



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized,
every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins.
And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38



The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

READINGS: Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:20b-25 John 10:1-10

Welcome to Our Parish Community!

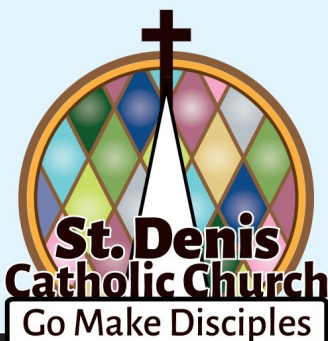
Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm (Live on Facebook) — Sun. 7 & 10:15am

Weekday Masses Mon, Tue and Wed – 8:30 am

Confessions Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment

Food Pantry Hours Mon 4-6 pm and Wed 1-3 pm

Rectory Office Hours Monday—Thursday – 9 am to 1 pm & 2-5 pm



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Intention
Saturday April 29	11 am 3:15 4 pm	Funeral Mass (Paul Desrosiers) Confession † The People of St. Denis
Sunday April 30	7 am 10:15 am	† The People of St. Denis † Doris Taft By: June & Steve Pope
Monday May 1	8:30 am 9 am	† All Souls in Purgatory Rosary
Tuesday May 2	8:30 am 9 am	† The People of St. Denis Rosary
Wednesday May 3	8:30 am 9 am	Vocations to the Priesthood Rosary
Thursday May 4		NO MASS
Friday May 5		NO MASS
Saturday May 6	3:15 pm 3:30 pm 4 pm	Confession Rosary † Joseph & Antoinette Hebert By: The Family
Sunday May 7	7 am 10:15 am	† The People of St. Denis † Joyce Virostek By: Kathy Archambault



We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray for JOSEPH & ANTOINETTE HEBERT

Stewardship in our Parish Budget

Weekend of April 22 & 23

Envelopes & Cash	\$ 2,237
Online	\$ 930
Weekly electronic	\$ 345
Debt Reduction	\$ 65
Maintenance	\$ 45
Easter donations	\$ 70
Faith Formation Reg.	\$ 580
Food Pantry	\$ 240



Thank you to all who help support St. Denis Parish

Happening This Week

If you have been away—
Welcome Back!

If you're here to stay—
We're glad you're here.

SATURDAY April 29

11:00 am Funeral Mass
3:15 pm Confession
4:00 pm MASS

SUNDAY April 30

7:00 am MASS
10:15 MASS
6 pm High School I & II

MONDAY May 1

8:30 am MASS followed by Rosary
4-6 pm Douglas Food Pantry OPEN—R
6 pm Baptism Prep—C

TUESDAY May 2

8:30 am MASS followed by Rosary
5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop—H
6:45 pm Troop 316—H

WEDNESDAY May 3

8:30 am MASS followed by Rosary
9am—7 pm DAY OF PRAYER—C
1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry OPEN—R
5:30 pm AA Meeting—H

THURSDAY May 4

7 pm Al-Anon—H
FRIDAY May 5

6 pm First Communion Rehearsal

SATURDAY May 6

11:00 am FIRST COMMUNION MASS
3:15 pm Confession
4:00 pm MASS

SUNDAY May 7

7:00 am MASS
8:30 am Grades 1-6
10:15 am MASS
11:30 am MAY PROCESSION
6 pm Grades 7 & 8

REPAIRS TO
THE STEPS
ON THE SIDE
ENTRANCE
OF THE
CHURCH
WILL BEGIN
ON
MONDAY.

THAT
ENTRANCE
WILL BE
CLOSED FOR
SAFETY
PURPOSES.
PLEASE USE
THE FRONT
OR RAMP
ENTRANCE.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PATIENCE.



ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The Catholic Women's Council will be accepting applications for a Scholarship. SCHOLARSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS IN THE VESTIBULE.

APPLICATIONS DUE THIS WEEKEND



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"Thank you for being Christ's helping hands so that our agencies and ministries can sustain those who turn to us in their time of need."

— Bishop McManus

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

ST. DENIS is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal.

So far we have collected \$12,661 toward our parish goal of \$39,400. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today.

It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2023 appeal, we thank you.

Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at: www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!



Our next **Day of Prayer & Adoration** will be on Wednesday **MAY 3** we will have Eucharistic Adoration from **9 am—6:45 pm** with **Benediction at 6:45 pm**.

THERE IS a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for anyone who can come and spend some time in the church for Adoration.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Our Students preparing for their First Holy Communion are in need of our prayers. The poster in the back of the church has a picture of each student. Feel free to add your name to the student's picture and keep him/her in your prayers.

This is a very special time in their lives and we want them to know that they have the love and support of our entire parish family.



MAY PROCESSION MAY 7

Join us on May 7th following the 10:15 Mass as we honor Mary with a special procession across the street to the Mary Grotto with one of our First Communion Candidates to crown Mary.

All are welcome to join in the procession with prayers and joyful hymns of praise.

SOKOL MEETING

The next Sokol meeting will be held on **May 7th** at **10 am** in the Sokol Hall on Main Street in Douglas.

We will be discussing the International Convention, and all members are encouraged to attend.



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

During the month of May we ask all parishioners to make time during the day to pray the Rosary. We will have communal prayer following morning Mass Mon., Tues., & Wed. And on Saturdays at 3:30 pm before 4 pm Mass. Our **DAY OF PRAYER** on **MAY 3** we will begin each hour with the Rosary.

If anyone is in need of Rosary Beads, please call the Rectory.

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 **Remember in Prayer**

<p>Louis Tusino <i>The Sughrue & Kellett Families</i> <i>John McPherson Jr.</i> <i>The Begin Families</i> <i>Pauline Richard</i> <i>The Slavkovsky & Baca Families</i> <i>H. Edward Phelps</i> <i>Catherine & Stephen Gressak</i> <i>Lori (Manyak) Cyr</i> <i>Tim Guertin</i> <i>Helen Fox</i> <i>Susan Gavlak</i> <i>Joseph Gavlak</i> <i>Mary M. Emerick</i> <i>Debbie Carey</i></p>	<p>Charles (Pete) Sacks <i>Andrew Ursch</i> <i>The McPherson Family</i> <i>The Pechie & Neslusan Families</i> <i>Helena & Jerry Kucala</i> <i>David & Nancy Goodfellow</i> <i>Donna Conrad Maynard</i> <i>Wanda & Edward Therrien</i> <i>Gerard & Mary Picard</i> <i>Francis Gavlak</i> <i>Julius Gavlak</i> <i>John Gavlak</i> <i>Norma & Norman Baker</i> <i>Dennis Halley</i> <i>Doug & Marilyn Halley</i></p>
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*In memory of the family members of Joseph Brown & Mary Paciga
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