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Saturday, 5 PM

Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

##### Daily Liturgy:

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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# “Do not conform yourselves to this age”

Rom 12:2a

Several years ago, we got rid of satellite TV. What came as somewhat of a surprise to me was how much more peaceful I felt, how much more joy I experienced. I no longer was hearing repeated news stories and the slants on how it was reported. I no longer was exposed to as much of the agendas portrayed in TV shows. I have become a bit less angry. As Jesus tells Peter in the gospel reading “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” By making this change in my life, I feel like I have become less of an obstacle to the work of Jesus in the world.

In the first reading, Jeremiah writes “You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped.” Jeremiah was prophet. He longed for easy and pleasing messages to prophesy. But instead, the Lord compels him to announce violence and destruction. He declares to these “bullies”, if they persist in their behavior, their homes and land will be destroyed, and they hate him for it. In many ways, it feels like that is what is happening today. We hear about churches being damaged or destroyed. There are attacks against the Catholic Church and what the Church teaches. Statues of Saints who fought for the poor and disenfranchised are torn down. When we state our opinion or thought on a subject, we are subject to being called names and condemned. What are we to do?

As Paul writes in the Letter to the Romans, “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” In other words, we are to persist in doing what God wants us to do, and not what the world says. We are to continue to spread the good news, the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are to follow his example and tell people what they need to hear, and not want they want to hear. This can be difficult and is hard work. But we are not on our own, as we hear in the Responsorial Psalm, “You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.”

Is there something “of the world” that you are clinging to in your life? Is there something you need to give up? By detaching ourselves from worldly things, it provides opportunities for us to being open to hearing what God wants us to do. And when we do what God wants, even when it is hard, it can transform us; it can bring us peace and joy that only God can provide.

Deacon Greg  
*Servia*

### Tourists:

At Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Parish, we welcome tourists but wish to remain respectful of our neighbors. Thus we ask those passing through the area as guests who wish to join us at Mass please call ahead to reserve a space at 605-787-5168. Walk ins may be accommodated if space allows. All are required to wear masks. We will provide masks for those who do not have them. This aids us in maintaining the limited attendance numbers outlined by the CDC and the Diocese of Rapid City.

### Piedmont Valley Food Pantry

The Piedmont Valley Food Pantry is in need of items. All items are appreciated, but high need items include peanut butter, jelly, cereal, soup, hamburger helper and crackers. If you would like to donate perishable food items, please call Pam at 787-7468.

### Faith Formation Registration

We are currently looking at the CDC guidelines and area trends regarding COVID 19. Please keep in mind flexibility will be of the utmost importance. We have a TENTATIVE start date of **September 20**. *REGISTRATION IS OPEN* go to <https://www.olbh.org/child---youth-faith-formation-information---registration>. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

### Mark Your Calendars

Parish Feast Day is **September 12**. We will celebrate our parish following the 5 PM Mass with outdoor activities and fun. Plan to attend and fellowship at a safe social distance.

### Adult Faith Formation

Sundays, beginning **September 20**, from 9:15-10:45 AM. The first 7 week sessions are entitled "The Sacraments" by Bishop Robert Barron. The series will aid you in understanding the signs and channels of grace in the Sacraments. You will discover the secret behind their persistence through the ages: The presence and power of the Savior himself. Please let me know if you are interested in attending by [joni.osnes@olbh.org](mailto:joni.osnes@olbh.org).

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE WHILE ATTENDING MASS.**

### Positions Available in Catholic Education

*Elementary Teacher* - St. Elizabeth Seton would love to add an additional classroom in 2nd and, possibly, 5th grade for the 2020-21 school year. Elementary teaching experience preferred. Classes have already started.

*Part-time Registrar* - St. Thomas More High School is seeking a part time registrar to assist with record keeping, student transcripts and graduation requirements. Approximately 15 hours per week.

*Substitute Teachers* - The RCCSS is seeking substitutes at all grade levels. Assignment days and hours are flexible. Teaching certificate not required.

Contact Molly Rausch if interested: [mrausch@rccss.org](mailto:mrausch@rccss.org), 605-348-1477

### CONFIRMATION

There will be a Confirmation PARENT ONLY meeting on **September 16** from 6:15-7:30 PM.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please attend a PARENT ONLY Meeting on **September 17** from 6:30-8:30 PM.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The meetings for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul resume this Tuesday, 9/1, at 6:15 PM in the OLBH library. Come and listen to how we help our friends and neighbors in need through financial support and advocacy. Call Vicki at 431-0128 or attend the meeting to learn more.

### Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at [www.olbh.org/donate](http://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)			
August 22-23, 2020			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	1,871	2,585	4,456
Rectory	19	-	19
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	-	-
Assumption of Mary	20		20
Held for Others		260	260
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>4,808.84</b>

# Weekly Schedule

## Monday, August 31

No Mass

## Tuesday, September 1

**8 AM Mass** for Theresa Jacobs

**1:30 PM Mass at SES School** for Catholic Extension

6:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7 PM Women's Bible Study

## Wednesday, September 2

6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Kim Koan

**8:30-7 PM Adoration**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**5:30-6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Thursday, September 3

**Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

**8 AM Mass** for All Souls in Purgatory

9 AM 'Just Men' Bible Study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

## Friday, September 4

**8:30 AM at SES School** for Cathy Long

## Saturday, September 5

**BVM on Saturday**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation**

**5 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org** for Catholic Extension

## Sunday, September 6

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 AM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for life

**11 AM Mass** for the OLBH Parish community and for our sister parishes

### Altar Flowers

Please bring in flowers for the Altar. Drop the flowers off in the Narthex by Friday morning Mass each week. This will aid us in saving funds spent on Altar flowers.

### Intentions of the Holy Father for August

Pope's Intention: The Maritime World. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

### Prayers for our Deployed Military

**Jeremy Reeve**

### Prayers for the Recently Deceased

**Chad Kusser** (brother of Rebeca Lyle)

**Jean Schubauer**

**Tom Ryan** (father of Lorinda Collings)

**Allan Wallenstein**

**Mrs. Bartos**

### 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

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 request prayers for someone.

- **Edwin Weaver** (father of Bob Weaver) • **Dean Antonsen**
- **Blanche Rieth** • **Bernard Wiehl** • **Jean Schacher**
- **Dennis Schumacher** • **Ryan Wilson** • **Lowell Amiotte**
- **Randy Oberle** • **Joan Wrobel** (aunt of Rachael Held)
- **Les Bedne** (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • **Doug Wermers**
- **Norita Rice** (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer) • **Vickie Crowley**
- **Adam Hohm** • **Lisa Katzenstein** • **Lenny Tellefson**
- **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long) • **Jen Ehlers Hruska**
- **Wayne Gamroth** • **Mike Knecht**
- **Peggy Laurenz** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Cliff Roemich** • **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher)
- **Marek Kopec** • **Lori Moore** • **Iris Overholt**
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Nila Serfling** (mother of Jason) • **Moneik Stephens**
- **Jerry Rhodes** (father of Wade) • **Samantha Cox**
- **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher) • **Brett Whealy**
- **Colin Patterson** (Antje Grey's son-in-law)
- **Mike and Marilyn Rohde** (parents of Rhonda Gehlsen)

## † 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 served the Diocese of Rapid City.

<b>August 31</b>	Rev. John N. Fitzgerald (1939)
<b>September 1</b>	Tony L. Grenstiner (1982)
	Dennis R. Grenstiner (1982)
	Emmit J. Prestjohn (1989)
<b>September 2</b>	Doyle Dayton Roseland (2013)
<b>September 4</b>	Rev. John (Jack) Birdsall (2009)
<b>September 5</b>	Rev. James J. Butler (1970)
	Heather May Reindl (1986)

## 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.

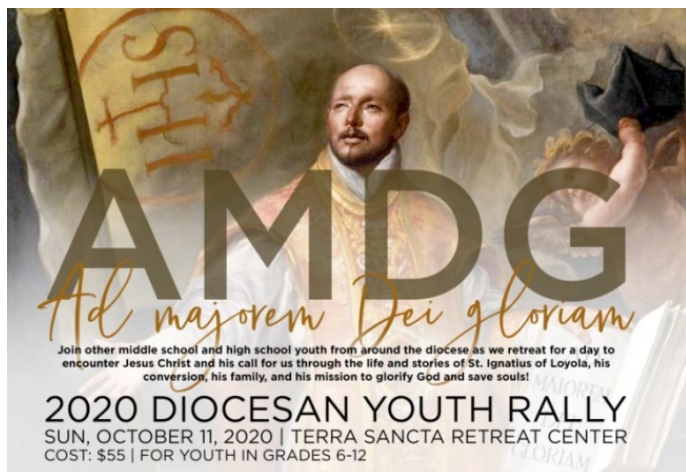


## Daily Readings

**Monday:** RV 21:9B-14; PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; JN 1:45-51  
**Tuesday:** 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17; PS 96:10, 11-12, 13; MT 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18; PS 128:1-2, 4-5; MT 22:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 COR 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; MT 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 COR 1:17-25; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; MT 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 COR 1:26-31; PS 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; MK 6:17-29  
**Sunday:** JER 20:7-9; PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; ROM 12:1-2; MT 16:21-27

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

## COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS



**September 25-26** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Join us for a weekend retreat as we dive into special topics on the The Art of Forming Young Disciples. Presentations include understanding the foundational aspects of Youth Ministry by going beyond programming to an intentional ministry to young people that draws them into intimacy with Jesus Christ and His Church., equips them to know, love, and defend the faith, and sends them on a mission to reach out to their friends, classmates, and all those they meet. Register now at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/coreretreat20/>.

## Catholic Home Educators

Are you a Catholic Homeschooler this year? Black Hills Catholic Home Educators is a local organization that offers encouragement and support to Catholic homeschoolers in the Black Hills area of South Dakota. You are welcome to join our Facebook page: Black Hills Catholic Home Educators. If you have questions or would like to be added to the BHCHE email list, you may email us at [BlackHillsCHE@gmail.com](mailto:BlackHillsCHE@gmail.com)



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For anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her beliefs.

Adult inquiry (RCIA classes) are for adults who have not been baptized, made their First Communion, not been Confirmed or are not Catholic and may be interested in learning what the Church teaches.

Sessions are informal and focus on the teachings and experience of the Church. You are welcome to bring your own unique story to a friendly setting.

Visit <https://www.olbh.org/becoming-catholic> for more information or contact Brad Blauvelt at 605-390-0683.



## **Sioux Spiritual Center Retreats**

To find out more about Sioux Spiritual Center upcoming retreats, contact Carole Brown at 605-985-5906 or email [ssc@diorc.org](mailto:ssc@diorc.org): Canku Wakan - September 24-27, Catholic Daughters Ignatian retreat, October 9-11 (all Catholic Daughters welcome); Recovery Retreat (native style), October 15-17; and Inner Healing Prayer retreat with Dr. Clare Ten Eyck, October 23-26.

## **Northern Hills Area Right to Life**

Informational Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Boulder Canyon Station Convention Center, 2721 Lazelle St in Sturgis. Guest speaker will be Dale Bartscher, Executive Director for the South Dakota Right to Life. Refreshments will be served. Mission: "To defend innocent human life from conception to natural death through education and legislation."

To RSVP or for more information contact Lorie at 605-209-2076 or Russ at 605-219-5062.

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