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)

Second Sunday of Easter

OPENING SONG

At the Lamb's High Feast #168

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CLOSING SONG

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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

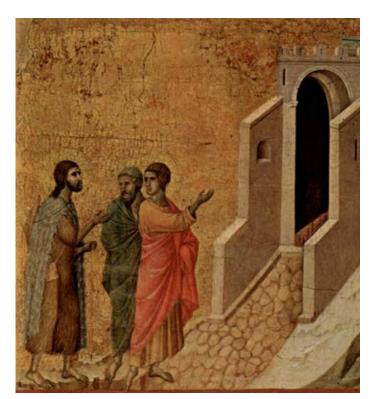
In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

Family Connection

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best our family meals can connect us to Jesus too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal

by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.



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.

CLOSING SONG

