

# The Pastor's Corner

## STORING UP GOOD THINGS

I remember one of my favorite toys as I was growing up was a “safe” that was designed to store money. It would store your coins, as well as paper money, and you could keep a running total on it. The great joy I had in this safe, though, was saving up enough to purchase the more expensive things I wanted, whether that be a particular phone, gadget, or something of that sort. It required putting aside a lot of things that would not help me get to that goal and storing up the “good” that would eventually get me there.

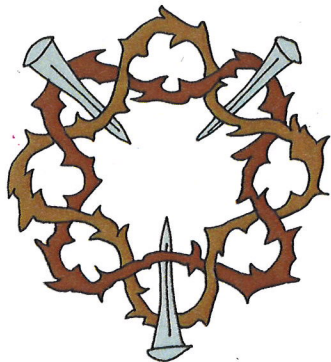
The Gospel and the readings for this weekend point out a certain storehouse that resides within the soul, which allows for one to discover what they have saved up. For some, it may be refuse- a lot of things that are not worth keeping. For some- it would in fact be things to save, and things to be proud of. When is this all sorted out? It is sorted whenever tribulation and trial strip away the false coverings on the outside and allow us to see what we are truly made of- and what we have stored up.

At the end of our lives, we will have a moment of exposure to the things we have stored up in our spiritual soul. Many will find a lot of good things- the loving deeds done for ones neighbor, the virtuous acts that they did and the evil they refused to do. For some, though, they may have a safe opened and they will find a lot of things that are not worth saving- a lot of grudges, a lot of anger, and things done that were less than good- and many were never repented of either. Then there is a void where all the earthly possessions took the place of God's things. Of course, we want to store up the good- because this is what shows the Lord we took Him seriously in this life!

When our safe (our soul) is opened at the end of time- what do you think God will find there?

-Fr. Belken

## LENTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Ash Wednesday**  
March 5, 2025  
7:00am at St. Lawrence  
8:00am at St. Denis  
7:00pm at St. Denis  
**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays of Lent  
1:00pm at St. Denis  
6:30pm at St. Lawrence  
*Confessions Afterwards*

### Readings for Next Sunday

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
LENT**

*March 9, 2025*

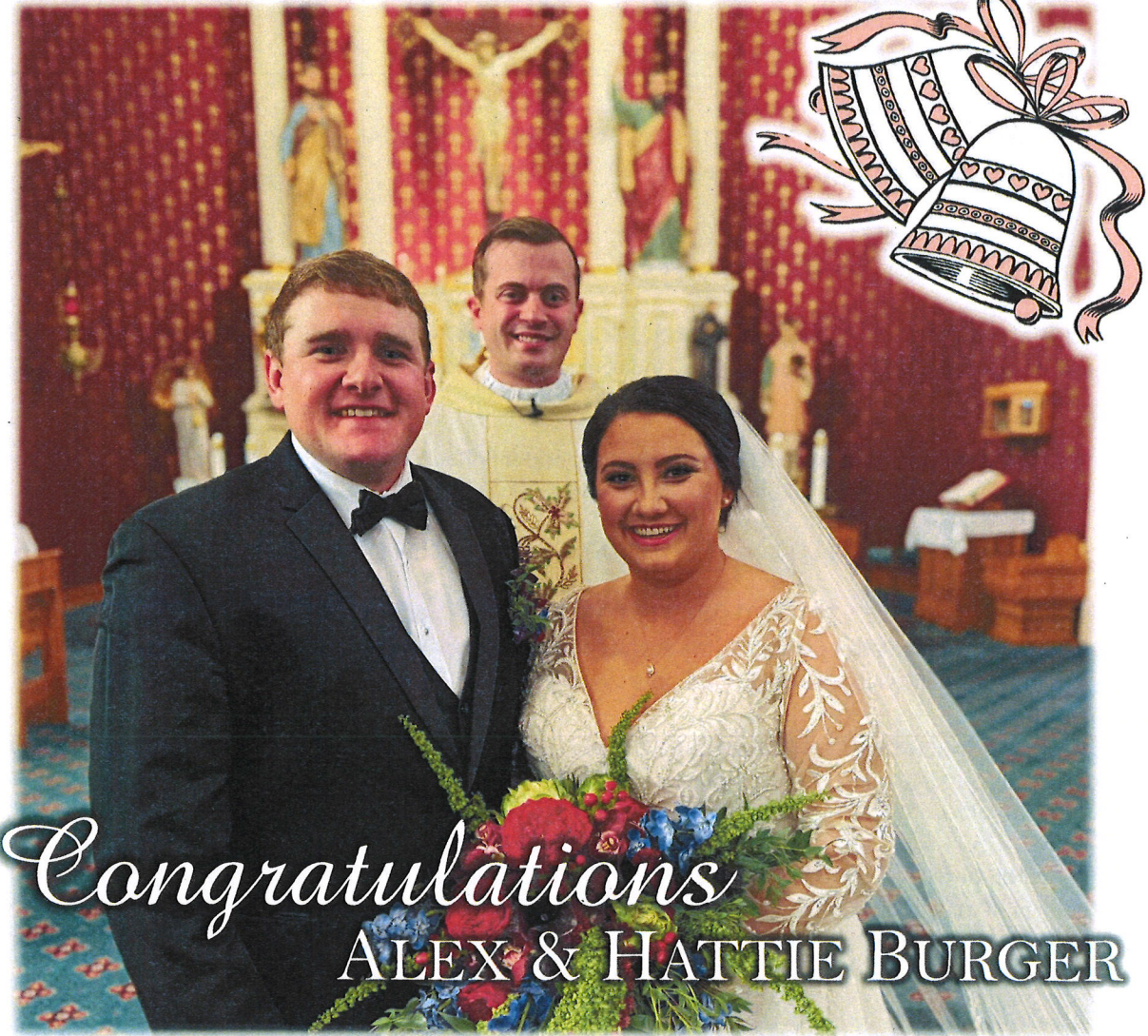
**Deuteronomy 26:4-10**  
**Romans 10:8-13**  
**Luke 6:39-45**

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · MARCH 2, 2025



# Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Congratulations*  
**ALEX & HATTIE BURGER**

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Rev. Daniel Belken, Pastor  
Billy Ray Johnson - Parish Office Manager

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 2-8, 2025  
[www.stlnh.org](http://www.stlnh.org)  
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| Mass Schedule |     |   |         |                  |      |                            |
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| Sat.          | Mar | 1 | 4PM     | Parish Family    | Thu. | Mar 6 7AM Elmer Heisserer  |
| Sun.          | Mar | 2 | 8:30AM  | Pat Schott       | Fri. | Mar 7 7AM Pam Heuring      |
| Mon.          | Mar | 3 | No Mass |                  | Sat. | Mar 8 4PM Dennis Gosche    |
| Tue.          | Mar | 4 | 6PM     | Patrick Shelton  | Sun. | Mar 9 8:30AM Parish Family |
| Wed.          | Mar | 5 | 7AM     | Lillian Reynolds |      |                            |

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

February 23, 2025: Loose \$201, Envelopes \$2845, Total: \$3046.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>, ST. LAWRENCE LADIES SODALITY BROWN BAG FUNDRAISER.** Price is \$12 for chicken and dumplings, slaw, green beans, a roll, and cookie. Come pick up a good meal and support St. Lawrence Ladies Sodality.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Henry Beussink**  
Kari Bickings, Kenny & Sharon Blue, Gary & Beverly Brucker.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16 MEN’S BREAKFAST.** St. Anne's Sodality would like to invite the men of the parish to breakfast, Sunday, March 16, immediately after 8:30AM Mass, to show our appreciation for all your hard work and faithfulness to St. Lawrence Parish. You won't go away hungry.

**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>.**

**CALL FOR PALMS!** Ash Wednesday is soon-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!

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| <b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b> | Sat. Mar 8 4PM | Frank Glueck  |
| <b>Organist/Cantor:</b>                    | Sat. Mar 8 4PM | Krista Kluesner   |
| <b>Gift Bearers:</b>                       | Sat. Mar 8 4PM | Mr/Mrs. Eric Seyer                                      |
| <b>Servers:</b>                            | Sat. Mar 8 4PM | Leelynn Walter/Oliver Walter/Brooke Reeves              |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                             | Sat. Mar 8 4PM | Richard Reeves/Greg Riley/Evan Reischman/Gary Reischman |

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| <b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b> | Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM | Mary B. Glastetter                                   |
| <b>Organist/Cantor:</b>                    | Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM | Krista Kluesner                                      |
| <b>Gift Bearers:</b>                       | Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM | Mr/Mrs. Andy Silman                                  |
| <b>Servers:</b>                            | Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM | Ty Glastetter/Callen Glastetter/Colin Felter         |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                             | Sun. Mar 2 8:30AM | Justin Modglin/Greg Morgan/Jim Pinkston/Steven Riley |

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Signup Sheet is in the back of church.**

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

**SUMMER CAMPS AT NOTRE DAME.** Notre Dame is excited to host a variety of sports, arts and science camps this summer! Camps are for students entering K - 8th grade next school year. To view our many camp offerings and to register, visit [www.notredamehighschool.org/camps2025](http://www.notredamehighschool.org/camps2025)

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