

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)

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG

Here I Am, Lord #389

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MASS PARTS Mass of Creation #885-889

CLOSING SONG

Bik baa éwahcheleetkaatak

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the

testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebra-

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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tion. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Pass-over that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Family Connection

In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might



have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42.

In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the *Glory Be to the Father*.



Keynote Speaker

Dan Harms



**MARCH 16TH AND 17TH
ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
LEWISTOWN, MT**

Mass celebrated with

Bishop Fleming



Breakout Speakers include: Father Martin Ezeihuaku, Daria Haney, and Sean Khan



Please use the QR Code to sign up!

Cost: \$35.00 per registrant

For high school students and their chaperones

Priests attend free-please contact at jbrown@diocesegfb.org

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.

EUCCHARIST/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!

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 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.

When the Lord calls, our response is often not a robust “Here I am, Lord”. When we first heard the invitation to make the Marriage Encounter Experience our response was not a robust yes, but curiosity. Many years later we now see it as a life changing experience and we are grateful every day for our

“Yes”. Sit with your curiosity, but trust in the call. We encourage you to learn more, by watching *bit.ly/wwme2024*. Visit our website *wwme.org* or apply today by calling 307-215-9444

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!

CLOSING SONG



1. A E - HE-LE Bik baa é - wah-che - leet-kaa - tak. E HE-LE
I don't know anything by myself.



Ak-baa-tat-dí-a kon bii baa óo - wiiak. E A-HE-HE-LE
My God, he is the one who teaches me.



An baat-cháa-cheesh ko bii óo - wiiak. E HE-LE
His great power and wisdom is what he has taught me.



2. A E - HE-LE Bik baa é - wah-che - leet-kaa - tak. E HE-LE
I don't know anything by myself.



Ak-baa-tat-dí-a kon bii áa - lee - teek. A-HE-HE-LE
My God, he is the one who takes my hand.



A - la sáa - shii - ash ko bii hii - hchek. E HE-LE
It is his light that teaches me.

Traditional Crow Indian hymn and music received by Maggie Brass, c1945.

Also attributed to Xaxua Ee, c1950.

Sung by Dorothy Hoops, c1970

