

The Pastor's Corner

"TEACHING THEM A LESSON"

Whenever someone does something against you- say they fire off that insensitive email into your inbox, they gossip about you, perhaps they even cut you off in traffic- what is our primary response to that violation? There are many potential ways to respond to each of these situations- and countless others like it- but one of the primary ones we often use to excuse ourselves is "I want to teach them a lesson." That simple excuse in our mind is meant to justify what we are about to do- even if it is almost equivalent to what they have done to us. We just want to "teach" them something.

However, the sorry reality of these responses is that we often aren't teaching anyone good. Yes, often times the person that has wronged us is going to go on with life blissfully unaware of their wrongdoing, and we are only going to find ourselves doing damage to our own morality, and even our own sense of peace.

One of the most revolutionary teachings that Christ taught is found in today's Gospel: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28). He doesn't want retaliation. He doesn't want vengeance. He doesn't even want us to complain or to gripe about what has happened. What does he ask instead? Pray for those who have wronged you- and mistreated you. Don't worry about teaching them a lesson- leave that up to God.

In a world so filled with wrongdoing and people without a care or regard for others- we don't need to be one of them. So, when you receive that email, when you hear about the latest gossip about you, or even when someone cuts you off in traffic- pray for them instead. Perhaps God can teach them that lesson in a much better way than we can instead.

-Fr. Belken

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Readings for Next Sunday

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

March 2, 2025

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · FEBRUARY 23, 2025



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23-March 1, 2025
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Mass Schedule							
Sat.	Feb	22	4PM	Leonard Kluesner	Thu.	Feb	27 7AM Pat Schott
Sun.	Feb	23	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Feb	28 7AM Jeanne Essner
Mon.	Feb	24	No Mass		Sat.	Mar	1 4PM Parish Family
Tue.	Feb	25	6PM	Margaret Klipfel	Sun.	Mar	2 8:30AM Pat Schott
Wed.	Feb	26	7AM	Felix Enderle			

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. FEB 23-Jackie Griffith, **MAR 2** – Pat Moore, **MAR 9** – Mary F. Glastetter, **MAR 16** – Theresa Essner, **MAR 23** – Carol Klipfel, **MAR30** – Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

February 16, 2025: Loose \$274, Envelopes \$2254, Total: \$2528.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Brent & Diane Ashcraft

David & Stephanie Asmus, Dustin & Heather Benson, David & Pam Beussink.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, ST. LAWRENCE LADIES SODALITY BROWN BAG FUNDRAISER. Price is \$12 for chicken and dumplings, slaw, green beans, a roll, and cookie. **Order forms are in the back of church and need to be turned in by February 27th. Pickup time: 10:30AM-Noon.** Please spread the word!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8th, DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE. St. Anne’s Sodality is hosting a Daddy/Daughter dance from 6PM to 9PM in the Parish Center. Flyers and registration forms are in the vestibule of church. Please contact Ashley Lasters or Ashley Dirnberger for more information.

ST. DENIS DINNER AUCTION “THE SDS PRICE IS RIGHT”. It will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Doors will open at 4PM with dinner being served at 6PM. Ticket prices are \$40 per person and include dinner, drinks, and lots of fun. Meals are catered for by 2 Chef’s Catering. **Tickets will go on sale Saturday, February 1st.** Tickets may be purchased online at <https://auctria.events/SDSdinnerauction2025>.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Mar 1 4PM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Mar 1 4PM	Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Mar 1 4PM	Mr/Mrs. Don Seyer
Servers:	Sat. Mar 1 4PM	Charleigh DeShaney/Kynli Duenne/Paxton Beck
Ushers:	Sat. Mar 1 4PM	Richard Paul/Michael Pennington/Scott Peterson/Jarrett Moore

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM	PSR Students/Cindy Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM	PSR Students
Servers:	Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM	PSR Students
Ushers:	Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM	PSR Students

CALL FOR PALMS! Ash Wednesday is a couple of weeks away- and Father needs your palms to prepare for the distribution of ashes. You may place your palms from last year in the back of church in the collection basket in the next few weeks, to be burned for ashes. Thank you!

LENTEN FISH FRY. It is once again time for the Scott City Knights of Columbus to hold their Lenten fish fry’s. They will be every Friday and end on Friday, April 11th. Serving will be from 4:30-7PM in their upper hall located at 28745 US-61 Scott City, MO 63780. Menu will be fried fish, fried chicken, shrimp, hushpuppies, french fries, slaw, and baked beans along with tea and water. Prices: Adult \$15, Children ages 6-12: \$8 and 6 and under free. All carryout will be \$15. **St. Lawrence Parish is scheduled to work March 28th.**

ORAN JAYCEES ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY. Serving February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, April 11th, and April 18th from 5-7PM. Dine-in: \$16/plate, Take-out: \$14/plate, Kids under 12 dine-in: \$10, Kids under 6 dine-in: Free.

FRIDAYS OF LENT SCHEDULE. Stations of the Cross at St. Denis at 1PM and 6:30PM at St. Lawrence.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT CANCELLED AT ST. AMBROSE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.