

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)

Christ the King

OPENING SONG

Jesus, Remember Me #416

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 222

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 passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the

least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus



shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned,

and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

PICK-UP YOUR FAMILY PICS, FUNERAL LEAFLETS

If you have placed items on the side altar for the Commemoration of the Deceased, please retrieve these so we're able to take this display down at the end of this month.

Thank you for bringing them to the church, for inscribing their names in the book, and for helping us all to remember them during November.

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 @ 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.

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 @ 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 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

