

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • JULY 5, 2026



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



St. Denis Parish

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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	7	7pm Adoration & Confession
Wed.	8	No Mass
Thu.	9-8am	John Felter
Fri.	10-8am	Steve Ross
Sun.	12-7am	Louis & Anna Glastetter Fam.
Sun.	12-10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, July 12, 7:00am

Lector:	Betty Essner
EM:	Larry Essner
Servers:	Chloe Welter, Tori Neumeyer, Emmalyn Care
Greet\ Gifts:	Larry & Betty Essner

Sunday, July 12, 10:00am

Lector:	Curtis Essner
EM:	Jim Simmons
Servers:	Daniel King, Eli Eftink, Tate Shively, Jack Heuring
Greet\ Gifts:	Curits & Cheryl Essner

Parish Stewardship

Week of June 28th

Envelopes:	\$5,647.00
Loose:	\$181.00
Total Collection:	\$5,828.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	+\$819.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday July 11 :
Lori & Angela Dambach, Suzi Mack
Decorating Committee-July
Pam Dannenmueller

BLESSING FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

Are you or someone you know pregnant?
Please be sure to let Fr. Belken know, as
there is a special blessing for mother, and
for the infant and his or her safe delivery!

SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues.	7-6pm	Henry Heuring Jr.
Wed.	8-7am	Dennis Heuring
Thurs.	9-7am	No Mass
Fri.	10-7am	No Mass
Sat.	11-4pm	Donna Bucher
Sun.	12-8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 11, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Gwen Essner
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Bennett Essner, Leigha & Tucker Estes

Sunday, July 12, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Sally O'Brien
Musician:	Linda Essner,
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Berkley Dirnberger, Colin Felter, Willow Bickings, Leeland Duenne

Parish Stewardship

Week of June 28th

Envelopes:	\$3,902.00
Loose:	\$148.00
Online:	\$595.00
Total Collection:	\$4,645.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, July 10:
Chairman: Mike & Darlene Dirnberger
Nathan & Kara Dirnberger, Rodney &
Carri Dock, Stephen & Erin Drake

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

July 12th, 2026

The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Is 55: 10-11

Rom 8: 18-23

Mt 13: 1-23

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH ORGAN UPGRADE

Due to a generous benefactor, there will be a brand new Rodgers digital organ being installed the week of July 6. Please note the church will be closed during that week, except for usual Mass times.



Flower Bed Committee Schedule

Week of July 5 & July 12: Joe Felter, Gary & Susie Bohannon,

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

STACEY HOPE, SAVANNAH JANSEN,
RUBY JEAN, BECKHAM KOEPP

Do you know someone who wants to know more about being Catholic or would like to join the Catholic Faith? Our Introduction Session of OCIA will be Sunday, September 13, at 5:00pm in the SDS cafeteria. Please join us!

SERVER TRAINING MAKE-UP: Any students 3rd grade or older, who were not able to attend server training this past Thursday, please join us Wednesday, July 8, at 6pm at St. Lawrence for a make-up class!

Diocesan Development Fund St. Denis-Week 7

To Date our parish has given **\$26,838.00** towards our **\$47,544** goal. Thank You! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card today.

ST. LAWRENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION

July 5-Margaret Heuring
July 12-Mary B Glastetter



Help Needed to set up the tent for the "Petting Zoo" on Sunday, July 12th @1pm.

Contestants wanted for the Little Mr. & Miss New Hamburg contest! Any St. Lawrence parishioner ages 3 -5 or grandchildren of a St. Lawrence member are eligible. Patriotic casual dress. Registration at 6:30 Contest at 7 Friday, July 17. Questions? Contact Lauren Heuring.

St. Lawrence Parish Picnic is fast approaching July 17/18. Donations for raffle & attendance prizes are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at the parish office on Tues, Wed, or Fri. 8am-3pm. Arrangements can be made by calling Richard Reeves 573-450-2883 or Andrea Reeves 573-576-6240 for donation pickups/ drop-offs. **Chairman** please turn in your worker's list to the parish office.

MEET US IN THE GROTTA to pray the Rosary on Monday, July 13th at 3PM. If there is inclement weather the rosary will be held in the church.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 7

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F To Date our parish has given **\$18,460.00** towards our **\$25,045** goal. Thank You! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card today.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Please plan to join us at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in West Plains, MO on August 15th, as we celebrate Eucharistic Renewal as a diocese. For more information, please see the flyers and posters that are in the back of both of our parishes. Bus transportation will be provided for \$65.00 per person if you choose not to drive. Reserve a seat on the bus from Guardian Angel parking lot in Oran at 5:30 am and returning approximately at 10:00 pm on Saturday, August 15 for the one-day event. Contact **Doris Eftink 573-380-5119**.

One of the things we will often joke at St. Denis: "There's never a bad day in Pre-K!" It's a bit of humor that has its foundation in truth- there is something magical in our younger students. They have a much simpler view of the world, and because of that it is easy to see the joy in their faces, and it is joy that is often easy for us adults to miss! Are there challenges or "bad days" there? Certainly- we are only human. However the tendency is different- it is a tendency to reveal more of God's goodness in what they see and how they see it.

Jesus begins the Gospel this weekend with a prayer of praise. "I give you praise, Father!" Why? Because He has hidden things from the learned and revealed them to the childlike. What an odd thing to say! Is God playing games with certain people, just to make them feel bad or inadequate? No- but He knows humanity well! He knows how easy it is for our pride to start to veil things from our eyes, even things that would be painfully obvious to a meek and humble child. They can see things of God so much more easily, because they have a natural humility.

That is where we are challenged in the Gospel this weekend. When we grow older we tend to think that we have more figured out, and naturally pride starts to sneak in. We have experience. We have knowledge. We've done this a hundred times! And we start to believe we are something because of that. However, we are truly only something if we humble ourselves in the way a child does- and discover the things of God that only someone meek and humble can.

There may never be a bad day in pre-k! Why is that? Because they are meek and humble enough to be able to see what God is doing, sometimes better than we can!

~Fr. Belken

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