

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)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG

Gather Your People #309

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 217

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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In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms



with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Family Connection

In the daily activities of family life, we can easily find excuses for not attending to our spiritual lives. If not given top priority, prayer and reading Scripture risk becoming occasional activities rather than daily practices. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we fail to give our spiritual life priority, we will find ourselves unprepared to receive Jesus. Daily prayer and spiritual practice keeps us ready to receive Jesus.

Gather together as a family and talk about some of the things our faith calls us to do every day and every week to keep God first in our lives. Talk about what might happen if we don't do these things regularly. Explain to your family that Jesus taught us that it is important to keep ourselves ready to receive him when he comes again. Tell them to listen as you read the parable that Jesus tells in today's Gospel. Read aloud Matthew 25:1-13. Talk with your family about why Jesus says that it is so important to remain ready to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Pray together that your family will always keep God first in your lives so that you will all be prepared to receive Jesus when he comes. Pray together the Act of Hope.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Bazaar, Friday 12/8

Elder Dinner, Sunday 12/10

Registration forms for vendors (\$25 per table) are available in the doorway for selling hand-made crafts and foods.

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.

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.

KATERI NATIVE MINISTRY TRAINING VIA ZOOM IN BILLINGS

Sr. Mary from Billings has notified us that next Friday night and Saturday (Nov 17th & 18th, daytime) there will be a Kateri Native Ministries Training by the Jesuits in Spokane, WA but available via Zoom at **Angela's Piazza, 420 Grand Ave in Billings.**

If you are interested in attending, please contact **406-255-0611** for the time of the sessions as they have yet to be announced.

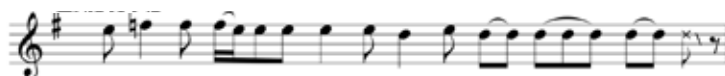
The goal is that if there's enough interest

from the various tribes in our state, that the group would like to resume training in Great Falls next year.

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** or contact one of the priests to register.

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

