



St. Pius X Faithful Stewards

New to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal this year is the "St. Pius X Faithful Stewards" giving circle. This giving circle is made up of our parishioners who are giving a gift to the ACA automatically every month, month after month, year after year. This gift can be made in any amount, based on each parishioner and/or parishioner family's financial situation. The benefits to this type of sustained giving are numerous for both the donor and for the Diocese. For the donor, you are able to know your gift is automatically given each month, you are often able to give more by breaking the total overall into monthly gifts, there are no checks to write or stamps needed to mail the donations in, no forgotten gifts, etc. Additionally, you can know that you are giving sustained support to the ministries of the Diocese. For the Diocese, this gives us ongoing expected/planned income, allows us to budget accordingly, and is more cost effective for processing the gifts are given. Gifts can be made by credit/debit card or through your bank account. We hope you will consider joining the St. Pius X Faithful Stewards this year!




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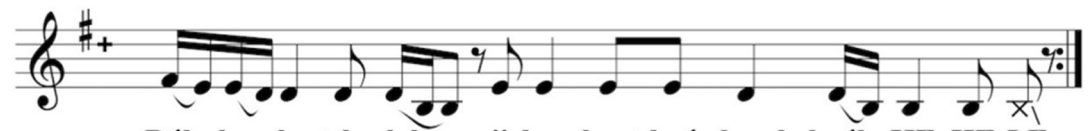


Make a Stock Gift
Call the Mission Advancement Office @ (406) 604-1854

Closing:



Ak-baa-tat-dí - a I - láax baax-peesh a-lá-kaa - ssaa -la-htaa
 God's Holy Spirit, even if you don't see Him,



Dáh-ka - la-tche-lak ii baa koot-kaá-sheesh koók. HE HE-LE
 If you believe in Him, then all things are possible.

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

Stations of the Cross @ 6pm, then Mass
 Thursdays – St. Dennis
 Fridays – Our Lady of Loretto

Daily Mass Schedule:

6 PM @ Saint Dennis – Tues/Wed/Thurs
 6 PM @ Our Lady of Loretto – Fridays

St Dennis Parish Hall:
 Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6pm
 Wednesdays: St. Dennis Bingo @ 6:45pm

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

OPENING SONG – Led By The Spirit #128

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MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation #884-888

CLOSING SONG – Akbaatatdía Iláaxbaaxpeesh alákaassalahtaa

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

First Sunday in Lent



On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is

evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten

observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Family Connection - The announcement that Jesus makes as he begins his preaching in today's Gospel is recalled on Ash Wednesday at the signing with ashes: "Repent and believe in the gospel." This is our challenge for Lent; indeed, it is the challenge of our entire life. During Lent, we are invited to strengthen and to renew the promises that we made at our Baptism, to reject Satan and sin so as to live as children of God. Through the grace of God that we received at Baptism, we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit and know that with Jesus' help, we will be victorious over sin.

As you gather as a family, talk about the importance of Baptism. At our Baptism, our sins were forgiven, and we promised to live as children of God. As part of the Rite of Baptism, we rejected sin and Satan. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:12-15. During Lent, we renew the promises of our Baptism, turning again from sin and promising to follow God. Light a candle, perhaps a candle used at one of your family member's Baptisms, and pray together the [Act of Contrition](#).

Help plan an Easter Egg Hunt

We're looking for 2-3 individuals who can plan & organize an Easter Egg Hunt after the 9am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Dennis. Please contact Br. Mike if you can help, Ahooh!

Fasting & Abstinence in Lent

For information about fasting & abstinence from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/crowlent>.

Please sign-up for Bingo Concessions

Typically, our volunteers provide a main dish and dessert while the church provides the other items. However, if you wish to volunteer but are unable to provide food, just let us know and we would still appreciate your handling the orders/sales for one of the nights. See the sign-up sheet in the doorway for available dates or call 620-7500. Ahooh!