



# The Bulletin

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**25**  
**AUGUST**  
**2024**

*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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays

**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:

**School Masses:**

8.30 am (Thur.) Pretty Eagle

8.30 am (Fri.) St. Charles

**Confessions:** Before Mass & on request

**Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Dennis**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays 6.30 -7.30 pm

**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

## **21<sup>st</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 200**

(Jos. 24:1-2a,15-18; Ps. 34:2,3,16-21; Eph.5:21-32; Jn.6:60-69)

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

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

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 #2**



## TODAY'S GOSPEL

“The words I speak to you are Spirit and life”

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by



reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

When a child is baptized, the parents speak on behalf of the child in professing the faith in which the child is to be baptized. The parents promise to teach their child this faith so that they may one day accept this faith as his or her own. In

the example of Simon Peter, we learn that each person must also make his or her own profession of faith in Jesus as the one sent by God to save us. We pray for our children as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal

life and that they may choose to follow the way of Christian discipleship.

As you gather as a family, talk about promise that parents make at their child’s baptism to teach their child about Jesus and the faith of the Church. Talk about the importance of

this promise to your family and about some of the things that you are doing to try to honor this commitment. In today's Gospel we hear Simon Peter speak about what he has

come to believe about Jesus. Together read today's Gospel, John 6:60-69. Pray together that each person in our family will grow in his or her faith that Jesus is the one sent by

God who alone has the words of eternal life. Pray together the [Apostles' Creed](#) or the [Nicene Creed](#).

## THINGS TO NOTE

### **St. Labre Boarding School Commemoration**

**Event on 9/14:** Recently, over a year-long independent investigation in search of unmarked graves or undocumented deaths of students within the three St. Labre operated schools of St. Labre, Pretty Eagle, and St. Charles were completed. Although there was no evidence of such instances, the 149 page report does cite at least 113 student deaths between 1884 and 1960, which 90% were due to disease and illness. Thus, St. Labre is planning prayer services on Saturday, September the 14th to begin a healing process for the students who died while students at one of the three locations. The first event will take place that day at St. Labre at 9am, followed by the next event at Pretty Eagle at 2pm, and the final event at St. Charles at 5pm. For the press kits from St. Labre, Bishop Fleming, and Fr. Mark Joseph Costello, OFM Cap., please visit [crowcatholicparishes.com](http://crowcatholicparishes.com). If you would like a copy of the full 149 page report, please email [boardingschoolinvestigation@stlabre.org](mailto:boardingschoolinvestigation@stlabre.org).

### **The Story of John the Baptist**

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before

him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life? This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the

Also, please see either Br. George or Br. Mike if you'd like to participate in one of the prayer services which will involve smudging, reading aloud of student names, prayers offered in Crow, etc.

**Empty 55-gal. Steel Drums:** We have five empty steel drums leftover from applying asphalt sealer to the parking lot at St. Dennis. If you are interested in taking one of these, please contact Br. Mike at 406-620-7500.

**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 either late September or by the first weekend in October.

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

**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. ●

people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. And his attitude was one of right humility: "He must increase and I must decrease" (John 3:30)



## Cardinal Czerny calls for welcoming and protecting migrants

Jesuit Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, celebrated Mass on Tuesday 20 August at the Cathedral Basilica Santa Maria la Antigua, in Panama City. The liturgy took place in the context of the meeting of bishops and members of the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility of the Episcopal Conferences of North America, Central America and the Caribbean. The event (August 19-22) aimed at jointly addressing the migration crisis affecting the region, with a commitment to implement actions that promote the human dignity of the migrant population.



## Calendar



- 8/27: St. Monica
- 8/28: St. Augustine
- 8/29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- 8/30: St. Jeanne Jugan
- 8/31: Sts: Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus
- 9/1: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Religious freedom in Ukraine

In his words at the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis expresses his fears over Kyiv's decision to ban the Orthodox Church linked to the Moscow Patriarchate. *"I continue to follow with sorrow the fighting in Ukraine and the Russian Federation. And in thinking about the laws recently adopted in Ukraine, I fear for the freedom of those who pray, because those who truly pray always pray for all. A person does not commit evil because of praying. If someone commits evil against his people, he will be guilty for it, but he cannot have committed evil because he prayed. So let those who want to pray be allowed to pray in what they consider their Church. Please, let no Christian Church be abolished directly or indirectly. Churches are not to be touched!"*



# 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 web address and QR code below.



### Into Life Series: *Rejoicing in Her: Our Disposition of Heart*

The Sisters of Life delve into the profound responsibility of supporting someone during vulnerable moments, emphasizing how such moments are gifts of trust that require gentleness and humility. They introduce three key dispositions—prayer, leisure, and delight—that guide us in offering genuine love and respect, highlighting the power of delight in nurturing deep connections and sustaining hope. The Sisters remind us that every person is worthy of time, attention, and unwavering support. By reflecting God's love rather than trying to "fix" others, we can help them recognize their own worth and great dignity.



### Faithful Citizenship Series: *Catholics & Politics*

Matt Brower delves into how laws and social structures must uphold the dignity of every person. He lays out key elements of Catholic social teaching: the dignity of the human person, subsidiarity, the common good, and solidarity. Rather than lofty theories—these principles offer a moral compass for Catholic participation in civic life. For those committed to fostering a just and moral society, this video is essential. It will help align voting choices with our values and dedication to human dignity.

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.

