



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:

Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Dennis

1st Thursdays 6.30 -7.30 pm

Next Bible Study @ St. Dennis

August 31st 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

20th 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 198**

(Prov. 9:1-6; Ps. 34:2-7; Eph.5:15-20; Jn.6:51-58)

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

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

OFFERTORY: *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 #2**



TODAY'S GOSPEL

“Be changed by the Eucharist”

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus

could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who

quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.



To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus himself is present to us. Through the actions of the Mass, the bread and wine truly become the

Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation. Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If you have family

photos from this occasion, bring them out and share them. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos of their First Communion. Then read together today's Gospel, John 6:51-58. Reflect together on

what Jesus means when he calls himself the "living bread." Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them

to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together, thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's psalm.

THINGS TO NOTE

Crow Fair: We pray in thanksgiving for the blessings of Akbaatatdía upon the Apsáalooke people and the 105th annual Crow Fair. May the grace of our loving Creator, the Great Spirit, continue to bless each one of the families throughout this next year!

Children's Sunday School- Soon we'll have a date when we resume the Sunday school program at both St. Dennis and Our Lady of

Loretto. Tentatively it will start in late September.

Bible Study: Next Bible-study/discussion for adults will be on Saturday August 31st, 6.00pm at St. Dennis. Pls try to bring one more person

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

Saint Bartholomew's Story

In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him" (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew him, Jesus said, "I saw you under the fig tree" (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel" (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this" (John 1:50b).

Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after his resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the apostles presumed to inquire who he was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the apostles. His Feast is on: 8/24





"War always a defeat":

The Pope pointed out how so many people in the world are suffering from calamities and hunger, yet the manufacture and sale of weapons continues, fueling wars large and small and consuming global resources. He called it a "scandal" the international community should not tolerate, as well as a contradiction to the spirit of fraternity characterizing the Olympic Games that just is concluded in Paris. He underscored that "war is a defeat" for humanity. "Today, more than ever humanity needs the Good News of peace, and every Christian is called to proclaim and share it." he said on another occasion.



Calendar



- 8/19: St. John Eudes
- 8/20: St. Bernard
- 8/21: St. Pius X
- 8/22: The Queenship of Bl. Virgin Mary
- 8/23: St. Rose of Lima
- 8/24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- 8/25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Hardened hearts impede

spiritual growth: Pope Francis noted how damaging prejudices and closure of heart can be for a person's spiritual growth. He said Jesus' contemporaries as recounted in John's Gospel, observed the law, prayed, and fasted. They carried out these practices only to seek confirmation of what they already thought.

"This is demonstrated by the fact that they do not even take the trouble to ask Jesus for an explanation... They limit themselves to murmuring among themselves against Him, as though to reassure each other of what they were convinced, closing themselves up as if in an impenetrable fortress... Their hardened hearts and prejudices, keep them from believing in God's Son".



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: Exodus from Fear: Accompanying Her to Life

This poignant video explores the challenges faced by expectant mothers who struggle with the uncertainty and fears of motherhood. Just as the Israelites struggled in the desert for 40 years to overcome the mindset of their bondage in Egypt, women may also struggle to find peace and freedom amidst the anxiety of their challenges. WE are called to journey with women and help them discern the voices in their hearts as they uncover the truth within themselves. Through Christ, we can embody the transformative power of love, faith, and community, encouraging women to embrace their strength, goodness, and capacity for love. The mission is to keep hope alive, pointing toward a life of freedom, empowered by the infinite dignity of every mother and her child. Ultimately, through relationships and solidarity, the seeds of hope can blossom into new life.



Faithful Citizenship Series: Voting Through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching

In this video, Matt Brower articulates the importance of Catholic social teaching, particularly social justice. He highlights that many Catholics lack understanding of this concept, despite its significance in Church teachings. True social justice ensures that individuals and groups receive what is rightfully theirs and is firmly rooted in the dignity of the human person. This principle is central to the Catholic faith and informs decisions regarding public advocacy and voting. Brower emphasizes the consistent ethic of life, advocating for the dignity of all human beings across all social and moral issues. He challenges us to understand and apply Catholic social teaching when voting and to give witness to the sanctity of human life.



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