



# The Bulletin

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**Infant Baptisms:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

Crow Fair Sunday 8/18 One Mass Only  
@ St. Dennis: 8:30 am

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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

**Next Bible Study @ St. Dennis**

August 31<sup>st</sup> 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

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG: *Holy, Holy, Holy:* (Breaking Bread) #207

GLORIA: *Glory to God in the Highest:* BB #6

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB Page 192

(1Kg. 19:4-8; Ps. 34:2-9; Eph.4:30-5:2; Jn.6:41-51)

Psalm Res: *Taste-and-see-the-good-ness-of-the-Lord*

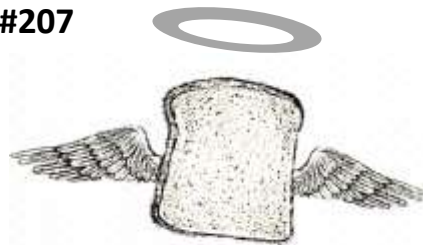
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OFFERATORY: *Jesus Ak-baa-tat-di-a kaa-taa WE-LE:* AHS: #1

MASS PARTS: Mass of Creation BB #884-888

COMMUNION: *Je-sus huu-wi-ak E- HA:* AHS #12

RECESSIONAL: *Ba-laa-kkaa-tuu A-HE=LE-HE-LE* AHS #212



## TODAY'S GOSPEL

"I am the Bread"

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus



## FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread of life. He gives us his Body and Blood as bread so that we may have eternal life. When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in

the Eucharist, our lives begin to reflect the reality that our communion with Jesus prepares in us. Our Eucharist leads us to live as people of the promise, confident that we will one day share the fullness of life with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about our hope that one day

responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

we will share eternal life with God in heaven. This hope can transform the way we live our daily lives, calling us to be people of hope and expectation. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises us this gift of eternal life in the Eucharist. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:41-51. Observe that

Jesus taught us that those who listen to God know that Jesus has been sent by God for the life of the world. Jesus fulfills this promise to us through his

passion, death, and Resurrection. He gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, which is his Body and Blood, given so that we may have

eternal life. Conclude in prayer together asking God to increase our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Pray together the [Act of Faith](#).

## THINGS TO NOTE

**One Mass on Crow Fair Sunday, 8/18:** There will be only one Mass on the reservation on Sunday, August 18th due to Crow Fair. We'll start promptly at 8:30am at St. Dennis so there's time before the parade begins.

**Feast of the Assumption Thursday, 8/15:** There will be the regular 6pm Mass at St. Dennis but also a 6pm Mass at Our Lady of Loretto to honor the Assumption of the Blessed Mother.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** In August we have started exposing for adoration

the Blessed Sacrament after the evening Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Come and sit with the Lord in silence: 5 minutes? 10 minutes? 1 hour? Time: 6.40 -7.40 pm.

**Bible Study:** Next Bible-study/discussion for adults will be on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6.00pm at St. Dennis Hall. Please bring one more.

**Infant Baptisms:** Usually children under 7 are baptized on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays (but is adjustable). The next preparatory class for parents/God-parents who never had one before, will be on September 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am. ●

### Story of St. Clare of Assisi

The beginning of Clare's religious life was indeed movie material. Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide.

At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately

stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant. 16 days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.

The Poor Ladies went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat, and observed almost complete silence. Later Clare, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies

are not made of brass." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions. Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano. 8/11 is her Feast



### Pray for Peace:

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has addressed Christians in the Holy Land with a heartfelt message in view of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on August 15. In his message, the Patriarch expresses his dismay over the "terrible war" that has caused immense suffering. He laments that, despite months of war, the present situation is still filled with so much hatred, violence, and resentment, making it increasingly difficult to find solutions to the conflict raging in the Middle East.



### Calendar

- 8/12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- 8/13: Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
- 8/14: St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 8/15: THE ASSUMPTION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY



- 8/16: St. Stephen of Hungary
- 8/18: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### World Day of Peace:

"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the next World Day of Peace, observed each year on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. "Only from a genuine conversion on all levels – personal, local and international – will true peace be able to flourish," says the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in its statement on the theme for the 2025 World Day of Peace. In Thursday's statement, the Dicastery adds that peace comes not only from an end to conflicts, "but also in a new reality in which wounds are healed and each person's dignity is recognized".



# 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 Series: *Hope & Fear: Understanding the Heart of a Pregnant Woman*

The video reveals the power of perfect love in overcoming the fear that plagues women facing unplanned pregnancies. It emphasizes the importance of relating to mothers who feel alone, inadequate, and unsupported by the baby's father or family. When we offer genuine understanding through Christ, He can transform a woman's experience from fear and isolation to strength and hope. As we commit to providing emotional and practical support to help a mother believe in her own strength and capacity to love, her great dignity, found in Jesus, becomes evident. This dignity shows that both she and her unborn child deserve better than abortion.



### Faithful Citizenship Series: *Lead Us Not Into Temptation*

In this insightful video, MCC Executive Director Matt Brower highlights the moral challenges and temptations voters face, namely that all issues are not morally equivalent and that moral distinctions can be misused, ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. He explains that the voting process impacts us deeply and that voting is a moral act that reflects and shapes our conscience. For Catholics, voting can and should be done in a way that draws us closer to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Find these, and more life-affirming resources at [montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life](http://montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life), or by scanning the QR code.

