



The Bulletin

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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

Infant Baptisms: 1st Saturdays

Confessions: Before Mass, & on request

Sunday Masses:

9:30 am – St. Dennis

10:30 am – St. Charles Borromeo

12:30 pm – Our Lady of Loretto

4:00 pm – St. Francis Xavier

Weekday Masses:

6.00 pm (Tues. Wed. Thurs.) - St. Dennis

6.00 pm (Friday) - Our Lady of Loretto:

Bible Study @ St. Dennis

In August: 1st & 5th Saturday @ 6.00 pm

Our Lady of Loretto Women's Group

Tues & Thurs @ 6:00 pm (Call 679-6978)

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00 pm

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG: **#432** (Breaking Bread – BB)

GLORIA: BB **#6**

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB page **188**

(2Kgs. 4: 42-44; Ps. 145; 10-11,15-18; Eph.4:1-6; Jn.6:1-15)

Ps. Res: *The hand of the Lord feeds us;*

he answers all our needs.

CREED: Apostles' on BB page **10**

OFFERTORY: **#3** (Apsáalooke Hymns Sampler)

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation BB **#884-888**

COMMUNION: (AHS) **#13**

RECESSIONAL: BB **#212**



TODAY'S GOSPEL

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic

Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks."

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs and spiritual wants. In the Eucharist, we are sent out to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Parents may sympathize with the disciples' protests when Jesus asks Philip where food might be found for the crowd. In the responses of both Philip and Andrew, we hear feelings of inadequacy as they survey their limited resources in the face of such great need. We may sometimes share these feelings about our own material possessions or our emotional and spiritual resources in the face of our family's needs. This is a Gospel of hope for these times, which are all too frequent in parenting and family life. As

Jesus made the five barley loaves and two fish sufficient to meet more than the needs of over five thousand people, Jesus will also work with what we have to provide for our family's needs. When we offer our efforts to God, we ask him to transform them so that they will be more than adequate to the tasks and needs before us. As you gather as a family, talk together about the things that your family needs, starting with the basics—food, shelter, safety, and so on. Continue by naming other things that a family needs to be happy and healthy—time together, cooperation, patience, and so

on. Observe that sometimes we can feel like we don't have enough of the things that we need or want. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:1-15. Talk about how Jesus provided plenty of food for the crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish. We have faith that Jesus will also take what we have and make it enough to satisfy and fill all our needs. We ask for this blessing when we offer to God the work of each day in prayer in the Morning Offering. Pray together the Morning Offering, asking God to bless and make fruitful the work of each of our days.

THINGS TO NOTE

Mass Time Change @ St. Dennis: Hereafter we'll be returning to the old Mass time of 9:30am on Sundays at St. Dennis. Also, we plan to revisit all the Mass times if and when a third priest arrives as there's a tentative plan of one coming by the end of 2024.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On the 1st Thursday of each month, beginning August 1st, there will be Adoration following the 6pm Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, and if you've never experienced this type of worship, this is a great time to simply come and sit awhile in silence before the Eucharistic Lord. Sometimes we feel the Real Presence of Christ the most with no words at all, as the Eucharist speaks directly to our souls. We need only to listen.

Bible Study: Next Bible-study/discussion for adults on Saturday August 3rd, 6.00pm at St. Dennis Hall. All are welcome.

Infant Baptisms: Usually children under 7 are baptized on 1st Saturdays (but adjustable). For the first-time parents/God-parents, the next preparatory class will be on August 3rd 10:30am. Please make an appointment.

Pretty Eagle Crow Cultural Camp @ St. Dennis: This week Pretty Eagle will be hosting a Crow Cultural Camp at St. Dennis for Pretty Eagle students only. There was a flyer sent home at the end of the school year for parents to register their child for the July 29 - August 2nd camp.

Additional Capuchin Brother: One of our brothers currently serving in Detroit is now scheduled to arrive for ministry in Crow Country sometime in October. It's too early to know what ministries he'll be plugging into, but it's good news that our Capuchin presence will be increasing from just two friars to three. After that another one is expected hopefully by the end of 2024



Nuclear weapons pose, said Archbishop Ettore Balestrero, the Holy See's Permanent Observer to the U.N., an "existential threat", one which has been exacerbated by the current "tense strategic environment" and the "ongoing modernization and expansion of nuclear arsenals."

A distinctive feature of Vatican diplomacy on nuclear issues is that the possession of nuclear weapons, even for deterrence, is morally wrong. This was a principle that Archbishop Balestrero underlined, noting that Pope Francis has recently reaffirmed the immorality of both manufacturing and



Calendar

7/29: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

7/30: Bl. Solanus Casey (A fellow Capuchin who lived with some of us)

7/31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

8/1: St. Alphonsus Liguori
6.30pm: Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament @ St. Dennis

8/2: Our Lady of Angels at Porziuncola (First Friday) (Special Indulgence for those who pray in a Franciscan Church)

8/3: Bible Study @ 6pm

8/4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rest for Compassion: At the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis said that to be more caring and compassionate, we need to slow down from the rush and worries of daily life by spending time in contemplation and prayer to recharge our physical and spiritual energies.

The Pope observed that in families sometimes a father may have to be at work all the time out of necessity to put bread on the table, and that means precious time with his wife and children ends up being sacrificed. The Pope underscored that a father and a mother should have time to share with their children to raise a loving family.



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

As we continue to answer our Montana Bishops' call to defend life and reject the radical abortion initiative CI-128, please watch and share the videos below. May they bless us and all who watch them as we promote the beauty and sanctity of life. Both videos are found at the link and QR code below.



INTO LIFE
- LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING -

Into Life Series: This is God's Work: The Power of Prayer

In this beautiful and moving video, the Sisters of Life inspire viewers to promote life with the love of Christ that is encountered and shared as a fruit of our own prayer.

"If we're to save the lives of the unborn . . . the only adequate response is a sincere gift of ourselves in love and prayer united to Jesus on the cross."

The Sisters make it clear that a transformation of heart is what God most desires and that He, as the author and redeemer of all life, is the mover of such a deep and meaningful change.



BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE
CONSCIENCE

Faithful Citizenship Series: Conscience

What is conscience? Is it an innate sense of right and wrong? Is it subject to outside influences, based on feelings, based on facts? When should we trust our conscience to recognize the truth? In what is often a combative and chaotic political landscape, how do people of faith discern the best path?

In this video, Matthew Brower explores these questions and more as he contrasts the popular understanding of conscience with the wisdom of our Catholic Faith. He highlights our responsibility as faithful citizens to ensure that our conscience is formed well.

Find these, and more life-affirming resources at montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life, or by scanning the QR code.

