

St. Dennis Needs Altar Servers

If you have received your First Communion and would like to serve as an Altar Server or Lector at our liturgies (Mass) on Sundays and other Holy Days, please list your name and contact info on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Necessary instruction and training will be given before you are scheduled to serve at Mass.

Bingo Concession Volunteers Needed – Season Ends May 15th

We're down to the last three 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 @ St. Anne Mission site (LG) – Sunday, June 2nd

Corpus Christi will be hosted at the old site of St. Anne's Mission. If your family can help by sponsoring an altar/tipi, please contact Br. Mike at 406-620-7500.

The Bulletin

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Bro. Mike Dorn, OFM Cap. *Pastor*
Bro. George Kooran, OFM Cap. *Assoc. Pastor*
Bro. Jerry Cornish, OFM Cap. *Youth Ministry*

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
Pryor

St. Dennis
Crow Agency

St. Francis Xavier
St. Xavier

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wyola

St Dennis Parish Hall:

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

OPENING SONG – Now the Green Blade Rises #182

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OFFERATORY - #3 (Apsáalooke Hymns Sampler – AHS)

MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation #884-888

COMMUNION - #4 (AHS)

CLOSING SONG – #13 (AHS)

Property Management

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about

his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick,

shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Family Connection

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read today's Gospel, John 15:1-8. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today. Pray together the Acts of [Faith](#), [Hope](#), and [Love](#).

See You Br. Jerry - Ahóoh for Nine Years in Crow Country!

Having completed his term of service here in Crow Country, Br. Jerry Cornish, OFM Cap. has accepted a new assignment of teaching theology to freshman at St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary, WI (one of our Capuchin ministries.) Br. Jerry taught full-time for seven years at Pretty Eagle (PECA) and worked in children's ministry at St. Dennis and a support role at PECA the past two years. Many will miss his joy & laughter, ahóoh Br. Jerry for everything you gave to Apsáalooke ministry!

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 sign-up on the sheet near the doors. You can also contact Br. George at 313.949.5650 or franciscangv (at) gmail.com.