

Second Sunday of Easter

OPENING SONG

At the Lamb's High Feast #168

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MASS PARTS Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG

Ak baa baseesh kook

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Sewing Group
Meeting Room in Small Hall
(St. Dennis)

6:00 PM Women's Group in Classroom
(Our Lady of Loretto)

WEDNESDAYS

6:45 PM Cash Bingo
Main Hall (St. Dennis)

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

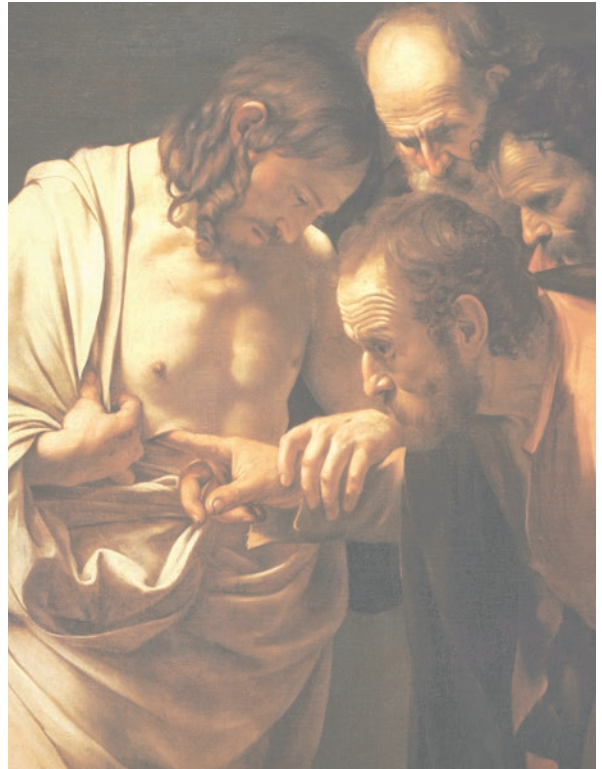
From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after

the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among



those who are “blessed” because we believe without having seen.

Family Connection

Many of us can relate to Thomas’s response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying “Seeing is believing.” As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today’s Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot

see with our eyes. Read today’s Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas’s response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas’s doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member’s faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISMS (UNDER 7)

In preparation for your child’s baptism, parents and godparents are required to attend a class which is usually offered on the first Saturday of the month. The next class is on Saturday, May 6th from 10:30-11:30am at St. Dennis. The date & location of the baptism will be determined by the parent/guardian(s) and the priest who will be celebrating the sacrament.

BINGO CONCESSIONS

We are still in need of volunteers to sign-up for Concessions (sheet in foyer or speak with one of the priests). The church supplies the basics of drinks, popcorn and nachos & cheese. Volunteers are asked to donate their time and the food they bring as a main dish. All proceeds

go to Crow Catholic Parishes. Thank you to everyone who volunteered this year so far!

PARISH HALL OR GYM USAGE

As we approach the graduation season later this spring, there’s often a high demand for the use of our facilities. We are prioritizing requests from our parishioners over non-members. As a parish member, If you anticipate the need to reserve one of our locations for your family’s event, please let us know as soon as possible or at least two weeks prior to the event.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

God loves us even when we like Didymus stumble and doubt. As humans we are bound

to hurt each other. The Marriage Encounter Experience gives couples the tools to understand and move beyond and heal those hurts. There is no greater way to experience God's mercy than through the forgiveness and love of your spouse. Trust in goodness and merciful

love of your spouse and experience resurrected life in your relationship. Upcoming Weekend dates are Elk Mountain Historic Hotel April 21-23, Malta, MT June 9-11 and The Ranch at Ucross, Nov 3-5. Apply today by calling 307-215-9444 or visit the website: wwme.org

CLOSING SONG

Larry Plain Bull, 1979

Crow Indian melody
by Larry Plain Bull, 1979



HE - HE-LE Ak baa ba-sséesh koók. HE - HE-LE
He is the Alpha.



Ak baa háa - keesh koók. HE - HE-LE
He is the Omega.



Hear Larry PB 1986



Ak bi -lé dúu -ppée -le - hcheesh koók HE - HE -LE.
He is the one who parted the waters.



Ak-baa - tat - dí - ash koók. HE - HE-LE
He is God.



Ko kuss chi-wa-káa - lah. WE - HE-LE
Worship him.



Baa "A- hooH." haa - lah. WE - HE -LE
Thank him for everything.



Ii baa "A-hooH." haa - lah WE - HE-LE.
Thank him for everything.