



The Holy Spirit

Pope Francis said: In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul visits a Christian community and asks, "Have you received the Holy Spirit?" The community's response: "What is the Holy Spirit?" This lack of understanding, mirrors the understanding of many modern Christians. I think that today, if I ask many Christian communities who the Holy Spirit is, they wouldn't know how to respond. The Holy Spirit is the protagonist of our lives. The Holy Spirit is the one who moves us forward, who helps us progress, who enables us to develop Christian life.



2025 Jubilee Year

At a ceremony in St Peter's Basilica on Ascension Thursday, Pope Francis solemnly proclaimed the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025, consigning the Bull: "Hope does not disappoint." "Hope" will be the overarching theme of the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of 2025.

Pope Francis announced that the Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, 2024.



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09:00 am – Saint Dennis

10:30 am – Saint Charles Borromeo

12:30 pm – Our Lady of Loretto

04:00 pm – Saint Francis Xavier

Daily Mass Schedule:

6.00 pm @ Saint 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

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St. Francis Xavier

St. Xavier

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Wyola

School Mass Schedule:

PECA, St. Xavier: Thursday 8.30 am

St. Charles, Pryor: Friday 8.30 am

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm

Pentecost Sunday

May 12, 2024

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Priest Support

Support of our Priests is one of the most important ministries we have at the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Over one quarter of our budgeted expenses each year is used to support our priests - which includes our current/active priests and those in retirement. Some of the ways your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are used for our priests include: pension contributions, supplemental health insurance, Long Term Care insurance, Assisted Living and Nursing Home costs, diocesan apartments with minimal rental fees for retired priests in Billings and Great Falls, life insurance, and immigration costs for our foreign missionary priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to caring for others and we want to ensure that they are well-cared for especially during their retirement when they are no longer supported through their local parishes.

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Pentecost Sunday

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.



Family Connection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation. As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together

today's psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace.

Corpus Christi @ St. Anne Mission site (LG) – Sunday, June 2nd

Corpus Christi will be hosted at the old site of St. Anne's Mission and this will be the only Mass celebrated that day. If your family can help by sponsoring an altar/tipi, please contact Br. Mike at 406-620-7500. The church will provide the meat, while we ask each location to provide the following: **St. Dennis- salads, St. Charles- drinks, Our Lady of Loretto- desserts, and St. Xavier- chips.**

Ahóoh! Another great season of Bingo

This Bingo season came to a close last Wednesday. Ahóoh to all the families who gave of their time, cooking & resources while working concessions. Ahóoh as well to our dedicated bingo committee whose weekly service made this fundraiser possible. And lastly a huge Ahóoh to everyone from all over Crow Country who came out to play in support of our parishes!

Bible Study Group(s) – Sign Up Sheet

We're in the beginning stages of organizing a potential Bible study group to meet either weekly or twice/month, etc. There are some already signed up. If you didn't know and are interested, please sign-up on the sheet near the doors (Name and Phone/email). Or contact Br. George at 313.949.5650 / franciscangv (at) [gmail.com](mailto:franciscangv@gmail.com)

St. Dennis/Our Lady of Loretto Needs Altar Servers

If you have received your First Communion and would like to serve as an Altar Server or Lector at our Masses on Sundays and other Holy Days, please list your name and contact info on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Necessary instruction and training will be given before you are scheduled to serve at Mass.

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 you. 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, June 1st.** Please contact any of the priests to register/schedule baptisms.