



# St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**St. Denis Parish**

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 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	20	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	21-8am	Catherine Young
Thu.	22- 8am	Joe Carlisle
Fri.	23-8am	Vernon & Janet Vetter
Sun.	25- 7am	Ervin & Bertha Dumey
Sun.	25- 10am	Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Sunday January 25, 7:00am

Lector:	Tim LeGrand
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Jaxon Welter, Ava Welter Tennyson White
Greet \ Gifts:	Tim & Christy LeGrand

#### Sunday January 25, 10:00am

Lector:	St. Denis Students
EM:	St. Denis Staff
Servers:	River Collom, Tyson Gosche, Levi Newton, Nova Wikle
Greet \ Gifts:	St. Denis School

### Parish Stewardship

The Week of January 11, 2026

Envelopes:	\$5,689.00
Loose:	\$385.00
Total Collection:	\$6,074.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$1,065.00

### COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS

#### ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, January 24:  
Christian & Guy Williams, Jean Glastetter,  
Darin & Laura Halter, Jill & Mark Klipfel  
Decorating Committee for January:  
Maryln Schlosser

#### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, January 23:  
Chairman: Patty Halter  
Kenny & JoAnn Heisserer, Richard & Lana Green,  
Ralph & Debbie Heisserer

## SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	20- 6pm	Patrick Shelton
Wed.	21- 7am	Jerry & Carol Dirnberger
Thurs.	22- 7am	Margaret Klipfel
Fri.	23-7am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat.	24-4pm	Andrew Essner
Sun.	25-8:30am	Parish Family

### LITURGICAL ROLES

#### Saturday January 24, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Cindy Glueck
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Glastetter
Servers:	Drew & Luke Benson, Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Volunteers

#### Sunday January 25, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Green
Servers:	Mila Burger, Berkley Dirnberger, Eli Holman, Rocky Burger
Ushers:	Volunteers

### Parish Stewardship

The Week of January 11, 2026

Envelopes:	\$2,823.00
Loose:	\$124.00
Online:	\$310.00
Total Collection:	\$3,257.00

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25, 2026

Is 8: 23-9:3

1-Cor 1:10-13

Matt 4:12-23

## ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER AUCTION  
ST. DENIS IS  
**OUT OF THIS WORLD**

- FUN GAMES!
- RAFFLES!
- SWEET TREATS AUCTION
- SILENT AUCTION!!
- ORAL AUCTION YOU WONT WANT TO MISS!

MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
TICKETS GO ON SALE FEB 7 @9AM ONLINE  
AVAILABLE IN PERSON AT MEN'S BREAKFAST FEB 8

Catholic Schools Week Breakfast is Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-11:30am for your "good will donation."

MO-Scholars applications are open, visit [brightfuturesfund.org/springfield-cape-girardeau](http://brightfuturesfund.org/springfield-cape-girardeau) to apply for a scholarship to St. Denis Catholic School! Call or email Mrs. Wikle with any questions!

Ladies' Meeting Wed. January 21, 6pm  
Men's Meeting **Schedule Change** to Wed. January 21, 6:30pm

Confirmation Retreat-January 23-24, 2026. Arrival: Jan. 23 at 8pm. Pickup: Jan. 24 at 11am. Please remember, this is **mandatory!** For questions, reach out to Fr. Belken at 573-545-3864 or [frbelken@stdenisbenton.org](mailto:frbelken@stdenisbenton.org).



Please Remember in Prayer: Beckam Koepp, Carla Lynch, Anthony Scherer, Family of Joe Klueppel



**Christmas Decorations:** Sunday February 1, St. Lawrence will take down Christmas decorations after 8:30am Mass, and St. Denis will take down Christmas Decorations after 10am Mass. We would appreciate all available help!

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If you are unable to fill your role at Mass, please find a substitute prior to Mass. Thank you for your help-Fr. Belken

## ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRO-LIFE PROCESSION.** The St. Lawrence religion classes will sponsor a Pro-Life Rosary Procession, Sunday, January 18 after 8:30AM Mass, meet at the Parish Center. Dress warm, weather permitting, we will process outside. We invite parents, grandparents, and parishioners to join us to pray for the unborn. Senator Jamie Burger will be our guest to inform us about abortion legislative laws in Missouri. All are invited.

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION  
January 18-Jill Pinkston  
January 25-Carol Klipfel

**ST. LAWRENCE PARISHIONERS: PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE RECTORY GARAGE- AT ANY TIME!**

THANK YOU: I want to thank each and everyone of you that has reached out, sent cards love and prayers. It truly means so much to me and my family. The love and support during this difficult time has been an incredible blessing. Your continued support is greatly appreciated! *Carolyn Ward*














The phrase “Got a light” is likely seen as one of a bygone era, and yet it was pervasive in films and tv shows, and even in just casual conversations. I first encountered the phrase in Hogan’s Heroes, and then in other places, and yet what I found, was that no matter where it was the end intention was always the same: it was someone who wanted help, even in a very small way.

We’ve just come through the end of the modern Christmas Season, and of course this season is filled with a great deal of “light” imagery. Whether it is the star, the Christ child, or the gentle glow of a dimly-lit manger, there is a ton of light to be seen. The Gospel this weekend provides a transition, in conjunction with the First Reading, into this season of Ordinary Time. The “light to all nations” is the Christ, who was seen to have the Spirit descend upon in the likeness of a dove. He is a tremendous source of light- and that is made clear through these readings.

Yet, there is a plea that is implied in these readings as well- not that we simply see the light and turn back into the cold of winter, with hearts indifferent or even colder than before. We are to be light-bearers to the world. That might seem abstract, but there are plenty of ways we can bear light. When everyone else speaks negatively- speak the light and the hope of Christ. When others tend to tear down- build up. When others may be lazy or have given up- be the one that presses on towards the goal.

Though the phrase may not seem all that common, there are still many asking “Got a light?” in one way or another. The underlying question that remains I leave for your prayer: do you have the light (of Christ) to help others?

-Fr. Belken

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