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)

## Second Sunday of Lent

## **OPENING SONG**

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#### **MASS PARTS**

Mass of Creation #884-888

#### **CLOSING SONG**

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## **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

9:30 AM Saint Dennis

10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo12:00 AM Our Lady of Loretto4:00 PM Saint Francis Xavier

#### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Saint Dennis

FRIDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Before mass and on request.

#### **PARISH HALL**

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Sewing Group

Meeting Room in Small Hall

#### WEDNESDAYS

**6:45 PM** St. Dennis Cash Bingo Main Hall

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

## **Family Connection**

As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's psalm, Psalm 33.



## **OUR SINCERE THANKS**

The Capuchin brothers of the Crow Catholic Parishes (both currently serving and former) give thanks for all the St. Dennis parishioners who assisted with the funeral and feed this past week. Let us all continue to hold one another in prayer during these weeks of Lent, remembering that resurrection never fails to dawn in new and unexpected ways.

### HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CUP

Several have asked when will we be bringing back the cup as part of Holy Communion? This past week, Bishop Warfel announced in a memo that Holy Communion from the Cup (for the people) will be returning at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th. Thus, to prepare for this return at our Crow parish locations, the priests invite those interested in becoming ministers of the Cup and of the Bread to sign up near the entrance of the church for a class at St. Dennis which will take place later this month.

# CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT CLASSES & ADULT FORMATION

Sacraments of Initiation (First Reconciliation, Confirmation, & First Eucharist) for children are at St. Dennis on Wednesdays, 5pm. Additionally, there's class after the Thursday 6pm Mass for individuals who are older. Contact Bros. Mike or Thomas at 406.620.7500 for more information.

#### **COFFEE MINISTRY**

We are grateful to those who've been bringing items to share at coffee hour after Sunday Masses as well as for those who stay and help clean-up afterwards! If you are interested in organizing or helping with this ministry, please let one of the brothers know.



## **CLOSING SONG**

