

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)

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### OPENING SONG

Love One Another #479

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** begin on page 215

**MASS PARTS** Mass of Creation #884-888

### CLOSING SONG

Akbaatatdiataakaa bii chiche

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**9:00 AM** Saint Dennis

**10:30 AM** Saint Charles Borromeo

**12:30 PM** 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)

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Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiri-

tual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. Phylacteries are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. Tassels refer to the fringes worn on the



corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

### **Family Connection**

"Do as I say, not as I do." How many of us have been tempted to say this to our children? In today's Gospel we hear a resounding reply from Jesus, "Practice what you preach." Those who know us best, our family and especially our children, can identify the inconsistencies between what we want to teach and the example

that we give. The challenge for all of us, especially for those of us who are parents, is to model with consistency the faith and the Christian way of life we wish to teach our children.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to practice what you preach. Identify some examples of people you know who practice what they preach. What do you observe about these people? What do you admire about them?

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus talk about the importance of acting in ways that are consistent with our faith. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12. Talk together about ways in which your family might better practice the faith that you profess. Choose one action to take that will show your faith in action. Pray together that your family's faith will be shown consistently in your actions. Pray the Prayer for Vocations.

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### **HONORING ALL SOULS IN NOVEMBER**

As we continue to honor our loved ones who've gone before us, you are invited to bring pictures to be displayed at the side altar during the month of November. You can also enter the names of the deceased whom you'd like remembered in Masses during this month. Please write your name and phone number on the back of any items you leave on this altar to help us return these to you at the end of November.

### **DONATIONS FOR TURKEY BINGO NEEDED**

We'll be having a Turkey Bingo on Wednesday, November 15th, if you're able to donate a frozen ham or Turkey before this event, please call Br. Mike or Thomas to arrange a time for drop-off at the parish hall.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Christmas Bazaar, Friday 12/8**

**Elder Dinner, Sunday 12/10**

More info will be posted at a later date for vendors reserving a table at the Bazaar.

## CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES STARTING FEB. 4TH, 2024

Sacrament classes for children who are at least 7 years old & baptized will begin on Sunday, Feb. 4th at both St. Dennis and Our Lady of Loretto after Mass. Classes will run about 30 minutes and soon there will be a sign-up sheet to begin the registration process.

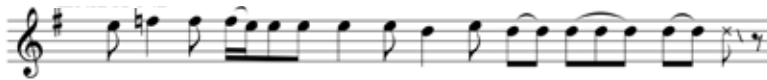
## INFANT/CHILD BAPTISMS (UNDER 7)

Our next class for parents/godparents is on Saturday, December 2nd 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. Visit [crowcatholicparishes.com](http://crowcatholicparishes.com) or contact one of the priests to register.

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## CLOSING SONG



Ak-baa -tat- di - a-kaa-taa WE-HE YA-HE - E - - E - E  
*Dear Creator*



Bii chi-chee - kaa-wa-ku.WA-HE YA-HE - E - LE-HE - E  
*Remember me.*



Baa-pe al it- cheesh ko bii kaa - ka - wa-ku WA HE  
*The good days, let me see them.*



YA - HE - E - LE -HE - E



Baa - la- lash - de - kuuash. Dii chi- chee - kaa - wa-ku WA -HE  
*It is said you have love. Remember me.*



Ak-baa-tat - di - a-kaa-taa WE-HE YA-HE - E - LE-HE - E  
*Dear Creator*

