

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 22, 2026



# St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## St. Denis Parish

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## St. Lawrence Parish

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## St. Denis School

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Principal: Mrs. Lindsay Wikle  
Parish & School Maintenance: Mr. Larry Essner  
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

# SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues	24	Adoration 7-9pm
Wed.	25-8am	Collin Crocket
Thu.	26- 8am	Felix Enderle
Fri.	27-8am	Louis & Anna Glastetter Fam
Sun.	1-7am	Gil Robert
Sun.	1-10am	Parish Family

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	24- 6pm	Ralph & Margie Klipfel
Wed.	25- 7am	Arnold & Christine Dirnberger
Thurs	26- 7am	Cletus & Norma Gosche
Fri.	27-7am	Lorena Beussink
Sat.	28-4pm	Parish Family
Sun.	1-8:30am	Earl & Henrietta Dirnberger

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday March 1, 7:00am

Lector:	Anthony Scherer
EM:	Carla Robert
Servers:	Jonah & Nora Hann, Eli Eftink
Greet\ Gifts:	George & Natalie Eftink

Sunday March 1, 10:00am

Lector:	Kay Elkins
EM:	Kay Elkins
Servers:	Ella Mack, Brooklyn LeGrand, Levi Newton
Greet\ Gifts:	Jim & Linda Wade

### Parish Stewardship

February 15, 2026

Envelopes:	\$4,969.00
Loose:	\$228.00
Total Collection:	\$5,197.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$188.00

### LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday February 28, 4:00pm

Lector \ EM:	Frank Glueck
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Heisserer
Servers:	Noah & Caleb Vetter, Bennett Essner

Sunday March 1, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Dorothy Deason
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Gifts:	Mr. & Mrs. Brian Heuring
Servers:	Ty & Callen Glastetter, Willow Bickings

### Parish Stewardship

February 15, 2026

Envelopes:	5,257.00
Loose:	\$192.00
Online:	\$165.00
Total Collection:	\$5,614.00

### ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, February 28:  
Candie & Ray Halter, Jessica O'Guin, JoAnn Easter  
Decorating Committee-February: Lisa Neumeyer

### ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, February 27:  
Chairman: Doug & Sue Kern  
Pat & Jan Kiefer, Jeff & Kara King,  
Darrell & Libby Klipfel

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY-MARCH 1, 2026

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12:1-4a  
2 Timothy 1: 8b-10  
Matthew 17:1-9



## ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS



MO-Scholars applications close on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

Thank you from Virginia Ross for your prayers, cards and concerns during her recent surgery. She is home recovering and doing well!



**Please Remember in Prayer:**  
*Deloma Penrose, Doris Priggel*  
*Family of Cheryl Anne Scherer*

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS!

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

MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

- FUN GAMES!
- RAFFLES!
- SWEET TREATS AUCTION
- SILENT AUCTION!!
- ORAL AUCTION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

## ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION

February 22-Norma Seyer

March 1-Jackie Griffith

The Deadline for the **Brown Bag Dumpling Meal** has been extended to Sunday, February 22.

Signup sheet is in the back of church for working the Church's Lenten Fish Fry on March 6.



Please welcome Richy Johnson to the Church, as he completed his steps of initiation last Sunday. Welcome, Richy!

Attention all bakers of/for St Denis. This year, an 8.8" keepsake wooden spoon with the handle inscribed "2026 St Denis Dinner Auction Sweet Treats Winner" will be awarded to the baker whose item has the highest bid in this auction.

Let's make the 2026 Sweet Treats Auction **Out of this World!**

Sincerely, Crystal Gosche



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, 1pm at St. Denis (with school), 7pm at St. Lawrence  
Confessions will follow immediately after the Stations at each parish.

## LENTEN MISSION ~ "FULLY ALIVE"

Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm in St. Denis Church

Come join us during this Lent for very short sessions (<30 mins each) to receive encouragement on how to become more fully alive this Lent!

Optional times of Adoration and Confessions follow until 9pm.

Reminder: All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence- meaning that they are meatless. This is binding from all Catholics over the age of 14 years old!











We've all heard the phrase "the devil made me do it!" Now, usually that is said in jest, but there is a spiritual reality to part of this- the devil is always at work trying to make us slip and fall. Now, he can't force us to do anything, but it is true he desires us to fail.

The temptations of Jesus can be a little confusing, because it seems very odd that the devil would have the audacity to tempt Jesus. He does- partially because of his own pride, but also because of him misunderstanding the humanity of Jesus and its interaction with His divinity. He expected Jesus to be easier to tempt. It is still a very odd situation because we would not expect him to be so brazen- but he is the one who thought himself better than God!

For us, as we look at the temptations- we should be aware of two realities: first, that our humanity struggles much more than Jesus, because we struggle with concupiscence (the desire and predisposition to sin). The other factor that we should be aware of is that our set of temptations is unique and particular to each of us. While the devil cannot read our thoughts he can watch us and send us temptations and things to get us away from God, and in ways that we may struggle with more than others. He will watch our weaknesses and will use them against us! We do have something better though- and that is the strength and grace that Jesus gives us.

This Sunday, as we watch Jesus being tempted in the desert, may we be filled with strength and resilience against sin, and the awareness the devil really does want us to do it- even if he cannot force us to "do it!"

~Fr. Belken

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