

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO (LODGE GRASS), ST. CHARLES BORROME0 (PRYOR),
ST. DENNIS (CROW AGENCY), ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (ST. XAVIER), ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (WYOLA)

Epiphany of the Lord

OPENING SONG

We Three Kings #107

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 57

MASS PARTS Mass of Creation #885-889

CLOSING SONG

Hinna Baakáatsaapkaatdak Hiláwikaattaak
Daachík (tune: What Child is This)



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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The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod ..." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because

the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



Family Connection

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

MASS @ 6PM ON MONDAY, JAN 8TH - BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

There will be a 6pm Mass at St. Dennis as we close the Christmas season and begin the Season of Ordinary Time.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS - SATURDAY, FEB. 3RD, 10:30AM @ ST. DENNIS

Our next class for parents/godparents is on Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 10:30am at St. Dennis with baptisms to follow for families having theirs done at St. Dennis. Other dates and locations will be scheduled accordingly. Please visit crowcatholicparishes.com or contact one of the priests to register.

SACRAMENTAL PREP (CONFIRMATION & 1ST COMMUNION CLASSES)

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

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

about 30 minutes. There is a sign-up sheet to begin the registration process at both St. Dennis & Our Lady of Loretto. If your child is 7 or older but isn't baptized and you want them to enter the sacrament classes, then they must be baptized prior to Ash Wednesday, February 14th as the church does not allow baptisms during Lent which runs from Feb. 14th to March 30th this year.

EUCHARIST/COMMUNION PYX

If you had received a pyx from one of the priests at some point to bring Communion to sick family or friends unable to attend Mass but are no longer in need of it, please return it to Br. Mike or Thomas so that they can make them available for others as the need arises. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

Thank you in advance for your help in either bringing something to share with others or for cleaning up after the socials following Mass!

Hinna Baakáatsaapkaatdak Hiláwikaattaak Daachik

Who is this child sleeping so peacefully?

“...Ikaalah. Hinné ii élahchelohmah. Baa chilaxchikáatam bikkaasapfia itták-kaalichkaatdak ii chilaxták baaaxuawishé an baaluusúua awúuan xaphkuum koon xapkáattaak daachik.”

—Luke 2: 12



Traditional English carol

Paraphrase by Larry Plain Bull and Grant Bull Tail, 1987

“What Child is This”

GREENSLEEVES 8 7 8 7 Ref.

Traditional English melody, 16th century

Em D C B7

Hin - na baa-káat - saap-kaat-dák hi - lá - wi-kaa - ttaak daa-chik.
Who is this child sleeping so peacefully?

Em D C B7 Em

Sáap - dak ii ba - lách - kuu - o - lak sáap - dak ii fa-ssii - o - lak
Why are they singing to him? Why are they watching him?

G D C B7

Is - ché Dak-kaa súush ba - lách - kuuk i - sah-kéesh ít - chi - kaa-tak.
They're singing for Christ and the Blessed Mother.

G D C B7 Em

Baa-woóm Ma-rysh dáak - ba - chee baa - tát ba - chee - ít - cheesh koók.
And now we know that Mary's son is the king of everything.