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St. Denis & St. Lawrence

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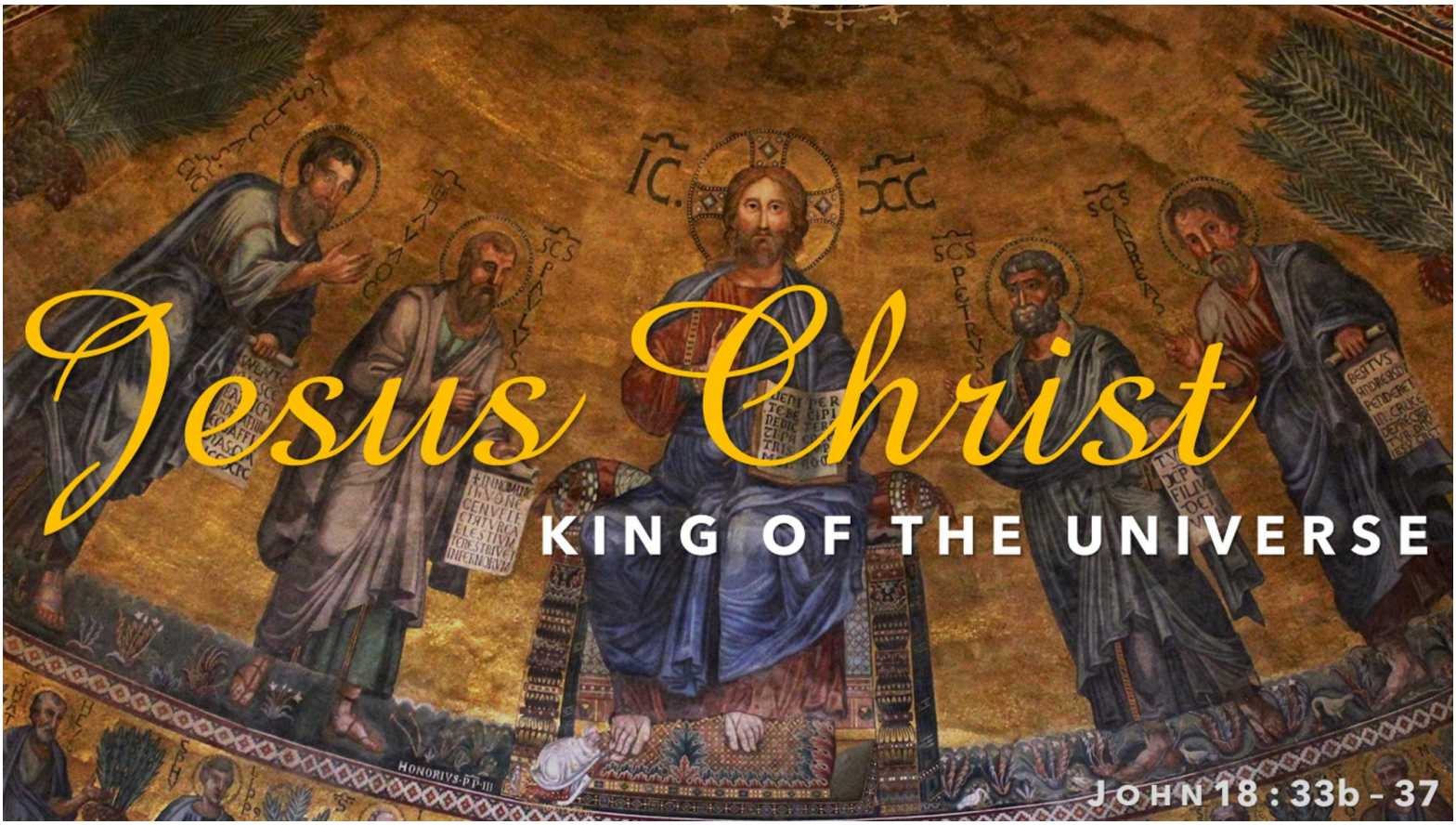

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Saint Denis Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues	24~7pm	Adoration & Confessions
Wed.	25~8am	Vince Hulshof
Thu.	26~	St. Lawrence~8am~Thanksgiving
Fri.	27~8am	No Mass
Sun.	29~7am	Robert Glastetter Family
Sun.	29~10am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, November 29, 7:00am

Lector:	Kay Elkins
EM:	Kay Elkins
Servers:	Emmalyn Care, Jack Heuring
Greet\ Gifts:	Linda & Larry Urhahn

Sunday, November 29, 10:00am

Lector:	Cheryl Essner
EM:	Pam Dannenmueller
Servers:	Alyssa Dannenmueller, Daniel King, Brooklyn LeGrand
Greet\ Gifts:	Curtis & Cheryl Essner

Parish Stewardship Week of November 15th

Envelopes:	$3,843.00
Loose:	$128.00
Total Collection:	$3,971.00
Weekly Est .Budget	$5,009.00
Difference:	$1,038.00

St. Denis Parish

Church Cleaning – Saturday November 28: Karen Powers, Linda Wade, Shirley Forck, Sharon Hennemann

Church Decorating – November: Shirley Essner

Readings for Next Sunday

November 29th, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Saint Lawrence Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues.	24~6pm	Jerry Heuring
Wed.	25~7am	Herman Dirnberger Family
Thurs.	26~8am	Gerard Essner
Fri.	27	No Mass
Sat.	28~4pm	Leonard Kluesner
Sun.	29~8:30am	Parish Family

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 28, 4:00pm

Lector / EM:	Frank Glueck
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Jamie Essner
Servers:	Leelyn & Oliver Walter, Ella Droddy

Sunday, November 29, 8:30am

Lector / EM:	Gary Reischman
Musician:	Bernice Kern
Cantor:	Kari Bickings
Servers:	Paisley & Kaybree Bahr, Willow Bickings, Kaylee Shelton

Parish Stewardship Week of November 15th

Envelopes:	$3,947.00
Loose:	$263.00
Online:	$180.00
Total Collection:	$4,390.00

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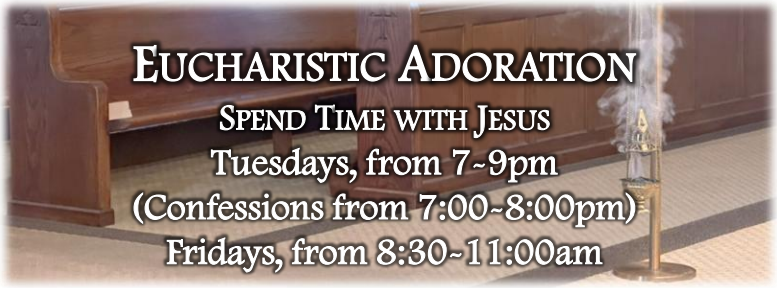
Church Cleaning for Friday, November 27:
Chairman: Terri Stuckey
Danny & Beinda Tetley, Ryan & Erica Thomure, Ben & Nikki Urhahn



St. Denis Announcements

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, call or text Crystal Gosche 573-264-1217.

Please Remember in Prayer
Bekam Koepp

St. Lawrence Announcements

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATI
November 22-Carol Klipfel
November 29-Dorothy Deason



Thank you to everyone who helped make Beckam's Benefit a success. GOD BLESS!
-The Koepp Family
(PS From Father- As we start to anticipate Christmas, don't forget to go and see Beckam's Christmas light display!!)

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!



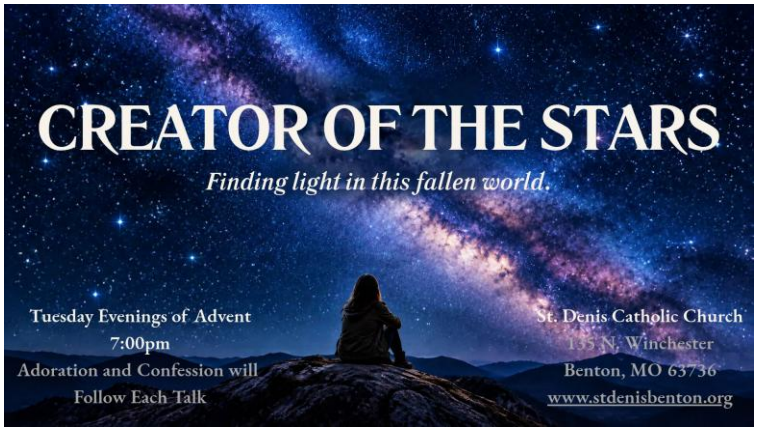
If you would like to help our food pantry (Jesus In Disguise) to provide a Thanksgiving meal to our clients, please place a $25 check in an envelope marked Jesus in Disguise. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or by the Parish Office.



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.

"Home For Christmas": Please see Flocknote for a special letter asking you to invite someone to "Come Home For Christmas." For now, please pray about asking someone to come back to the Church this Christmas Season, and who that might be. More information can be found in the letter

Please join us for our Advent Mission Nights, Creator of the Stars, on Tuesdays at 7pm, at St. Denis.



Diocesan Development Fund Report for St. Lawrence

We are so close! To date our parish has given $24,415.00 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.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Or, at least, that's the way the Psalm goes…

You know, it almost seems like wishful thinking to say that the Lord is our shepherd, and there is nothing else we could possibly want! Do you see all these bills? Someone has to pay them! All these events? Someone has to go to them! And what about my desires? Doesn't God understand that I have my own wants, needs, and dreams? I can think of a LOT of things that I want, and even a few things that I think I need!

And yet, the Solemnity of Christ the King challenges us to think differently. So often, we live as though everything depends upon us. We have to have all the answers. We have to be in control of everything (or at least try to be). We convince ourselves that we are the only ones who truly understand our needs and what will make us happy. But underneath all of this is a deeper question: **Do we actually trust God to take care of us?**

It's easy to call Christ our King. It's another thing entirely to let Him reign over our lives. Because allowing Christ to be King means surrendering something we often hold very tightly: our desire to be in control. We can celebrate Christ as King, but this cannot simply remain some liturgical title we commemorate once a year. He cannot simply be King somewhere out in the universe, reigning over some distant kingdom. He cannot be King only over those parts of our hearts that we are comfortable surrendering to Him. He cannot be King when things are going well, only for us to take back control when things become difficult.

Either He is our King, or we are still trying to be our own.

And perhaps that is the great challenge of this solemnity. We are not simply being asked to acknowledge that Christ is King. We are being invited to trust Him enough to let Him be King of **our** lives.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." He is our Shepherd. He is our King. And when we finally allow Him to be both, perhaps we will discover that what we needed most was never a new person in our lives, another thing to possess, another desire to satisfy, or another situation to control.

What we needed most was *Him.*

-Fr. Belken

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