



The Bulletin

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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

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

Our Lady of Loretto Women's Group

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

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024

OPENING SONG – #8 (Apsáalooke Hymns Sampler – AHS)

SCRIPTURE READINGS begin on BB page **175**

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

OFFERTORY - (AHS) **#16A**

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

COMMUNION - (AHS) **#16B**

CLOSING SONG – (AHS) **#17**

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the section of the Gospel just before these verses, Jesus calls his Twelve Apostles. Now he performs his first exorcism. It is told within the context of conflict with his family.

A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat their bread. His family comes to take him away because they think he is beside himself. And the scribes think he is possessed by the devil. Jesus points out to them the absurdity of their thinking that he uses the devil to cast out demons. In fact, it is Jesus who ties up the strong man, Beelzebub, and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.

Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood.



Family Connection

Families are places of beginnings. Within our family, we first learn what it means to be part of a community. We share a closeness and experience mutual understanding and support. We learn how to love one another, how to ask for and receive forgiveness, and how to apply all these lessons to the world outside our homes.

As you gather as a family, talk about what makes your family special. Share some of the lessons you have learned together about love, forgiveness, and understanding. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 3:20–35. Jesus wants us to understand that by doing God's will, we are part of a bigger family. Choosing to follow Jesus, being his disciple, means we must treat one another with kindness and mercy. We must become a family. Conclude by asking God to bless your family and to help you do God's will by seeing all his people with the same kind of love and compassion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary.

Corpus Christi Sunday: Corpus Christi Celebration was celebrated last Sunday at the old site of St. Anne's Mission. Many people turned up for the celebration and several families helped in setting up tents, clearing the ground, cooking food, transporting things, etc. A Big Ahoooh to all who were so generous and did all that stuff. A lot of work indeed. Let's bring this spirit of coming together as one and continue doing things in love and collaboration.

Job Open: Great Falls Catholic Schools need Director of Advancement. Please see diocesegfb.org



Father's Day – Next Sunday, July 16th: We'll be honoring the fathers next Sunday with a blessing within Mass as we did for Mother's Day. If you'd like to bring an item of food to share with others after Mass, please do so. The church will provide a sheet cake.

Bible Study Group(s): We're in the beginning stages of organizing a potential Bible study group to meet preferably on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. There are a few who have already signed up. If you didn't know and are interested, please get in touch with Br. George at 313.949.5650 / franciscangv (at) [gmail.com](mailto:franciscangv@gmail.com)

Lector & Altar Server: Let us revitalize our Parish by offering ourselves to be Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers etc. Every Baptized person of age can do these services. If you would like to serve as Lector/ Altar server, please put your name and contact info on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Necessary instruction will be given to you to do the service.

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.

We are Invited: St Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings is hosting a 60th Anniversary of Ordination for Fr. John J. Houlihan on Sunday, June 23, following the 10:30am Mass. The members of St Patrick's Parish cordially invites everyone to a reception (meat, cheese, fruit and desserts) in his honor



The Catholic Church published the Global data from end of 2021:

Comparing to the previous year,
 Number of Catholics increased by 1.3%
 Number of Priests decreased by 0.57%
 Number of Nuns decreased by 1.7%
 Number of Seminarians down by 1.8%
 Number of Permanent Deacons increased -1.1%
 North & South Americas together has world's 48% Catholics, but only 29% of world's Priests - (Imbalance in ratio).
 Church growing quickly in Africa - 3.1%
 In Africa there is an increase in number of Seminarians (0.57%)
 Brazil has the most number of Catholics (180 M)
...It's time to think about Crow Seminarians, Crow Priests and Crow Permanent Deacons and Crow Capuchins



Pope Francis comes from a Jesuit education, which follows an approach to spirituality that was founded by St. Ignatius. Ignatian spirituality is rooted in the awareness that God can be found in every one, every place, and in everything.

When he was elected the Pope, he took for himself the name Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi. He adopted the spirit and mindset of this Saint who loved the whole creation, and glorified God through being poor in spirit and loving the poor and caring for Creation.

In Crow Country, we have both the Jesuit and Franciscan history and tradition - like Pope Francis.



Montana Catholics For Life

For Babies For Mothers For Families

"The fight against abortion is "part of the battle in favor of life from the moment of conception until a dignified, natural end. This includes the care of the mother during pregnancy, the existence of laws to protect the mother postpartum, and the need to ensure that children receive enough food, as well as providing healthcare throughout the whole length of life..."

-Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio in a book of interviews "Pope Francis: His Life in His Own Words"

CI-128 seeks to change the Montana State Constitution regarding abortion. This would mean that current and future laws that could stop, or even regulate, abortion would be deemed unconstitutional – effectively suppressing the voice of those who have a duty to stand up for the voiceless unborn, support mothers during and after pregnancy, and articulate the infinite dignity of every life. Please continue to pray and spread the word. Encourage people of goodwill to decline to sign the petition to place CI-128 on the November ballot.



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.

