

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO (LODGE GRASS), ST. CHARLES BORROMEO (PRYOR),
ST. DENNIS (CROW AGENCY), ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (ST. XAVIER), ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (WYOLA)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

OPENING SONG

Akbaatatdía Iláaxbaaxpeesh alákaassalahtaa

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MASS PARTS

Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG

Akbaatatdíakaataa Bii Daásdeeawakuh

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Saint Dennis
10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00 AM Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 PM Saint Francis Xavier

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Saint Dennis

FRIDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto

CONFESSIONS

Before mass and on request.

PARISH HALL

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Sewing Group
Meeting Room in Small Hall

WEDNESDAYS

6:45 PM St. Dennis Cash Bingo
Main Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Thu., 5:45 PM Saint Dennis
Fri., 5:45 PM Our Lady of Loretto

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the iron-

ny of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Family Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus



was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

The next baptism class will be on Saturday, April 1st at 10:30am at St. Dennis Parish Hall. The date and location of the baptisms will be determined by the parent(s) and the priest celebrating the baptism.

HELP NEEDED GIVING RIDES FOR PARENTING CLASSES

Crow Tribal Housing is requesting volunteer help in finding drivers to give rides to their location across from Song Bird Daycare on Tuesdays for students attending a parenting class from 1-2:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Heather Bear Cloud at 406-679-4006.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT CLASSES & ADULT FORMATION

Sacraments of Initiation (1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, & 1st Eucharist) for children are at St. Dennis on Wednesdays, 5pm. Additionally, there's class after the Thursday 6pm Mass

for individuals who are older. Contact Bros. Mike or Thomas at 406-620-7500 for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

It takes more than luck make a good marriage great. There are lots of on-line tips and self-help books out there, but there is nothing like a Marriage Encounter to give you a weekend of undistracted time to practice those tips and focus solely on your spouse. Don't trust your marriage to luck. The next Experience will be at the Elk Mountain Hotel April 21-23. Rooms are limited so apply early by calling 307-215-9444 or visit the website: wwme.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

March 26, 9 AM and April 2, 9 AM at St. Dennis. If you want to help but haven't signed up yet, please talk contact Bros. Mike or Thomas at 406-620-7500 for more information.

OPENING SONG



Ak-baa-tat-dí - a I - láax baax-peesh a-lá-kaa - ssaa -la-htaa
God's Holy Spirit, even if you don't see Him,



Dáh- ka - la-tche-lak ii baa koot-kaá-sheesh koók. HE HE-LE
If you believe in Him, then all things are possible.

CLOSING SONG



Ak - baa - tat - dí - a-kaa - taa HE - LE
Dear God,



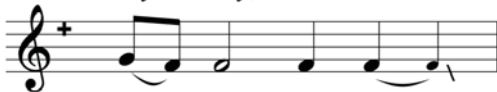
Bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
Have mercy upon me.



A - wé áa-keen-maak bii daás - dee-a - wa-kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
While I'm still on earth, please have mercy on me.



Bas baa - pé ii- háa - ke bii ku - lu - tta - wa - kúh.
On my last day, come take me.



A - HE - HE - LE



Bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
Please have mercy on me.