

The Pastor's Corner

AN ETERNAL THANKSGIVING FEAST

I always found so much enjoyment in our Thanksgiving traditions as a family. We would usually go to Thanksgiving on one side of the family on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and then go to the other side on Thanksgiving Day itself. I remember acutely well, however, a feeling of remorse that would often hit and it would happen when everyone would begin to pack up and leave over the course of the afternoon and into the evening. As much fun as it was celebrating one of God's gifts to me in my family, we had to get back to doing what we did every day.

A more "secular" thanksgiving tends to be a day in time, which comes and goes. We get together and eat a meal, play a couple of games, and move on with life, having done our yearly observance and tradition. Yet, that Thanksgiving tends to leave us hungering for more, if not that day, perhaps even the next.

There is an eternal thanksgiving feast that is going on that should give us something to look forward to. This is the banquet prepared where Christ reigns as King at the Table. What's more: many of the loved ones who now leave an empty place at our Thanksgiving tables now enjoy that place at the eternal banquet in God's presence. This is something of a Thanksgiving that we look forward to one day when we are reunited with all of those that we love and miss, but it is also something we can participate in here and now. Each Mass gives us an opportunity to worship around the throne of the King- even with our departed loved ones- and to give Him thanks for all the things we have received. This, if we make it a priority now, will never be taken away!

Don't just settle for a day of thanksgiving this year. Make the thanksgiving of the Mass- the banquet that never ends- the ultimate form of your thanksgiving.

-Fr. Belken

Don't Forget to thank God!! Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:00 AM!

Keep in touch with us!

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Readings for Next Sunday

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Mass Schedule							
Sat.	Nov	23	4PM	Felix Enderle	Thu.	Nov	28 8AM Barney & Sylvia Steimle
Sun.	Nov	24	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Nov	29 No Mass
Mon.	Nov	25	No Mass		Sat.	Nov	30 4PM Henry & Agnes Leible
Tue.	Nov	26	6PM	Patrick Shelton	Sun.	Dec	1 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Nov	27	7AM	Barbara Kern			

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. NOV 24-Norma Seyer, **DEC 1**-Jackie Griffith, **DEC 8**-Pat Moore, **DEC 15**-Mary F. Glastetter, **DEC 22**-Theresa Essner, **DEC 29**-Jill Pinkston.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

November 17, 2024: Loose \$183, Envelopes \$2190, Total: \$2373.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: John & Jennifer Kern

Dennis & Kelly Kern, Mike & Laura Kern, John & Krista Kluesner.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION YOUTH THANKSGIVING MASS. We will have Youth Mass at 8AM on Thanksgiving Day. Come and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has given us. **There will be a Noisy Offering collection for the Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry.** So, remember to bring your loose change and let's once again make a joyful noise and make a change for those in need in our area.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, ST. LAWRENCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. The Annual St. Lawrence Parish Christmas Party is December 7th starting at 5PM. There is a signup sheet in the back of church so we can get a meal count. Come and celebrate Christmas with the Parish.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, ST. DENIS 25th WINTER WONDERLAND OF TREASURES. 8AM-2PM. Admission is a non-perishable food item. All proceeds go to the school. Join us for chili, chicken noodle soup, dessert and LOTS OF SHOPPING!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, ST. AMBROSE BREAKFAST. Whole hog sausage, eggs, biscuits & gravy breakfast at St. Ambrose Parish Center, Chaffee. Served from 7:30-11AM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, SWEETS WITH SANTA. You are invited to join us for family fun and holiday activities, including pictures with Santa! 9:30AM-12PM in the Parish Center. See the flyer in the back of church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY MASS. December 9th, St. Lawrence 7AM, St. Denis 8AM & 7PM, December 10th, St. Lawrence 6PM, St. Denis 7PM.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat.	Nov	30	4PM	Pat Moore
Organist/Cantor:	Sat.	Nov	30	4PM	Cheryl Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat.	Nov	30	4PM	Mr./Mrs. Kyle Koepp
Servers:	Sat.	Nov	30	4PM	Bennett Essner/Tyler Jackson/Logan Jackson
Ushers:	Sat.	Nov	30	4PM	Lenard Dirnberger/Travis Dirnberger/Rodney Dock/Stephen Drake

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun.	Dec	1	8:30AM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sun.	Dec	1	8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun.	Dec	1	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Tim Landewee
Servers:	Sun.	Dec	1	8:30AM	Noah Vetter/Caleb Vetter/Leigha Estes/Mila Burger
Ushers:	Sun.	Dec	1	8:30AM	Scott Droddy/Adam Duncan/Alex Duncan/James Duncan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, CHURCH DECOATION. "Save the Date" If you would like to help decorate the church, it will be following Mass on December 15th. Any help is greatly appreciated.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR OF SCOTT COUNTY. 4:30-7:30PM. This is a free self-guided tour. St. Denis and St. Lawrence Church will participate in this tour. St. Lawrence will have both of our churches decorated and open, along with our beautiful grotto, and a live nativity as part of our tour. More information can be found on the flyers that are in the back of the church.

ANGEL TREE. The Angel Tree has started. Please keep your eyes and hearts open to the beginning of this Christmas season for giving. More details will follow.

SECOND COLLECTION NOVEMBER 23/24. Annual Second Collection to support the work of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO). Thousands of individuals and families turn to CCSOMO every year for help. CCSOMO responds to all with Christ-like compassion in the name of our entire Catholic community. Please be a partner this year by making a generous donation to the Second Collection supporting CCSOMO.

2025 ENVELOPES. 2025 collection envelopes are available for pickup in the back of church.

MEN'S CLUB BUTCHERING. Signup sheet is in the foyer of church for sausage and headcheese from St. Joe's Sodality annual butchering. Men mark your calendars; the sausage & headcheese will be made on January 11th.