THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME • OCTOBER 25, 2026

St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

YES ON 3

PROTECTS WOMEN & CHILDREN

- Reinstates health and safety standards and allows for inspections at abortion clinics
- Prohibits sex-change surgeries, cross-sex hormones, and puberty blockers for children
- Reestablishes ability to sue physicians or facilities for malpractice, injury, or death for abortion procedures

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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	27~7pm	No Adoration & Confessions
Wed.	28~8am	Living & Deceased Members Men's Sodality
Thu.	29~8am	No Mass
Fri.	30~8am	No Mass
Sun.	1~7am	Todd Daniel
Sun.	1~10am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, November 1, 7:00am

Lector:	Anthony Scherer
EM:	Elaine Proctor
Servers:	Tyson Gosche, Eli Eftink, Daniel King
Greet\ Gifts:	Robert & Tutti Gosche

Sunday, November 1, 10:00am

Lector:	Stacy Marshall
EM:	Stacy Marshall
Servers:	Brooklyn LeGrand, Chloe Welter, Tori Neumeyer
Greet\ Gifts:	Karen Powers, Stacy Marshall

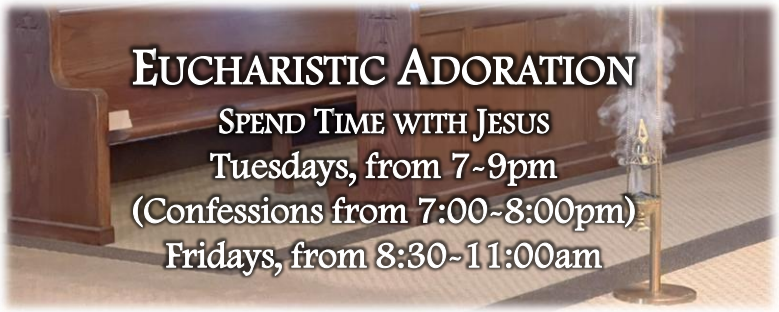
Parish Stewardship Week of October 18th

Envelopes:	$4,456.00
Loose:	$254.00
Total Collection:	$4,710.00
Weekly Est .Budget	$5,009.00
Difference:	$299.00

St. Denis Parish

Church Cleaning ~ Saturday October 31: Susie Bohannon, Camille Bollinger, Janetta Bollinger, Sandra Bollinger

Church Decorating ~ October: Jenny Pinkston



Saint Lawrence Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues.	27~6pm	Andrew Essner
Wed.	28~7am	Eugene Seyer
Thurs.	29	No Mass
Fri.	30	No Mass
Sat.	31~4pm	Parish Family
Sun.	1~ 8:30am	Cletus & Dorothy Menz

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 31, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Jill Pinkston
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Vanellope DeShaney, Isabel Crook, Abe Duncan

Sunday, November 1, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Dorothy Deason
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Paisley & Kaybree Bahr, Kaylee Shelton

Parish Stewardship Week of October 18th

Envelopes:	$4,550.00
Loose:	&307.00
Online:	$180.00
Total Collection:	$5,037.00

St. Lawrence Parish

Church Cleaning for Friday, October 30:
Chairman: Greg & Tiffany Morgan
Amy Niederkorn, Pat & Sally O'Brien, Tony & Retha Paul, Mide & Edith Pennington

Readings for Next Sunday

November 1st, 2026
The Solemnity of All Saints

Exodus 22:20~26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c~10
Matthew 22: 34~40

St. Denis Announcements

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.

Please Remember in Prayer

Jeffrey Allen, Beckam Koepp
Family of Joseph Kluesner

St Joseph Men's Sodality will have a **CARRY OUT ONLY** Mostaccioli **Meal on Wednesday, Oct. 28.** Pick up 11am -1pm & 4- 6pm at St Denis. Cost is $12. Enjoy Mostaccioli, salad, garlic toast & cupcake. Order forms are in the back of church. **Contact Larry Essner 573-225-4391.** Order must be in by Sunday evening October 25. Proceeds will go towards handicap parking.

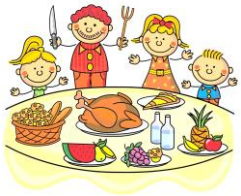
St. Lawrence Announcements

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION
October 25-Pat Moore
November 1-Mary F Glastetter



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.

Please remember to donate items to the Country Store families please bring 2 pies and kitchen help bring a cake.

HEADS UP!

PSR Change of Time!

Starting Wednesday, November 4, classes will begin at 6:00PM.

UPCOMING RETREAT: Starting October 29th, I will be out of town for my annual retreat and will return November 6th. During my absence, weekday Masses will be cancelled, but Fr. Scott Jones will be filling in for the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Fr. Scott serves as an Episcopal Vicar for the northern vicariate in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Please make him feel welcome, and please also pray for me as I make my retreat!. If a sacramental emergency arises, please contact the parish office who will help you while I am away. –Fr. Belken

Ladies: November 7, St. Denis is bringing back our Daughters of God event, "Invite Jesus to Your Table." Meet & Greet 5pm, Dinner at 6pm. Tickets are $15. Guest Speaker: Diana Harold! For questions or to purchase a ticket call Betty Essner 573-225-0385 or Lisa Spalding 573-576-9090. Join us to experience "The Magic of Christmas, Seated With JESUS!" We still have seats available!

Diocesan Development Fund
St. Denis

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.

Diocesan Development Fund
St. Lawrence

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.

Missouri Bishops Joint Statement on Amendment 3

We, the Catholic Bishops of Missouri, have a solemn duty to defend the dignity of every person and to stand for those whose lives and well-being are most vulnerable, including pregnant women, unborn babies, and children. On November 3, Missouri voters will consider Amendment 3, which would repeal the most harmful provisions of the 2024 amendment that regrettably enshrined a broad right to abortion in our state constitution. Amendment 3 would restore meaningful protections for women and unborn babies that were stripped away in 2024. It would allow Missouri once again to require basic health and safety standards for clinics, safeguard parental rights, and substantially limit abortion in our state, while also ensuring that women continue to have access to medical care for emergencies, ectopic pregnancies, and miscarriages. Furthermore, Amendment 3 would permanently protect boys and girls by prohibiting destructive gender-transition procedures, including surgeries, puberty blockers, and cross-sex hormones, in the state constitution. Although Amendment 3 is not perfect, it would be a significant step toward restoring protections for women and children in Missouri. As Catholics, we do not leave our faith at the door when we enter the public square.

Our baptism calls us to follow Jesus Christ in every part of our lives, including the responsibilities we have as citizens. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that "worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter," calling us to bear public witness to fundamental values, including the defense of human life from conception to natural death (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 83). That witness begins with a truth that cannot be reduced to a matter of political preference: Every human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. The protection of innocent human life is therefore a matter of fundamental moral justice. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we cannot be indifferent when our own state constitution fails to safeguard those who most need its protection. We urge you to pray and fast, to speak with your family and friends, and to continue working to pass Amendment 3. Stand with the unborn child who cannot speak for himself or herself. Stand with the woman who deserves accompaniment and care, not an unregulated abortion at an unsafe clinic. Stand with the child who deserves the freedom to grow and mature without being subjected to harmful life-altering procedures. **Whether you vote early or vote on November 3, vote YES on Amendment 3.**

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