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Saturday, 5 PM
 Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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Monday-Friday, 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday Devotion:

Following Daily Mass on
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Jesus, I Trust in You!

Jubilation from John

In April 2000, Pope St. John Paul II officially designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the General Roman Calendar. This designation formalized a popular devotion that had spread throughout the Catholic world in response to a vision received nearly 70 years earlier by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a 25-year-old Polish nun. In the vision, the Risen Christ instructed St. Faustina to paint an image of his merciful divinity being poured from his sacred heart and told her, "I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter" (*Diary* 341).

The image of Divine Mercy was modeled by the Lord himself in St. Faustina's vision: "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale" (*Diary* 47-48). This beautiful image has become the icon of Divine Mercy, possibly more widely recognized than the Sunday on which we celebrate the outpouring of mercy from the Lord's side. However, what is too easily overlooked in this profound and awe-inspiring image is the "signature" at its base, not of the artist but decreed by the divine model himself: "Jesus, I trust in you" (*Diary* 47-48).

Jesus, I trust in you! On this and every Divine Mercy Sunday, this signature seems so strange to me when juxtaposed against the Gospel reading specified for the Sunday: the appearance of the Risen Christ to his followers in the Upper Room—not in a vision as for St. Faustina, but in reality with his glorified body still bearing the wounds from which his infinite mercy poured. Again, it is easy to focus on the central figure of Doubting Thomas in this narrative—and to overlook the "signature" line that sets the scene: "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews..." (Jn 29:19).

Too easily we can focus on the one who was absent from the Risen Christ's first appearance—but Thomas clearly wasn't alone in his doubt. "The doors were locked... for fear of the Jews." Where was the hope and faith and confidence in their Lord and Master who had repeatedly told them that he must suffer and die but he would return to them? Where was the trust in his promise spoken so recently at their last supper together? "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (Jn 14:3). *Jesus, I trust in you?*

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, you and I are in the Upper Room, socially distanced and isolated for fear of a virus. Is our "signature" line a definitive exclamation or a tentative question? Today, let us place the image of Divine Mercy before us and focus on the signature inscribed by the Risen Christ himself who offered peace to the Doubting Disciples, then and now—the Risen Christ who breathed the Holy Spirit into them and us—the Risen Christ whose boundless mercy extends forgiveness and frees us from our sins. *Jesus, I trust in you!*

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John
 Deacon John

The Drive-thru blessing time has changed
 to **12-2 PM** for this Sunday, April 19.
 Please enter the parking lot nearest Casa Maria.

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday **Drive-thru Blessing**



Sunday, April 19, 12-2 PM

A St. Faustina Relic
will be at Blessed
Sacrament Church,
Rapid City, for drive
thru veneration from
11-1 PM

Enter off of Sturgis Road closest to
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A St. John Paul II
Relic will be at
OLBH for drive
thru veneration
from 12-2 PM.



Make a MINI PILGRIMAGE this week.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy while driving between parishes.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the Great Depression in 1931 when Sister Faustina Kowalska of Poland is said to have been visited by Jesus. According to her diary, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord from whose heart shown two rays, one red (representing blood) and one "pale" (symbolizing water) with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to the rosary). The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin.

What is Veneration?

Veneration of a relic, an object associated with a saint, is has been happening since the early Church. The Act of Veneration given to the saints is called *dulia* (CCC 957). Higher veneration given to Mary is called *hyperdulia* and supreme worship or adoration due to God alone is called *latria*. Appropriate veneration from your vehicle will include a prayerful demeanor, looking at the relic, and making the Sign of the Cross. Additional forms of veneration include praying the Litany of Saints, asking for the intercession of a saint, public devotions and novenas, and using specific prayers that saints have used.

Dear friends and benefactors of Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish,

It is very difficult for me to write this note but it is also my responsibility. The Church relies solely on the generosity of the people. Every year we try to be careful and diligent about our budget. We are prepared for short term instability but ultimately we need to look into the future. Mass may be cancelled and this may give an idea that we do not need the donations - but we do. Like in every home, **we need to secure the basic necessities**, pay bills and to look after the well-being of our staff. I am asking you to keep OLBH Parish in your heart. If at all possible, please continue your financial support. These dark times will pass and we want to be ready to serve you to the best of our abilities. We cannot do this without your generous financial support. You can send in your contribution, drop it off at the office, when you visit the church or simply go into <https://www.olbh.org/donate> to make an electronic deposit. I am grateful for your gift, pray that we can emerge stronger as a Parish Family. THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED ONLINE.

May God Bless and protect you all.

Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, Pray for us.

Fr. Andrzej

The parish is open Sunday from 8:30-6 PM and Wednesday from 8:30-7 PM for **Adoration**, M-F 8:30-2:30 PM for **individual prayer**, Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM and Sunday 8:30-11 AM for **Reconciliation**. Please be mindful that only 10 individuals can be in the Church at one time. Please call us at 787-5168 with any questions or concerns.



Our most intimate encounter with Jesus is the reception of Him in Holy Communion. A significant time of silence is needed following the communion song, to allow the faithful to listen to the voice of the Lord in the stillness of our hearts. The silence following Communion also allows us the opportunity to give thanks in prayer with him who is now within us in the most intimate way. A song of thanksgiving following the silence can also help us express our love and gratitude.

Catholic Social Services, in collaboration with the Diocese of Rapid City announces the establishment of a **COVID-19 response fund** for western South Dakota families. Visit <https://www.cssrapidcity.com/relief/> for details. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE YOU KNOW, NEED NOT BE CATHOLIC TO APPLY.

CSS will allocate the funds, prioritizing applications from households anywhere in western South Dakota that meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. A household member who has a positive test for COVID-19, which has adversely impacted the family's income.
2. Temporarily lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has adversely impacted the family's income.
3. Health care providers in the family whose employment has resulted in financial hardships for the family.
4. Lost income due to a lack of childcare.
5. Members with pre-existing medical conditions that has caused them to self-quarantine, resulting in financial hardship for the family.

At this point, CSS has limited financial resources to assist with this effort and the amount of assistance per household will depend on available funding and the number of applicants.

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
April 11-12, 2020			
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Adopt a Seminarian	54	200	254
Sunday Collection	1,924	9,020	10,944
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Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	50	50
Catechist Appreciation	-	-	-
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 20

No Mass

Tuesday, April 21

Saint Anselm, Bishop

No Mass

Wednesday, April 22

No Mass

8:30-7 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 23

Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop,
Martyr

No Mass

Friday, April 17

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

No Mass

Saturday, April 18

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org

Sunday, April 19

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30-6 PM Adoration

12-2 PM DRIVE-THRU BLESSING

(enter off of Sturgis Rd. next to Casa Maria)

Due to the COVID-19 Virus there are no public Masses. Fr. Andrzej offers Mass privately each day for the following intentions. Please pray for these intentions at home each day:

April 20 for Catholic Extension

April 21 for the repose of Elizabeth Willis

April 22 for the repose of Becky Yackley

April 23 for Ken VanAsma

April 24 for Kathy VanAsma

April 25 for the Confirmation Students

April 26 for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes with special emphasis on those affected by COVID 19.

Intentions of the Holy Father for April

Pope's Intention: Freedom from Addiction. That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Mary Hummel

Gerald Tomac

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve

Josh Kornmann (grandson of Larry and Margaret Taylor)

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration - ONGOING

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to r if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- Edwin Weaver (father of Bob Weaver) • Dean Antonsen
- Blanche Rieth • Jobie Berger • Bernard Wiehl
- Dennis Schumacher • Bette Stebbins • Ryan Wilson
- Tom Ryan (father of Lorinda Collings) • Lowell Amiotte
- Mike Knecht (son of Larry and grandson of Rose Knecht)
- Jean Schacher • Randy Oberle • Ivy Held • Scott More
- Les Bedne (mother of Marie Landgfeldt) • Doug Wermers
- Norita Rice (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer) • Wes Mendenhall
- Tony Corbine (son-in-law of Patty Cariveau) • Brenda Velasco
- Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long) • Jen Ehlers Hruska
- Mike Rhode (father of Rhonda Gehlsen) • Wayne Gamroth
- Rita Berg (sister of Phyllis Sour) • Jean Schubauer
- Peggy Laurenz (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- Cheryl Pederson (sister of Debra Jensen)
- Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)
- Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- Nila Serfling (mother of Jason) • Moneik Stephens

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that have served the Diocese of Rapid City.

April 20 Rev. John Vogel (1953)
April 21 Rev. John Shea, C.S.C. (1921)
April 25 Marie Honerkamp (2018)

Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.

Daily Readings

Monday: ACTS 4:23-31; PS 2:1-3, 4-7A, 7B-9; MT 28:8-15; JN 3:1-8
Tuesday: ACTS 4:32-37; PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5; JN 3:7B-15
Wednesday: ACTS 5:17-26; PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; JN 3:16-21
Thursday: ACTS 5:27-33; PS 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20; JN 3:31-36
Friday: ACTS 5:34-42; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; JN 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 PT 5:5B-14; PS 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; MK 16:15-20
Sunday: ACTS 2:14, 22-33; PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 PT 1:17-21; LK 24:13-35

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS



Rachel's Corner

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The Foundation has many endowment funds where only the investment earnings are distributed. By directing your gift to one of these endowment funds, your gift gives forever! **www.wsdcf.org**

Deadline for Catholic Senior Girl Scholarship Submissions

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Courage is an international apostolate which ministers to persons with same-sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. EnCourage is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children and other relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Members in both groups support one another through discussion prayer and fellowship. For information on Courage please contact courage@diorc.org or 605-646-3363. For information on EnCourage, please contact encourage@diorc.org or 605-519-8688.

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