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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)

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG

Gather Your People #309

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 219

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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This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He

has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given



to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We'll be celebrating a Ioam Mass at St. Dennis on Thursday, II/23.

ST. DENNIS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FRIDAY, DEC. 8TH

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

ELDER DINNER, DEC. 10TH, 2PM AT ST. DENNIS

Please help us get the word out to Elders who may not have been able to make it to any of the parishes in recent months and may need your help with transportation to the dinner. Also, we're in need of volunteers to either help cook, serve the meal, or provide donated items

(blankets, etc.) for bingo prizes for the elders that day, there's a signup sheet in the back.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

There were a total of 14 turkeys and 3 hams that were raffled at the Turkey Bingo this past week. We are grateful to all who gave of their time and resources to male this happen!

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

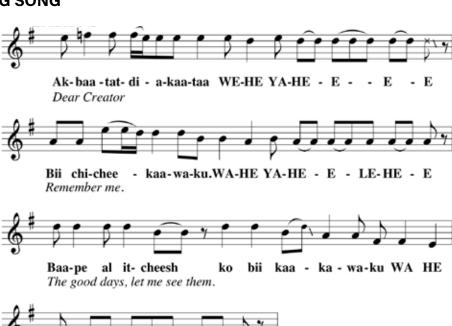
Sacrament classes for children who are at least 7 years old & baptized will begin on Sunday, Feb. 4th at both St. Dennis and Our Lady of Loretto after Mass. Classes will run about 30 minutes. There is a sign-up sheet to begin the registration process.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS - SATURDAY, 12/2, 10:30AM AT ST. DENNIS

Our next class for parents/godparents is on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10:30am at St. Dennis with baptisms to follow for families having theirs done inside the chapel.

Other dates and locations will be scheduled accordingly. Please visit crowcatholic parishes. com or contact one of the priests to register.

CLOSING SONG







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-HEYA-HE - E - LE-HE - I Dear Creator

