

### **Bible Study Group(s) – Sign Up Sheet Next Week**

Starting next week, we'll be placing sign-up sheets for Bible Study as we'd like for a group to begin meeting either weekly or twice/month. If you're interested in learning more, look for the sign-up sheet next week. You can also contact Br. George at 313.949.5650 or franciscangv (at) gmail.com.

### **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 our. 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 4<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact any of the priests to register/schedule baptisms.

# The Bulletin

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*CONFESSIONS before mass and on request.*

### **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

## St. Thomas Summer Camp

For 6 weeks every summer, Catholic youth from the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and multiple other states come to the Lewis & Clark National Forest, just outside of Monarch, MT to celebrate and learn about what being Catholic means.


In 2023, over 200 youth from 6 states attended the week long camp. The goal for St. Thomas Catholic Summer Camp is to help children and teens feel the love of Christ, experience an adventure in the outdoors, and be challenged to become the saint God wants them to be. It provides an opportunity for our youth in to come together to participate in sacramental encounters, deep discipleship, camp adventures, and field trips. Several of our prior campers have also taken the opportunity to return to camp as Counselors, to help the next group of youth have the same meaningful, spiritual experience.

Your donations to the ACA help to support scholarships to youth who might not otherwise be able to attend camp.



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## **Second Sunday of Easter** **April 7, 2024**

OPENING SONG – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #172

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on page 144  
CREED-Apostles' page 10

MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG – Jesus Jesus baawat baakale aakeen (handout)

## Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to



us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

### Family Connection

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the [Peace Prayer of Saint Francis](#).

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### **Pretty Eagle's Penny Carnival @ St. Dennis - Thursday, 4/11**

Please come out with your family to enjoy food and games to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class fundraiser this Thursday (April 11<sup>th</sup>) starting at 5pm at St. Dennis.

### **Thanks to all who helped with Easter Eggs for the kids!**

Both at St. Dennis and at Our Lady of Loretto, parishioners stepped up to either put on an easter egg hunt and/or prepare gift bags of them for the children on Easter Sunday. Thank you so much for those who donated their time and resources to bring joy to the kids and their families!

### **Bingo Concession Volunteers Needed**

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