg Parish
Center. Cost of admission is a \$15 donation.
Doors open at 5pm. Play starts at 6:30pm.
There will be free chili and chicken noodle
soup. You do not have to play in the
tournament to come."**



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION- DECEMBER 8TH

REMINDER: THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (SAME MORAL WEIGHT AS A SUNDAY MASS)

7:00am at St. Lawrence (Short Mass)

8:00am at St. Denis

7:00pm at St. Denis

**St. Denis School is selling "Gift Cards." Forms are in the back of church, or you can
purchase them from any St. Denis student! Orders are due by December 12 to received
your cards before Christmas! Perfect Christmas Gift!!!**

Thank you from Mike Thompson and family for all the prayers. They were truly appreciated.

Please Remember in Prayer: Gina Essner, Koe Kern, Robert Long



ADVENT MISSION

**On December 10, 2025, at 7pm in St. Denis Church, we
will have a special night of Mission as we ask the question "Why the Wait" as Fr. Belken will
break apart why we wait in Advent- and how that relates to the Mass. All are welcome!**

**Both St. Lawrence & St. Denis will participate in the Scott County Christmas Church Tour this year on
December 19, from 4:30-7:30pm. December 14 St. Lawrence will decorate after 8:30am Mass and
St. Denis will decorate after 10am Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.**








The Pastor's Pen

The Gospel this weekend seems to present an image that seems almost incompatible with the idea of Christmas. John the Baptist is there, telling people to repent, calling Pharisees a “brood of vipers,” telling that the axe is ready to cut the tree down (in a bad way), and the Lord will burn chaff with an “unquenchable fire.” This Gospel then becomes a very interesting inclusion in the cycle of readings for this Second Sunday of Advent. Is it a little tone-deaf or a holdover from a bygone era?

No. It actually pushes us on in our Advent preparations to understand that to accept the true spirit of Christmas is a choice. It sounds harsh to say- but Christmas lights and trees won't save you by themselves. Neither will gifts. Nor will the nostalgic feelings of Christmases “long long ago.” Not “All I Want for Christmas is You.” None of these things- by themselves- will give us something to be joyful about or to celebrate. The reason that we should celebrate is that Christmas is able to save us from our sins and our selves- and we cooperated with God's grace and John the Baptist's call to repentance to allow it to change our lives.

Wrath might seem a little out of place. Yet, it is actually in a good place to help keep us on a steady journey to preparing our hearts and souls for the coming of a Savior- and not just engaging in all the trappings that lose their meaning without Him. May we repent- so that in a little while we can be truly joyful that we have cooperated with God's grace in getting ready to meet our Lord!

-Fr. Belken

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