



The Bulletin

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**14
JULY
2024**

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

Infant Baptisms: 1st Saturdays

Confessions: Before Mass, & on request

Sunday Masses:

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 Masses:

6.00 pm (Tues. Wed. Thurs.) - St. Dennis

6.00 pm (Friday) - Our Lady of Loretto:

Bible Study @ St. Dennis

1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 6pm

Our Lady of Loretto Women's Group

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

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING SONG: **#432** (Breaking Bread – BB)

GLORIA: BB **#6**

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB page **184**

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

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

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

COMMUNION: (AHS) **#13**

RECESSIONAL: (AHS) **#4**



St. Dennis Parish Picnic & Mass on July 28th, 2024

Mass will be @ 9.30 am



TODAY'S GOSPEL

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is

sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.



Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Families who work together to accomplish routine household tasks know that the benefits are more than efficiency. In sharing daily tasks, we accomplish more,

but we also build relationships that last—and it's a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name. Perhaps the job was accomplished more effectively this way, but

more importantly, Jesus' mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others,

we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it. As you gather as a family, talk about some household tasks that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the

job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 6:7-13. Ask: Why do you think Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs? Observe that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship—

our family and the community of the Church. Conclude in prayer together that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Pray together the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).

THINGS TO NOTE

Bible Study: Next Bible-study/discussion for adults on Saturday July 20th, 6.00pm at St. Dennis Hall. Anyone is welcome.

Infant Baptisms: Usually children under 7 are baptized on 1st Saturdays (but adjustable). Please contact any of the priests to schedule a Baptism.

For parents/God-parents who haven't yet had baptismal prep, the next class is at 10:30am, at St Dennis Parish Hall: Saturday, August 3rd.

Floor Refinishing: No Coffee Hour @ St. Dennis Today after Mass: We appreciate your patience during this time of routine summer maintenance and our apologies for the

unavailability of restrooms. Our plan is to have the main hall and bathrooms completed by Sunday, 7/21.

St. Dennis Parish Outdoor Mass &

Picnic: Please join us on Sunday, July 28th @ 9:30am behind the parish hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for folks to bring salads, side dishes, drinks, desserts, and paper products. Please bring your favorite chair and possibly an umbrella for shade. We will setup our 10' X 20' shade cloths for the Mass.

Save the Date: There will be a two-day trauma healing workshop in Muddy Cluster near Lame Deer on Friday, 7/26 & Saturday 7/27 from 9am-5pm.



Carlo Acutis and 14 others for canonization: On Monday morning Pope Francis presided at an Ordinary Consistory of Cardinals, which approved the canonization of 15 people, including Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be made a saint.

After praying together the Mid-Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, Cardinal Marcelo Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of the Saints, presented a brief report on the lives and miracles of the 15 Blessed. Then the Consistory voted and approved their canonization.



Pope Francis to World's Religions: Pope Francis called on representatives from the world's religions to unite behind the defense of human dignity in an age that will be defined by artificial intelligence. Leaders representing faiths such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá'í, among others, as well as leaders of the three Abrahamic religions gathered in Hiroshima, Japan, for the conference, titled "AI Ethics for Peace." They also signed the Rome Call for AI Ethics — a document developed by the Pontifical Academy for Life which asks signatories to promote an ethical approach to AI development.



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

Answering the call of our Montana Bishops to promote and defend life



The Diocese of
Great Falls-Billings



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
Diocese of Helena

As we continue to answer our Montana Bishops' call to defend life, we ask Christ to grant a conversion of hearts so that our brothers and sisters would recognize and respect the infinite dignity of each human life and reject the radical abortion initiative CI-128. We also ask that our own hearts be transformed so that we may share the truth of the sanctity of life with wisdom and charity. To that end, please view and share the videos below. May they bless us and all who watch them. Both videos are found at the link and QR code below.



Summoned to Life: Spiritual Foundations, Sisters of Life

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And love leads to action, to His divine love in action. The Lord is summoning us to build a culture of life, of love, a culture where any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant will know that she will be received.

In this first installment of 12-part Into Life video series, the Sisters of Life issue a profound and moving invitation to God's call to uphold human life. The Sisters reveal that authentically pro-life activity is a response to God's love, and that it is not about labels or abstract ideas. Instead, we are called to commit to authentic relationships, in which we pray, love, and listen so that we may promote the infinite dignity of life.



Partners in Truth Seeking, Montana Catholic Conference

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There is no civility in our society, no civility in our public discourse, without love of neighbor and a true appreciation for our interconnectedness. Our lives are bound together. If we don't get the how of dialogue correct, we'll never get to the what or we will do so in a manner that, at best, is ineffective.

In this first installment of 8-part Faithful Citizenship series, Matthew Brower of the Montana Catholic Conference outlines our obligation to marshal a dignified, loving, and truthful discourse about our beliefs. He outlines the “better way” we are called to conduct ourselves, including the confidence required as well as the charity involved in truly listening and being mindful of others.

Find these, and more life-affirming resources at montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life, or by scanning the QR code.

