



The Bulletin

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Confessions: Before Mass, & On request

Sunday Mass Schedule:

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

Weekday Mass Schedule:

6.00 pm @ St. Dennis: Tues. Wed. Thurs.
6.00 pm @ Our Lady of Loretto: Friday

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

Our Lady of Loretto Women's Group

Tues & Thurs @ 6:00pm (Call 679-6978)

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

OPENING SONG – **#497** (Breaking Bread – BB)

GLORIA – BB **#6**

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB page **179**

CREED-Apostles' on BB page **10**

OFFERATORY - **#3** (Apsáalooke Hymns Sampler – AHS)

MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation BB **#884-888**

COMMUNION - (AHS) **#4**

CLOSING SONG – (AHS) **#13**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show

that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel. As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

Family Connection

Worries and concerns are part of human life. Jesus teaches us, however, that we ought not to let worries and concerns consume us. Jesus teaches us that our faith ought to lead us to trust in God's protection and love, no matter how strong the whirlwind going on around us. Like the disciples, we can bring our worries and concerns to Jesus in prayer. Jesus will hear our cries for help. He knows that our faith can be fragile and he will act so that our trust in God will be strengthened. As you gather as a family, invite each family member to talk about something that might be worrying them. Talk about how important it is to share worries and concerns with other people. When we do this, we learn to see our worries from a different perspective. Read today's Gospel, Mark 4:35-41. Ask your family questions such as

these: Why were the disciples worried about the storm? Why wasn't Jesus worried about the storm? When we bring our worries to Jesus in prayer, Jesus can help us see things from God's perspective. Invite family members to name again a worry or concern and pray together that Jesus will help us have faith in God's love and protection. Conclude in prayer together by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Keeping Christ's Sacred Promise: This month the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved and issued a new pastoral framework for ministry regarding Catholic Indigenous peoples. Developed by the subcommittee on Native American Affairs, its content primarily arose from synodal listening sessions with Elders and Catholic Native Leaders who met in March 2019 in Phoenix, AZ., as well as input/feedback arising from Pope Francis' visit to Canada in 2022. The long-term goal of Crow Catholic Parishes is to work in conjunction with the parish councils and parishioners to apply the plan's framework to our life and ministry here in Apsáalooke Country. If the document sparks any feedback or ideas that could help with this communal process, please let one of the priests know. The full document can be accessed here- <https://www.usccb.org/resources/keeping-christs-sacred-promise>

Here are some excerpts from the summary of the document: 1. Develop a process for listening sessions with local Native communities. 2. Build relationships between dioceses, parishes, and tribal leadership. 3. Where applicable, develop resources to help alleviate trauma associated with the boarding school period. 4. Raise awareness of social justice issues and concerns affecting Native communities. 5. Develop ways to support and strengthen Native marriages and family life. 6. Work with health care professionals to develop programs that foster prevention of suicide and recovery from alcoholism and substance abuse, especially among the young. 7. Support initiatives that promote Native language and culture. 8. Focus on cultivating Native vocations. 9. Establish programs to educate priests, seminarians, religious men and women, and lay missionaries about Catholic Native cultures. 10. Educate seminarians for "intentional discipleship" by highlighting the relationship between evangelization and inculturation of the Gospel in the programs of formation in seminaries and religious houses of formation. In particular, create opportunities for seminarians to learn about and experience local Catholic Native cultures and traditions. 11. Develop catechetical and evangelization resources that are culturally appropriate. 12. Develop guidelines for authentic inculturation of the Liturgy that incorporate Indigenous cultural elements in conformity with the directives of the Holy See, the episcopal conference, and the diocesan bishop. 13. Educate the wider Catholic community about Catholic Native ministry. 14. Develop ways to increase Native access to financing and micro-lending opportunities. 15. Help Catholic universities respond to the needs of Native teachers, including educational development opportunities. 16. Help local Native communities to partner with the Catholic Health Services and other local or regional community health care providers. 17. Call for or participate in an international forum where the history and consequences of what is known collectively as the "doctrine of discovery" can be studied and looked at in depth to understand its effects even today.

Bible Study: Tentatively we are thinking of gathering for the first Bible-study/discussion on July 6th Saturday at 6.00pm at St. Dennis Hall. Anyone is welcome.

Infant Baptisms - Usually children under 7 are baptized on 1st Saturdays. (If needed, other days too). Next class for parents/God-parents who haven't yet had baptismal prep, is at 10:30am at St. Dennis Parish Hall on **Saturday, July 6th**. Please contact any of the priests to schedule a Baptism.



The Pope at G-7: Pope Francis delivered the first-ever papal address at a G-7 conference on June 21, warning about the ethical pitfalls of artificial intelligence (AI). The pope told the council of world leaders in Fasano, Italy, that AI offers immense benefit to the human race, but also threatens to dehumanize society. "The question of AI, however, is often perceived as ambiguous: on the one hand, it generates excitement for the possibilities it offers, while on the other, it gives rise to fear for the consequences it foreshadows...In this regard, we could say that all of us, albeit to varying degrees, experience two emotions: we are enthusiastic when we imagine the advances that can result from AI, but, at the same time, we are fearful when we acknowledge the dangers inherent in its use."



Lutherans meet with Pope: On June 20th Pope Francis met with a delegation from the Lutheran World Federation, highlighting the 'signs of hope' on our common ecumenical journey. Among those in attendance was the Rev Dr. Anne Burghardt, the Federation's General Secretary and an ordained pastor in the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Lutheran Church's dialogue with the Catholic Church is its oldest, dating back to 1967, right after the Second Vatican Council.

There have been five rounds of official dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans so far, and, Burghardt said, the plan is for a sixth phase - focusing on ecclesiology and the understanding of ministry - to begin next year.



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

"Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) would greatly expand the practice of legalized abortion in Montana abolishing the limited restrictions currently in place and opening the door to a host of practices that violate fundamental rights to life and dignity."

—Montana's Catholic Bishops on the Abortion Amendment, CI-128

The signature gathering efforts to place Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) on the November ballot have concluded. These efforts included substantial out-of-state funding, signing events, and vague messaging that often framed CI-128 as a "woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions." In the coming weeks, amidst likely legal challenges, the Montana Secretary of State will confirm whether the signature gathering was successful or not.

During the signature verification and count, our Catholic bishops will continue messaging the great threat that CI-128 poses to unborn children, expectant mothers, and families. Regardless of the outcome, the Church will fulfill her duty to boldly speak out and stand up for the infinite dignity of life from conception until a natural death.

Let us remain prayerfully vigilant, continuing with the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be after each Mass. Let our prayer intention be for the defeat of CI-128 but even more so for a change of heart. We pray for a transformation in our hearts and the hearts of all people, especially expectant mothers and those who would promote abortion over loving each new life as a precious and unrepeatable gift.



From Montana's Bishops
Joint Letter & Video
Stand for Life in Montana



Join our Bishops as we stand for every child's right to life, the dignity of each mother, and the sanctity of the family.