

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 16, 2026



St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**HAPPY FEAST DAY,
ST. LAWRENCE!**

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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	18	No Adoration & Confession
Wed.	19	No Mass
Thu.	20~8am	No Mass
Fri.	21~8am	Louis & Anna Glastetter Fam
Sun.	23~7am	Robert Glastetter
Sun.	23~10am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sunday, August 23, 7:00am

Lector:	Pam Dannenmueller
EM:	Carla Robert
Servers:	Alyssa Dannenmueller, Payton & Rylan Simmons
Greet\ Gifts:	Bev Riley, Mary Ann Robert

Sunday, August 23, 10:00am

Lector:	Tyson Gosche, Ella Mack
EM:	Pat Moore
Servers:	River Collom, Nora Hann, Eli Eftink, Levi Newton
Greet\ Gifts:	William & Jessica O'Guin

Parish Stewardship Week of August 9th

Envelopes:	\$3,431.00
Loose:	\$71.00
Total Collection:	\$3,502.00
Weekly Est .Budget	\$5,009.00
Difference:	\$1,507.00

ST. DENIS PARISH

Church Cleaning for Saturday, August 22:
Christy LeGrand, Lindsay Wikle, Donna Zeigler,
Tammy Cowell
Church Decorating for August: Melanie Diebold

**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.	18~6pm	No Mass
Wed.	19~7am	No Mass
Thurs.	20~7am	Jerry Heuring
Fri.	21~7am	Alfred Kluesner
Sat.	22~4pm	Donna Bucher
Sun.	23~8:30am	Parish Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 22, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Gary Reischman
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Noah & Caleb Vetter, Kaylee Shelton

Sunday, August 23, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Diane Ashcraft
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Drew Kinsey & Ty Essner, Kynlee Dirnberger

Parish Stewardship Week of August 9th

Envelopes:	\$2,537.00
Loose:	\$200.00
Online:	\$385.00
Total Collection:	\$3,122.00

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

Church Cleaning for Friday, August 21st:
Chairman: Frank & Cindy Glueck
Alice Gosche, Steve & Jackie Griffith,
Chris & Sheri Grojean

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

August 23rd, 2026

The 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

ST. DENIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SDS BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is
Monday, August 17th Beginning **SDS**
with Rosary in the Church at 6PM and
BBQ and Ice cream to follow!

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 18th, 2026!

One of our schools' biggest fundraisers, *The 12th Annual Paul Stuckey Scramble* will be here soon! Get your team ready! Contact Natalie Eftink at 573-887-1317 for questions and to register.

Flyers are in the foyer of Church!

Flower Bed Committee Schedule :

August 16 & August 23- Ray & Candie Halter

"SOUNDS OF SUNDAY"

Join us each Sunday for few minutes of organ music before the 10:00 a.m. Mass, played by Fr. Belken on our new organ (recorded in advance, not by ghost). Music begins shortly after the Rosary concludes.

Diocesan Development Fund St. Denis-Week 13

To Date our parish has given **\$32,490.00** 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
August 16- Mary F. Glastetter
August 23-Theresa Essner



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our St. Lawrence Feast Day celebration. Thank you to Brad Kern for the spectacular fireworks display.

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!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

BECKAM KOEPP, ADDY THORNE,
LOU WIKLE

Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 13

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F To Date our parish has given **\$21,190.00** 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.

REMINDER: If you have a loved one who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. In keeping with the Church's norms, Communion visits are coordinated through the parish and entrusted to trained, assigned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Only those assigned to this ministry should place a pyx on the high altars before Mass or take the Eucharist to the homebound. Please also let Father know if your loved one would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

When I was attending seminary in St. Louis, I was often confronted with the question “where did you go to high school?”. The question didn’t seem all that important to me, but there was certainly something in the water up the Mississippi River, that necessitated asking that question quite frequently. Of course, there is nothing malicious in the question- it was simply a way to get to know where you were from, and perhaps begin to figure out who you were.

In the Gospel this weekend, we receive an implicit warning. There is a story about the Canaanite woman, who was viewed as an “outsider” for the religious authorities and community at the time. Yet, she was the one who had the audacity to approach the Lord, because she wanted something- she wanted healing for someone around her, and she wasn’t going to stop until she got it. The Lord’s interaction with her is the lesson- He first responds the way that would have been expected of Him at the time, and then lets the testament of faith from the woman become the point: anyone who expresses belief in the Father and what He can do for them is God’s child.

Why does that matter so much? It matters now because it is so easy to divide ourselves by identity. If you are of this political party or that political party. If you are from this country or that. If you are raised Catholic or a convert. If you go to this parish or that parish. It all can become a way to divide ourselves- and even try to control God’s gracious mercy towards those we might consider outsiders. Or worse, we can blind ourselves by thinking we are “inside” while not actually doing what makes us a disciple or a faithful follower.

We have all went to high school in all sorts of different places. However, perhaps the more important question for us all to consider is “do you believe in God and what He can do for you?” That question can actually form how we act- and who we invite on the way with us.

~Fr. Belken

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