THE TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • OCTOBER 18, 2026

St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Saint Denis Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues	20~7pm	No Adoration & Confessions
Wed.	21~8am	No Mass
Thu.	22~8am	No Mass
Fri.	23~8am	No Mass
Sun.	25~7am	Charles & Joe Klueppel
Sun.	25~10am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 25, 7:00am

Lector:	Linda Urhahn
EM:	Larry Urhahn
Servers:	Gabriel, Roslen & Vivian Mack, Jack Heuring
Greet\ Gifts:	Larry & Linda Urhahn

Sunday, October 25, 10:00am

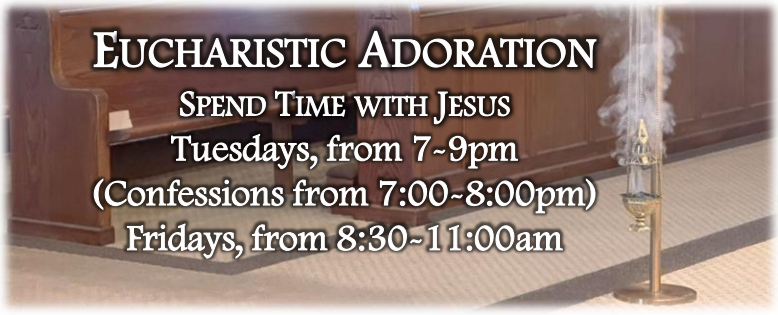
Lector:	Tim LeGrand
EM:	Larry Essner
Servers:	Jaxon & Ava Welter, Nova Wikle, River Collom
Greet\ Gifts:	Tim & Christy LeGrand

Parish Stewardship Week of October 11th

Envelopes:	$2,436.00
Loose:	$255.00
Total Collection:	$2,691.00
Weekly Est .Budget	$5,009.00
Difference:	$2,318.00

St. Denis Parish

Church Cleaning ~ Saturday October 24 : Jolene Felter, Stacy Marshall, Geri Riley, Rhonda Robert
Church Decorating ~ October: Jenny Pinkston
Flower Bed Committee~ October 18: Robert & Tutti Gosche



Saint Lawrence Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues.	20~6pm	No Mass
Wed.	21~7am	No Mass
Thurs.	22	No Mass
Fri.	23	No Mass
Sat.	24~4pm	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Sun.	25~8:30am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 24, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Stephanie Burger
Musician:	Krista Kluesner
Cantor:	Krista Kluesner
Servers:	Leigha & Tucker Estes, Betsy Glastetter

Sunday, October 25, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Gary Reischman
Musician:	Krista Kluesner
Cantor:	Krista Kluesner
Servers:	Drew, Kinsey & Ty Essner Kynlee Dirnberger

Parish Stewardship Week of October 11th

Envelopes:	$2,927.00
Loose:	$241.00
Online:	$385.00
Total Collection:	$3,553.00

St. Lawrence Parish

Church Cleaning for Friday, October 23:
Chairman: Kerry & Ashley Lasters
Earlene Lowes, Doug Lynn, Steve & Judy Lynn,
Ethan & Carissa Maddox,
Richy & Jennifer Johnson

Readings for Next Sunday

October 25, 2026
The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45: 1, 4~6
1 Thessalonians 1: 1~5b
Matthew 22: 15~21

St. Denis Announcements

A BIG Thank you to everyone who was a part of our St. Denis Day meal! It was wonderful to see so many parishioners working together. What a huge success! The food was delicious and we were truly blessed with good weather and so many wonderful people from the area who attended. We served approximately 875 meals with an estimated profit of $10, 805.87.

St. Denis Halloween Party

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



St. Denis Ladies' Sodality will be collecting Birthright donations through the month of October. Birthright is in great need of unscented baby wipes. Baskets are in the church foyer for your donations.

St. Lawrence Announcements

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
October 18-Jackie Griffith
October 25-Pat Moore



Sunday November 1st, Fall Turkey Dinner & Country Store. St. Lawrence Parish Center 10:30am -1:30pm. Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, slaw, buttered potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, drink, and homemade desserts. Adults: $15, children (6-12): $6, 5 and under: free. **Carry-outs available.**



On the Cover: Please congratulate Tyler and Molly (Shively) Halter, as the celebrated the sacrament of holy Matrimony this past Saturday. Please pray for them as they begin their married life together!

BECKAM KOEPP BENEFIT Saturday, October 24th at St. Lawrence Parish Center

Serving Fried Fish, Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Fries, Slaw and Fried Biscuits! Meal is 5pm-7pm. Silent Auction! Live Auction around 8pm! Country Store in Shibley Hall at 8am, and raffle tickets for all three raffles available to purchase at Shibley Hall that morning .

Fr. Belken will be away at the Clergy Institute with clergy of the Diocese this week. If any emergent needs arise, please call the office, or use prompt #3 on the phone system (at either parish).

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.

A Simple Thank You…

I'm going to take a week off from the usual Pastor's Pen to say something I need to say. The Psalm this weekend tells us, "Give to the Lord glory and honor." And this week, I have so many reasons to do just that.

I am a priest who is used to serving and helping others. Whether it is something spiritual, as you would expect from a priest, or tinkering with our network or HVAC systems until everything works just right, I am much more comfortable being the one offering help than the one receiving it. I don't particularly like focusing on my own needs or admitting when I need help myself. And yet, this past weekend, I found myself having to do exactly that.

As most of you know, I was involved in a serious car accident this past Saturday night. Within moments, parishioners were there to help me, one family stopping before they even realized I was the one involved. I didn't say much publicly about what happened until Sunday afternoon, but many of you had already noticed something was wrong. And once I shared what had happened, the expressions of concern, support, and prayer were overwhelming.

Some of you offered spare vehicles. Others offered to drive me wherever I needed to go. Still others brought food so I could stay off my feet and recover. And so many of you simply reached out to make sure I was okay. I am, in short, humbled. I am not always comfortable being the one who needs help. But this weekend, I did need it. And I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am, or how proud I am to be the pastor of two parishes filled with people who didn't hesitate to step forward and help. For all of you, I give the Lord glory and honor.

Perhaps one of the lessons I needed to learn this weekend is that being a good priest doesn't mean never needing help. Sometimes it means having the humility to recognize when I do, and the grace to accept the love and generosity of the people I am called to serve. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your prayers, your kindness, your patience, and your care for me this past week. I am blessed to be your pastor.

Please continue to pray for me and for all the clergy of our Diocese as we gather for our annual Clergy Institute. I look forward to being back with you again next weekend!

~Fr. Belken

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