Bingo Concession Volunteers Needed - Season Ends May 15th

We've had a great show of support this season for concessions, thank you! We are still in need though of volunteers for the last five Wednesdays of this season. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer with more information. Ahóoh!

Infant Baptisms - First Saturday of the Month

The regular schedule of Infant Baptisms (children under age 7) is the first Saturday of the month, however these can be scheduled on other days as needed and at any of ou. Additionally, for parents/godparents who've not yet been through baptismal prep, there's a class at 10:30am at Saint Dennis Parish Hall. **The next class is Saturday, May 4th.** Please contact any of the priests to register/schedule baptisms.

Corpus Christi @ Lodge Grass - Sunday, June 2nd

If your family can help by sponsoring an altar/tipi, please contact Br. Mike at 406-620-7500. More info will be coming soon regarding location and time.

Second Commitment Weekend

This weekend is our second and final "commitment weekend" for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Remember, this is our way to support the ministries and services of the Diocese which support all of Eastern Montana in a way that no one parish could do on its own.

The 2024 Appeal had a great start, but we still have a way to go to reach our goal of \$1.7 million dollars - which we hope will be committed to by the end of May. While we are asking for you to commit to your gift now, it can be given any time through Dec. 31, 2024. Approximately \$1.25 million has been raised - which leaves \$450,000 left to go. If you have already given or committed to your gift, thank you. If not, please consider giving a gift to the Appeal this year. Every gift truly makes a difference and helps us to fulfill our mission to "Go Make Disciples!"



The Bulletin

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CONFESSIONS before mass and on request.

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule:

9:00am – Saint Dennis 10:30am – Saint Charles Borromeo 12:30pm – Our Lady of Loretto 4:00 pm – Saint Francis Xavier

Daily Mass Schedule:

6 PM @ Saint Dennis – Tues/Wed/Thurs 6 PM @ Our Lady of Loretto – Fridays The Roman Catholic Parishes of

Our Lady of Loretto Lodge Grass

St. Charles Borromeo

St. Dennis Crow Agency

St. Francis Xavier St. Xavier

St. Kateri Tekakwitha ^{Wyola}

<u>*Sunday, April 21st Mass Schedule:</u>

St. Dennis @ 9:30am St. Charles @ 2pm

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6pm Wednesdays: St. Dennis Bingo @ 6:45pm (Last Day of Season – May 15)

Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

OPENING SONG – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #182

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 146 CREED-Apostles' page 10 MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG – Jesus Jesus baawat baakale aakeen (handout)

Third Sunday of Easter



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus

greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

Family Connection

Family life is strengthened through storytelling and shared meal times. In a similar way, Christian life is sustained by God's word in Scripture and by Christ's presence in the Eucharist. We are especially sustained in our faith through our weekly celebration of Mass. Today's Gospel reading reminds us that the Scripture and the Eucharist are given to us so that our acts of bearing witness to Christ might be strengthened.

As you gather as a family, ask each person to share their favorite story about your family. Talk about the importance of these memories about your family life and the importance of the meals you have shared together as a family. Recall that these stories and meals strengthen the love you share. In a similar way, our Christian life is strengthened by sharing God's Word and the Eucharist at Mass. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 24:35-48. Discuss the mission that Jesus gave to his disciples after their shared meal. The Eucharist also sends us to be Christ's witnesses in the world today. Conclude by praying together that we will be strengthened by God's word and by Jesus' presence in the Eucharist to be witnesses to Christ. Pray together <u>Tantum Ergo</u> or today's psalm, Psalm 4.

Next Sunday 4/21 - Only Two Masses (St. Dennis & St. Charles)

There will only be two Masses celebrated on the Crow Reservation next **Sunday**, **April 21st** because it's our weekend for Confirmation & First Eucharist for our candidates! Bishop Warfel will be celebrating Mass at **St. Dennis at 9:30am** followed by Mass at **St. Charles at 2pm**. (Please note- the regular Sunday schedule will return the following Sunday, April 28th.)

Bible Study Group(s) - Sign Up Sheet

We're in the beginning stages of organizing a potential Bible study group to meet either weekly or twice/month, etc. If you're interested in learning more, please signup on the sheet near the doors. You can also contact Br. George at 313.949.5650 or franciscangy (at) gmail.com.