



# St. Denis & St. Lawrence



## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### St. Denis Parish

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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

Tues	23	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	24-6:15pm	Louis & Anna Glastetter Family
Thu.	25-12am	Parish Family
Thu.	25-10am	Charles Klueppel
Fri.	26-	NO MASS
Sun.	28-7am	Todd Daniel
Sun.	28-10am	Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday December 28, 7:00am

Lector:	Linda Urhahn
EM:	Linda Urhahn
Servers:	Jack Heuring, Brailey Ratledge
Servers	Volunteer
Greet \ Gifts:	Larry & Linda Urhahn

Sunday December 28, 10:00am

Lector:	Kay Elkins
EM:	Kay Elkins
Servers:	Tennyson White, Ella Mack,
Servers	River Collom
Greet \ Gifts:	Chance & Amy White

### Parish Stewardship

The Week of December 14, 2025

Envelopes:	\$4,308.00
Loose:	\$429.00
Total Collection:	\$4,737.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	-272.00

### COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

#### ST. DENIS PARISH

Church cleaning for Saturday, December 27:  
Shirley Forck, Connie Thorne, Earlene Lowes,  
Karen Powers

Decorating Committee December: Sandy Glaser

#### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, December 26:  
Chairman: Carla Essner -Dustin & Amy Essner,  
Carolyn Essner, Jamie & Emily Essner,  
Theresa Essner, Tim Essner

## SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	23-6pm	Jeanne Essner
Wed.	24-4pm	Paul & Geneva Essner
Thurs.	25-8am	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger
Fri.	26-	NO MASS
Sat.	27-4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	28-8:30am	Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday December 27, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Cindy Glueck
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Joe Glastetter
Servers:	Tucker & Saylor Dirnberger,
Ushers:	Eli Holman
	Norman Kluesner, Gary Kluesner,
	Kyle Koepp, Tim Landewee

Sunday December 28, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. David Glastetter
Servers:	Noah & Caleb Vetter, Colin Felter,
	Berkley Dirnberger
Ushers:	Dustin Kluesner, Gary Kluesner Jr.,
	William Kluesner, John Kluesner

### Parish Stewardship

The Week of December 14, 2025

Envelopes:	\$2,672.00
Loose:	\$137.00
Online:	\$100.00
Total Collection:	\$2,909.00

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**The Holy Family of Jesus**

**December 28, 2025**

**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14**

**Col 3:12-21**

**Mt 2:13-15, 19-23**

## ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to remember someone at Christmas and help decorate our church? To do so, you may put \$12 in a plain envelope, write who it is given in memory of, and who it is given by. One name or family per donation please.



**Thank you** to all who attended and helped at the "Winter Wonderland of Treasures" Sale. The day was a huge success with the Home & School Association receiving **\$6,816.11**.

Gift card tree winner-Christy LeGrand

General Raffle Winners:

Beckham Koepp-Swing

Vicki LeGrand-\$100 Gas Card

Carla Essner-\$100 Wal-Mart Card

Yard Decor-Carolyn Hency

Christmas Decor-Tera Kelley

50/50 recipient-Dan Williams



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## ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION**

December 21, Jackie Griffith

December 28, Pat Moore

St. Lawrence *PSR Christmas Program* is Sunday, December 21, following Mass in the Parish Center.

**Annual St. Lawrence Sausage and Pancake**

**Breakfast** is Sunday, January 11, 8-11:30am

in the Parish Center. \$10 adults, \$5 for kids

ages 6-12, Five and under-FREE

Homemade sausage, eggs, pancakes and more! All are welcome!

Hosted by the St. Joseph Men's Sodality.

Butchering volunteers are needed Saturday, Jan. 10. Contact Jarret Moore for more info.

Would you like to remember someone at Christmas and help decorate our church? To do so, you may put \$12 in a plain envelope, write who it is given in memory of, and who it is given by. One name or family per donation please.



*Please Remember in Prayer:*

**Gary Garner, Lee Pattengill Jr., Charles Schwepker, Eugene Seyer,  
Family of Gary Galwith**



**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE: 4 PM St. Lawrence - 6:15 PM St. Denis**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE: Midnight St. Denis - 8 AM St. Lawrence - 10 AM St. Denis**

**ST. DENIS CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE: December 24, 6:15pm: Lector/EM: Gera LeGrand, Servers: Brooklyn LeGrand, Levi & Cheyenne Newton, Eli Eftink Greeters/Gifts: Curtis & Cheryl Essner  
December 25, 12am: Lector: Larry Essner EM: Betty Essner, Servers: Tyson Gosche, River Collom, Jonah & Nora Hann Greeters/Gifts: Larry & Betty Essner  
December 25, 10am: Lector: Bryce Morgan, EM: Jamie Burger, Servers: Ethan Diebold, Daniel King**

**ST. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE: December 24, 4pm: Lector: Kynli Duenne EM: Gary Reischman, Musician/Cantor: Choir, Gifts: Volunteers, Servers: Ty Glastetter, Callen Glastetter, Parker Reeves, Leeland Duenne  
December 25, 8am: Lector/EM: Diane Ashcraft Musician/Cantor: Choir Gifts: Volunteers Servers: Drew & Luke Benson**

At home there was always a dry-erase calendar on the refrigerator, and though I'll admit there was a temptation to overlook it, the function of it still remained. It was a simple way of reminding us about everything that was going to happen. There was very little question about the events, so the need was only to prepare for them!











This week we are moving into one of the central mysteries of our faith, and this Sunday in Advent has a central theme: these things will happen. A virgin shall conceive. She will bear a child. This will be a sign. It is all coming and immanent. It happened. And He will come again.

There is a necessary response though: are you and I going to believe it? Just because prophets and the Gospels record something does not mean we automatically believe. When confronted with such beautiful and joyful news- that is absolutely amazing. Yet, there is still that choice- are we going to believe, and are we going to show we believe these things will happen.

It's much like the wall calendar on the refrigerator- we know these things have happened and will happen in the future. The choice is up to us if we are going to let all of these things change our lives- and to prepare for what is still coming.

On behalf of myself, my staff, and both parishes, please know of my prayers for a blessed and holy Christmas Season for you and your loved ones. May the newborn King bless us with gifts of faith and strength to live that faith in hope as we pursue His heavenly kingdom!

-Fr. Belken

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