



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

Bible Study @ St. Dennis

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month @ 6pm

Our Lady of Loretto Women's Group

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

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024

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

GLORIA – BB **#6**

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB page **180**

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

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

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

COMMUNION - (AHS) **#4**

CLOSING SONG – (AHS) **#13**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus

calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

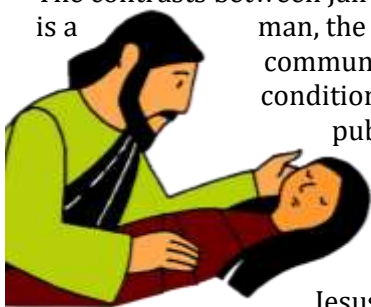
Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. She must have been seriously ill for some time, and her condition worsening.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a long-persisting hemorrhage. She secretly touches Jesus from behind and is instantly cured. At once, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. His disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, asks who touched him! The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult for us to understand the purpose of it. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity, affirming Jesus as God's Son.



Family Connection

There are many ways in which we can compare the request for healing made by Jairus and the request of the woman with the

hemorrhage. One comparison helps us think about prayer. Jairus asked Jesus for healing on his daughter's behalf; the woman with the hemorrhage bravely approached Jesus on her own initiative. In our prayers, we do both. We intercede for others' needs, and we also courageously express our own needs to God. We find hope in Jesus' response to both of these people, who sought him out in their hour of need. As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things you have prayed for this week. Notice that some of your prayers may have been for other people, and some of your prayers may have been for your own needs. In today's Gospel we find encouragement for both kinds of prayer. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 5:21-43. Talk about the similarities and differences between the two people who presented their needs to Jesus. Notice that both people received the healing they sought from Jesus. Pray together in thanks and praise to God, who hears our needs and answers them, by praying today's psalm, Psalm 30

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.

Bible Study: Tentatively we are thinking of gathering for the first Bible-study/discussion on Saturday the 6th of July, 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.



Holy See decries sharp increase of children killed in conflict

The Vatican representative at the UN, Monsignor Robert Murphy, addressed an open debate at the Security Council in New York on the alarming increase of children killed in armed conflict around the world and the international community's failure to protect them. His remarks came as he addressed on Thursday an open debate at the Security Council on this issue, on the occasion the 25th anniversary of Resolution 1261 and the 75th anniversary of the Geneva

Calendar

7/1: St. Junipero Serra

7/3: St. Thomas, Apostle

7/4: USA Independence Day



7/5: St. Elizabeth of Portugal

7/6: St. Maria Goretti

7/7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis meets with climate activist Al Gore

Pope Francis met Friday with former US vice president Al Gore, who is in Rome for a three-day summit sponsored by his "Climate Reality Project." According to a statement from the Holy See Press Office, Gore praised the Pope for the impact of the encyclical *Laudato si* on the 2015 Paris Accords on climate change, and for the recent Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*. For his part, Pope Francis thanked Gore for the "climate concern" that has always inspired his political activity."



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

"The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition."

—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2013.

Signature gatherers for the petition to place Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) on Montana's November ballot have now submitted their petition forms to county election administrators. Within four weeks of receiving statewide petition forms, election administrators must check the names of all petition signers to verify they are registered voters in their county. Petition signatures will be compared with voter registration signatures and then verified signature sheets will be submitted to the Secretary of State, no later than July 19. If there are sufficient verified signatures filed, the Secretary of State will certify that the petition has qualified for the ballot.

As we await the final signature count and verification, our Montana's Catholic bishops urge us to continue praying for the defeat of CI-128, the protection of all human life, and the conversion of heart to which God calls all of us. Whatever the outcome of this initiative process, the Church will remain vigilant in boldly proclaiming the truth about human life and working to build a culture that upholds the infinite dignity of every person.



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.

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