

-up on the sheet near the doors (Name and Phone/email).
You can also contact Br. George at 313.949.5650 or 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 liturgies (Mass) 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.



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Regular Sunday Mass Schedule:

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

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Pryor

St. Dennis
Crow Agency

St. Francis Xavier
St. Xavier

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Wyola

School Mass Schedule:

Pretty Eagle, St. Xavier: Thursday 8.30 am
St. Charles, Pryor: Friday 8.30 am

St Dennis Parish Hall:

Tuesdays: Sewing Group @ 6:00pm
Wednesdays: St. Dennis Bingo @ 6:45pm
(Last Day of Season – May 15)

Communications

The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is the second largest geographic diocese within the contiguous United States at over 94,000 square miles. One way we are trying to help our entire Diocese feel more connected is to utilize our "Communications" resources - which includes live streaming special event Masses (Chrism, Ordinations, etc.), creating videos and video series (At The Table, Hey Bishop Jeff, etc.), and social media channels (Facebook, YouTube, Catholic Social Media) just to name a few. While we know that Bishop Jeff and many other Diocesan Pastoral Team members are traveling to visit your towns - we are hoping that these other methods help to keep everyone involved, even when someone might not be there in person. These are used to help connect, educate, and inform Catholics across Eastern Montana and are reliant on your generous gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal!

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

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MASS PARTS – Mass of Creation BB #884-888

COMMUNION - (AHS) #4

CLOSING SONG – (AHS) #13

The Ascension of the Lord

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8. Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to



heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

Family Connection

It can be very important whom we sit next to. Any family that has tried to sit down to a family dinner or packed the car for a trip has heard children argue at least once about who should sit where. To sit next to someone, especially if that person is important, is to have a place of honor. Jesus has this place of honor seated at God's right hand, but there's more to this metaphor than where Jesus sits in relation to God. To be in the place of honor is also to be in a place of power. Knowing people in powerful places can be helpful. Our children remind us of this each time we are called upon to referee a conflict. Jesus, honored at God's right hand, is a powerful ally for us.

As you gather as a family, recall a time when there was a discussion, or perhaps even an argument, about where people were going to sit. Talk about why it might be important to a person to sit in a particular place. Observe that in today's Gospel we will learn about Jesus' place in heaven. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 16:15-20. Talk about what we might learn about the relationship between God and Jesus from today's Gospel and what we learn about Jesus' relationship to us. Observe that one of the things we learn is that Jesus continues to help us from this place of honor in heaven. Pray together the Apostles' Creed.

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.**

Another great season of Bingo – Ahóoh!

As this season comes to a close this week, many thanks 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 makes this fundraiser possible. And lastly a huge thanks 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. If you're interested in learning more, please sign-