

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF **OUR LADY OF LORETTO** (LODGE GRASS), **ST. CHARLES BORROMEO** (PRYOR),
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Pentecost

OPENING SONG

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid #195

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 161

PENTECOST SEQUENCE #191

MASS PARTS Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG

Akbaatatdía Jesus Baleiláaxbaaxpeesh

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Saint Dennis
[**9:00 AM** beginning June]
10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto
[**12:30 PM** beginning June]
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)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

JUNE 3RD (SATURDAY)

6:00 PM OL of Loretto

JUNE 4TH

9:00 AM St. Dennis

There will be no other masses that weekend.

JUNE 11TH (CORPUS CHRISTI)

2:00 PM St. Dennis

There will be no other masses that day (see page 4 for more information).

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PENTECOST

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate,

who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the



Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Family Connection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birth-day of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention,

spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace.

CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY 6/11

This year's Corpus Christi celebration will be hosted at St. Dennis on Sunday, June 11th, at 2 PM. **This will be the only Mass that day on the reservation.** We would like to have a family from each of the parish locations sponsor an altar/tetpee. If your family is interested, please contact one of the priests.

St. Dennis Church will provide the meat. We are asking for the following from each location—St Dennis (drinks), Our Lady of Loretto (salads), St. Xavier (chips), and St. Charles (desserts).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, Pentecost Sunday (5/28), is the last day of Sunday school at St. Dennis until the Fall. A huge thanks to the families who brought their children throughout this school year and to Garla Williams for her assistance in Crow Agency and Rhonda Horn for her help in Lodge Grass.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate all those who received their Confirmation and First Eucharist this past Sunday at St. Dennis and St. Charles by Bishop Jeff Fleming. As one community united in faith, may we all continue to support these newly initiated in their respective journeys of our christian faith in Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISMS (UNDER 7)

Our next class for parents/godparents is on Saturday, **June 3rd** from **10:30-11:30am** at St. Dennis with baptisms to follow for families having theirs done afterwards inside the chapel. Other dates and locations will be scheduled accordingly.

Please visit crowcatholicparishes.com or contact one of the priests to register.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

In this Easter season, we invite all married couples to spend a weekend reflecting on the gifts of the Holy Spirit present in your relationship. Consider a private weekend together and receive a new spirit for the life that you have committed to living together.

The next Marriage Encounter Experience will be at the Great Northern Hotel in Malta, June 9-11 and the application fee is \$100. To learn more, watch bit.ly/wwme2023, visit the website wwme.org or apply today by calling 307-215-9444.

CLOSING SONG



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Ak-baa-tat-dí-a Je - sus Ba-le - i-laax-baax-peesh E - WE -LE
God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit,



An dii baat-cháa-cheesh ba-lee híih-kaa - wa - li - kkuuh WE-LE
Your power, let it come to us.