THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • NOVEMBER 8, 2026

St. Denis & St. Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Saint Denis Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues	17~7pm	Adoration & Confessions
Wed.	18~8am	Living & Deceased Members
Thu.		Men's Sodality
Fri.	19~8am	Mary Lou Welter
Sun.	20~8am	Lucille Sneed
Sun.	22~7am	Bill Halter
	22~10am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, November 22, 7:00am

Lector:	Betty Essner
EM:	Larry Essner
Servers:	Chloe Welter, Tyson Gosche, Cash Sparks
Greet\ Gifts:	Larry & Betty Essner

Sunday, November 22, 10:00am

Lector:	Sandy Glaser
EM:	Jim Simmons
Servers:	Ethan & Emma Diebold, Payton & Rylan Simmons
Greet\ Gifts:	Will & Jessica O'Guin

Parish Stewardship Week of November 8th

Envelopes:	$3,695.00
Loose:	$151.00
Total Collection:	$3,846.00
Weekly Est .Budget	$5,009.00
Difference:	$.00

St. Denis Parish

Church Cleaning – Saturday November 21: Angie Grogan, Susan Grogan, Shirley Forck, Liz Weter
Church Decorating – November: Shirley Essner

Readings for Next Sunday

November 22nd, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34: 11~12, 15~17
I Corinthians 15 : 20~26, 28
Matthew 25: 31~46

Saint Lawrence Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues.	17~6pm	Andrew Essner
Wed.	18~7am	Lillian Westrich
Thurs.	19	St. Denis~8am
Fri.	20	St. Denis~8am
Sat.	21~4pm	Joe, Theresa & Karl Westrich
Sun.	22~8:30am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 21, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Stephanie Burger
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Drew, Kinsey & Ty Essner

Sunday, November 22, 8:30am

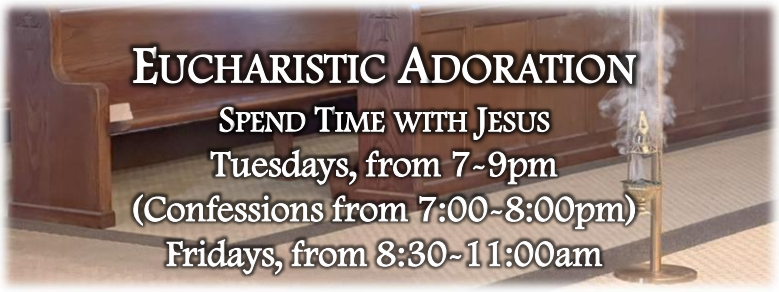
Lector / EM:	Shannon Schumer
Musician:	Cheryl Kern
Cantor:	Mary B Glastetter
Servers:	Owen Asmus, Collin & Avery Felter, Kynlee Dirnberger

Parish Stewardship Week of November 8th

Envelopes:	$2,777.00
Loose:	$315.00
Online:	$435.00
Total Collection:	$3,527.00

St. Lawrence Parish

Church Cleaning for Friday, November 20:
Chairman: Amy Shelton
Andy & Michelle Silman, Danny & Theresa Simpher, Connie Steger, Marty & Carole Steimle, Ryan & Lani Steimle



St. Denis Announcements

A ***heartfelt thank you*** to everyone for your incredible generosity, time and hard work to make our ***Daughters of God*** event such a wonderful success. A special thank you to the men of the parish for preparing and serving the delicious meal, to Fr. Belken for his beautiful music, and to Diana Harold for such a beautiful and inspiring talk. Above all, we thank our *Lord* for this special time we had together.

November 18, 2026

Ladies' Sodality~6 PM
Men's Sodality~6:30 PM

Please Remember in Prayer
Janay Berry, Bekam Koepp

St. Lawrence Announcements

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATI
November 15~Jill Pinkston
November 22~Carol Klipfel



THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way on placing flags at the tombstone of 135 veterans buried in St. Lawrence cemetery and the beautiful display of our military flags.
Margaret Heuring

MISSING: We have several items missing from the parish center kitchen. If you have borrowed anything, please return it. Thanks



PRAY BEFORE YOU EAT



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
November 26, at 8:00am, at St. Lawrence
Don't forget your loose change for the offering!

If you would like to help our food pantry (Jesus In Disguise) to provide a Thanksgiving meal to our clients, please place a $25 check in an envelope marked Jesus in Disguise. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or by the Parish Office.

Christmas Service Project "The Angel Tree" information is in the foyer of both St. Denis and St. Lawrence. Please keep your hearts open for the beginning of this Christmas season for giving. For questions contact Laura Essner~ 573~225~4825, or Valerie Dirnberger~ 573~270~3836.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 27th Annual St Denis Winter Wonderland Craft Show is Saturday 12~5~26, 9am~ 3pm, admission by donation. If you would like to donate an item or make a monetary donation for items needed for concessions, the sign~up sheet will be in the back of church starting this Sunday. Please note, there will not be a sweet treats table this year. Sweet treats vendors and more savory treats vendors will be there. However, we are looking for some bakers to make pies to sell by the slice for concessions. If interested, Crystal Gosche, 573~264~1217, call or text. Thank you.

News for St. Denis Diocesan Development Fund

We are PLEASED to announce that we have made our DDF GOAL for this year!
We are incredibly thankful for the generosity to everyone who made a pledge. Your kindness and generosity will not be forgotten!

Diocesan Development Fund Report for St. Lawrence

We are so close! To date our parish has given $24,215.00 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.

LIVING IN LOVE OR FEAR?

What happens when we do something out of fear, and not love?

This weekend's Gospel tells us exactly what happens. We hear of three individuals who are all receiving talents- one five, one two, and the other just one. The ones with five and two talents went and earned more, while the one who had only one buried it and handed it back. The two who did something with their talents were rewarded, where the one who did nothing was punished by his talent being taken away, and given to others.

What was the deal with the one who had one? It seems very odd that he would not do anything to get a return on his master's money. Was it because he only received one, in comparison to the rest? The servant tells us exactly why this happened. We are told that he "out of fear" went and buried his master's talent in the ground, and even though he gave it back, the master was still angry. It was when he allowed his life to be governed by fear that he acted imprudently and was punished.

We may struggle with a great many fears- but one of the greatest fears is that if we allow ourselves to submit to God's plan for each of our lives, we will be disappointed. It doesn't matter if the Lord promises something beautiful to us, if we are living in fear. We don't want to miss out, we don't want to be disappointed, and we don't like being unhappy. So, sometimes we convince ourselves that God's plan to give us talents to make great things with isn't going to cut it. To help cut through the fear of being disappointed, we need to be reminded that our Master is good, and that he desires truly good things for us.

What happens when we live out of fear? Disappointment. God wants us instead to live in love and find true and lasting happiness.

-Fr. Belken

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