THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • OCTOBER 11, 2026

St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join us for the

St. Denis Day Dinner

This Sunday, Oct 11
10:30am-1:00pm



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Saint Denis Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues	13~7pm	Adoration & Confessions
Wed.	14~8am	Curly Klipfel
Thu.	15~8am	In Thanksgiving for St. Jude Hospital
Fri.	16~8am	Robert & Emma Gaines
Sun.	18~7am	Vince Hulshof
Sun.	18~10am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 18, 7:00am

Lector:	Betty Essner
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Max Beardslee, Cash Sparks, Tate Shively, Tyson Gosche
Greet\ Gifts:	Brad & Rita Milam

Sunday, October 18, 10:00am

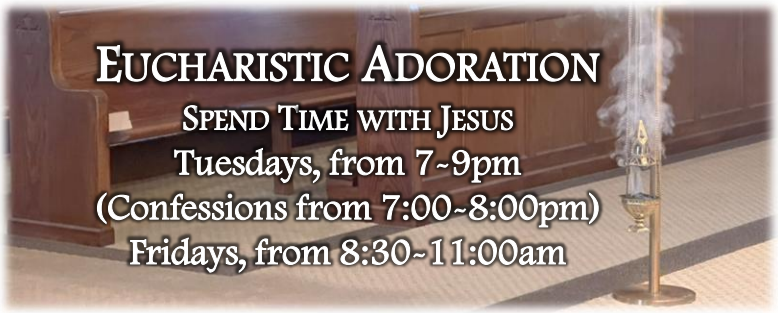
Lector:	Bobby Burger
EM:	Bobby Burger
Servers:	Ella Mack, Emmalyn Care, Ethan & Emma Diebold
Greet\ Gifts:	Jim & Linda Wade

Parish Stewardship Week of September 27th

Envelopes:	$8,895.00
Loose:	$108.00
Total Collection:	$9003.00
Weekly Est .Budget	$5009.00
Difference:	$3,994.00

St. Denis Parish

Church Cleaning ~ Saturday October 17:
Church Decorating ~ October: Jenny Pinkston
Flower Bed Committee~ October 11 & 18:
Robert & Tutti Gosche



Saint Lawrence Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues.	13~6pm	Henrietta Dirnberger
Wed.	14~7am	Cletus & Dorothy Menz
Thurs.	15	8am Mass at St. Denis
Fri.	16	8am Mass at St. Denis
Sat.	17~4pm	Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich
Sun.	18~8:30am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 17, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Frank Glueck
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	Parker, Brooke & Bristol Reeves

Sunday, October 18, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Linda Essner
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Colin & Avery Felter, Carli Eftink, Leeland Duenne

Parish Stewardship Week of September 27th

Envelopes:	$3,007.00
Loose:	$223.00
Online:	$45.00
Total Collection:	$3,275.00

St. Lawrence Parish

Church Cleaning for Friday, October 16:
Chairman: Norman & Diane Kluesner
William Kluesner, Kyle & Andrea Koepp,
Timothy & Kristy Landewee

Readings for Next Sunday

October 18, 2026
The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25: 6~10a
Philippians 4: 12~14, 19~20
Matthew 22: 1~14

St. Denis Announcements

Join us for our St. Denis Day Dinner~TODAY! Serving 10:30am~1pm

Adults: $15, children: (6~12) $7 DINE IN & CARRY OUT!

Kettle Beef
Chicken & Dumplings
Chicken & Dressing
and all the trimmings



We would like to thank Fr. Belken, along with the vocalists, organists and servers for the beautiful funeral service. We would also like to thank the ladies that prepared the delicious meal, and everyone who kept dad, and our whole family, in their prayers. We are truly Blessed to be part of such a wonderful church community.

~The Bill Halter Family

St. Denis Halloween Party

October 25, 2026
5:30pm~7:30pm
Admission is a bag of candy!



St. Lawrence Announcements

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
October 11~Norma Seyer
October 18~Jackie Griffith



A Gentle Reminder About the End of Mass

Please do not leave Mass before the closing procession and prayers. Remaining together until the procession is finished is a simple sign of reverence, respect for one another, and our unity as a parish community.

Thank you for helping us foster a spirit of prayer, reverence, and community at Mass!

MASS INTENTIONS: St. Lawrence will be accepting Mass intentions for the upcoming 2027 year on October 15 at 8AM in the church office. All Masses first come, first served basis and limited to 1 per family a month because of the few masses available for the upcoming year.

Please Remember in Prayer

Beckam Koepp, Carla Lynch
Family of Bill Halter, Family of June Collier

Reminder: If there is not a scheduled Thursday or Friday Morning Mass, you are always welcome (and encouraged) to attend the 8:00am at St. Denis!

Ladies: Saturday, November 7, St. Denis is bringing back our Daughters of God event, "Invite Jesus to your Table." Meet and Greet at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm. Ticket Price~$15. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or decorating a table please call the Parish Office~ 573~545~3864, Betty Essner~ 573~225~0385, or Lisa Spalding~573~576~9090.

Join us to experience
"The Magic of Christmas, Seated with Jesus."
GUEST SPEAKER: *Diana Harold* LIMITED SEATING!

Diocesan Development Fund St. Denis-Week 20

To Date our parish has given **$35,590.00** towards our **$47,544** goal. Thank You! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, by returning a pledge card today.

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Diocesan Development Fund St. Lawrence-Week 20

To date our parish has given **$23,290.00** towards our **$25,045** goal. Thank You! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, by returning a pledge card today.

Don't Refuse the Feast

Heaven has been a frequent topic that has come up in the parables over the last few weeks. We are told that the kingdom of Heaven is like several different things, and it probably has us wondering what it might be like! This week has an answer for us- it is like a wedding feast for the king's son. We are told that everything is prepared, that the fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. There is a petition that goes out to the king's subjects- come to the feast!

What is shocking about this parable, though, is that some people turn up their noses. Some are too busy. Some beat and kill the king's messengers. The king becomes enraged and burned the city of the murderers. There are people eventually gathered- except one poor man who refused to wear his wedding garment. It seems that there are people who cannot be bothered to come to this sumptuous feast, or even worse cannot prepare themselves or would rather kill the messenger than attend. We are told many are invited but few are chosen. It all seems surprising.

It is indeed surprising- until we realize that we are in that place. Often life may threaten to make us too busy to go to Mass, which is actually the great foreshadowing of the wedding banquet of heaven. Often we may not like what the messengers say, so we might not kill them physically, but we might harm them with our words. We might even act in ways contrary to the wedding garment- our baptismal garment that we wear by works of charity- so that it makes it look like we aren't wearing one.

But in the end… it serves as a renewed invitation. There is a feast ready for you! Are you going to surrender everything else to attend the wedding feast of God's Son that lasts forever?

-Fr. Belken

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