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#### LITURGY & PARYER

Sunday Liturgy: 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 Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM First Friday Devotion: Following Daily Mass on First Fridays

#### CLERGY

Pastor: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek awyrostek@diorc.org Deacons: Walt Wilson, Retired John Osnes josnes@diorc.org Greg Sass gsass@diorc.org

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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord."

St. John Vianney, a patron saint of priests said once "The Saints did not begin well, but they all ended well." For various reasons at first, he was not seen as a worthy candidate for priesthood. He did not have much to offer, the family was not well off, and his wisdom and health did not promise much. More out of mercy that some gave him any chance. What St. John Vianney had was the faith that was handed down to him by his parents, and more than that, he also had a great love and respect for God. Once he discovered his vocation, he begun following it with great passion. Once he encountered the challenges he offered himself even more to God. His persistence paid off, as he was finally received into the ranks of holy orders. France, his home country was getting more and more laicized, more secular, and out of touch with its Christian roots. Soon after the ordination, St. John was assigned to a small-town parish, with experience yet to be gained. Needless to say, people were not taking him seriously, almost making a mockery of him. But the young priest would have none of it, he was not going to fight with same weapons as he was being attacked. Entrusting his life and ministry, he lifted the people of the town in prayer, faithfulness and love up to God. He went about the work as a priest and as a shepherd. As people begun to see his resilience and dedication to God and to them, they became curious about the reason of his dedication. They were never the same again.

This week, the Church celebrated the Feast of All Saints (November 01), followed by the Feast of All Souls. These two feasts help us to remember the saints from the past, our loved ones, and friends we have known in our lifetime. From the saints we learn how to live up to standards put forth by God and which are presented to us in the Sermon on the Mount – the Beatitudes. From their lives we learn of their struggles and sacrifices. Through their example we find joy in our lives and in our faith. It is the saints who help us understand today who we are as Catholics and Children of God. The lives of the saints and of our dearly beloved who have passed away help us also to look at the reasons why they were so faithful to God. It is the hope and love that they kept in their hearts, which they wished to share with us, to make our lives better and holier. We remember them, and we are called to express our identity as children of God in our own word and deed, as we are the "saints in making."

All holy men and women pray for us as we proclaim the Gospel with the Mercy of the Father.

In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

Pick up your tickets for the Fall Festival in the gathering space.

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Do you consider yourself a naturally compassionate and giving person? Come and share your gifts with people in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In the coming weeks more will be shared about the spirituality and works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Mass. If you are interested contact Vicki at 431-0128.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Saturday, November 14** – Receiving and organizing canned food donations collected by the Boy Scouts for the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry.

**ONGOING** – speak to Father Andrzej regarding landscaping projects and needs around the Church.

#### **HEALING MEALS**

Healing meals need a co-chairperson to serve along with Pauline Stoffel. This ministry arranges for meals for the sick and persons who would benefit from receiving temporary meals. These meals are prepared by parishioners willing to share in this ministry. Please call the church office at 787-5168 if you can help.

#### **Fall Festival**

Mark your calendar for the Fall Festival on **November 8**! We will have a modified country store and silent auction with ample spacing for socially distanced shopping. Crafters and bakers, your donated items for the Country Store are always appreciated. Please contact Gloria Allardyce for donation details at 791-2303.

#### **TURKEY AND BRISKET TO GO!**

The annual turkey dinner will be served in a modified way this year. Your FREE WILL DONATION will get you smoked brisketand smoked turky along with beans, cole slaw, and a piece of pie. Dinners will be picked up November 7 & 8 following all Masses.

#### **PIE NEEDED**



Please donate pies to be sliced and given out in the to go turkey dinner boxes on November 7-8. Please contact Lorinda at 391-2788 with questions.

#### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will now meet on Thursdays at 9 AM in the Parish Hall (basement). We will no longer be meeting Tuesday evenings. Thank you! ALL SAINTS DAY TRUNK OR TREAT Sunday, November 1, following 11 AM Mass. Decorate your trunk, collect goodies, and celebrate All Saints Day. Award for the best Saint costume.

#### **Let Your Love Flow**

On **November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th**, everyone will be asked to prayerfully consider a charitable contribution in supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal. In the coming weeks, the information and forms will be provided during Mass on **November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** to assist in completing our charitable giving plans to this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal.

The appeal funds vital ministries provided by the diocese including Seminarian and Priest Education, Family Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Ministry Formation, Native Ministries, Family Life Ministry, West River Catholic, Religious Education, Marriage Tribunal, Office of the Bishop, and the support functions for these and other Catholic ministries in our diocese. Your charitable contributions are critical to the mission of the Church in western South Dakota.

#### Thank you for your donation.

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

October 24-25, 2020					
	Automatic	Basket	Total		
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54		
Sunday Collection	1,871	3,204	5,075		
Rectory	19	-	19		
Bottles of Hope	-	32	32		
Building Fund	-	-	-		
Fall Festival	-		-		
Held for Others		250	250		
<b>Total Contribution</b>	1,944	3,486	5,429.49		

# Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, November 2

# THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study NO MASS

#### Tuesday, November 3

#### Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

8 AM Mass for the Keller and Holzer grandparents1:30 PM Mass at SES for the repose of JeanSchubauer6:15 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 8 AM Mass for Larry Williamson 8:30-7:30 PM Adoration 9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open 5:30-6:30 PM Reconciliation 6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation B

#### Thursday, November 5

8 AM Mass for the repose of Jean Schubauer9 AM 'Just Men' Bible Study9 AM Women's Bible Study7 PM Knights of Columbus

#### Friday, November 6 8:30 AM Mass at SES for Catholic Extension

#### Saturday, November 7

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 the OLBH Parish community and for our sister parishes

#### Sunday, November 8

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 AM Mass for the repose of Jim Wranek

NO FAITH FORMATION

11 AM Mass for the repose of Betty Lou Williamson

#### Intentions of the Holy Father for November:

Pope's Intention: Artificial Intelligence. That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

#### Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve, Josh Kornmann, and Joshua Philbrick

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Pauline L. Kammerer Guffey

#### 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 r if you would like to request prayers for someone.

• Edwin Weaver (father of Bob Weaver) • Dean Antonsen

• Blanche Rieth • Bernard Wiehl • Jean Schacher • Paula Owen

- Dennis Schumacher Ryan Wilson Lowell Amiotte
- Randy Oberle Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held)
- Les Bedne (mother of Marie Langfeldt) Doug Wermers
  - John Mizenko (brother of Jeff) Vickie Crowley
  - Adam Hohm 
     Lisa Katzenstein 
     Lenny Tellefson
- Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long) Jen Ehlers Hruska
  - Wayne Gamroth Mike Knecht Linda Weishaar
- Peggy Laurenz (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer) Marjorie Lee
  - Cliff Roemich Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)
- Marek Kopec 
   Lori Moore 
   Iris Overholt 
   Jennifer Kinney
  - Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
  - Moneik Stephens Jean Roth (mother of Peg Wermers)
- Cory Kirby (brother in law of Shanesa Rhodes) •Linda Schacher
- Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher) Brett Whealy
- Colin Patterson (Antje Grey's son-in-law) Jane Abernathy
  - Mike and Marilyn Rohde (parents of Rhonda Gehlsen)

**COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS** 

#### + 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.

November 2 November 3	Francis E. Basler (1991)
November 4	Msgr. Francis J. Guessen (1955) Evelyn Sargent (1998)
November 5	
November 6	Donald Lee Higgins (2017)
November 7	Rev. James E. Keller (1958)
November 8	Rose M. Crane (1999) James D. Kennedy (2014)

#### 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.

Mass Times	Saturday, 11/7 at 5 PM	Sunday 11/8 at 8 AM	Sunday 11/8 at 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek	Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek	Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek
Lector	Deacon Walt Wilson – 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector	Joyce Williamson – 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector	Mary Blauvelt – 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector
	Jonathan Allen – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector	Marty Quinn – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector	Sheila Keeler – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector
Altar Server(s)	Todd Curtis – Lead	Caleb Weishaar – Lead	Zak Juelfs – Lead
	Meaghan Allen	Freddy Weishaar	Anya Juelfs
Sacristan	Brad Blauvelt	Mike and Barb Coyle	Stacy Tate

#### **Daily Readings**

Monday: WIS 3:1-9; PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6; ROM 6:3-9; JN 6:37-40 Tuesday: PHIL 2:5-11; PS 22:26B-27, 28-30AB, 30E, 31-32; LK 14:15-24 Wednesday: PHIL 2:12-18; PS 27:1, 4, 13-14; LK 14:25-33 Thursday: PHIL 3:3-8A; PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; LK 15:1-10 Friday: PHIL 3:17—4:1; PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5; LK 16:1-8 Saturday: PHIL 4:10-19; PS 112:1B-2, 5-6, 8A AND 9; LK 16:9-15 Sunday: WIS 6:12-16; PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14; MT 25:1-13

> The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: <u>Weekly Readings</u>

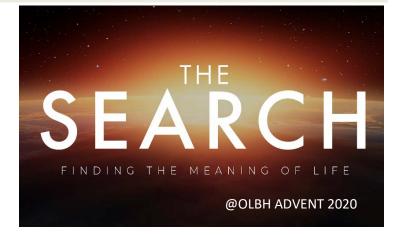
#### **West River Catholic**

The October e-Edition of the West River Catholic is now available. View it at <a href="https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/august-edition-2020-wrc/">https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/august-edition-2020-wrc/</a>.

#### October is Respect Life Month.



Black Hills Pregnancy Center is a local non-profit group with a mission of helping families, promoting families and protecting life. They do this through their caring mission of providing pregnancy tests, ultrasound (donated by the KOC), Earn While You Learn, education and counseling. This month they are having their annual Baby Bottle fund raiser. In addition to someone in the Narthex with bottles, you can visit the virtual site for FundEasy at bit.ly/34z7Lp1.



#### Surviving Divorce by Zoom—Helping You Find Peace, Power, and Passion After Your Divorce

Separated or Divorced? Join us in a ministry for hope and healing for those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce covers topics including shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those struggling with issues many years later. It will help you find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Zoom sessions will are Mondays, 6-8 PM Mountain for twelve-weeks and are open to Christian men and women of all denominations. A \$30 fee covers all materials. Scholarship help is available. The Fall/Winter Session enrollments are being accepted now. As soon as enough people sign up the group can begin. Participants can register online at www.terrasancta.org/survivingdivorce. For more information, contact Amy Julian by email at ajulian@diorc.org.

#### BALANCE SHEET QUARTER 1 OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

		Expenses:	
Checking & Savings	70,742.27	Salaries	32,282.13
Receivables	0.00	Employee Benefits	15,994.47
		Continuing Education	0.00
Cont. Sav. Church Furnishings	1,823.55	Subtotal Salary/Benefits Expenses	48,276.60
Contingency General Savings	10,583.99		
Contingency Education Fund	24,395.22	Office Supplies	904.95
Building Maint. Savings	80,296.47	Computer Supplies/IT Support	468.00
Land	66,376.00	Postage	220.00
Land Improvements	86,442.29	Office Expenses	1,519.61
Religious Articles	2,992.37	Subtotal Office Expenses	3,112.56
Buildings & Improvements	642,007.48		
Furniture & Equipment	216,917.22	Worship Aids	0.00
TOTAL ASSESTS	1,202,576.86	Liturgical Supplies	784.40
		Choir Expenses	528.75
PPP Loan Principle (to be forgiver	32,347.50	Special Events	88.43
Amounts held for others	2,656.09	Service to Parishioners	524.29
Sound System	4,050.00	Subtotal Aid/Event Expenses	1,925.87
Dioceasan Donations	2,630.00		
Fund Balance account	1,160,893.27	Household/Table Expenses	1,885.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES &		Travel Expenses	1,209.52
FUND BALANCE	1,202,576.86	Subtotal Household Expenses	3,094.69
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TOTAL INCOME	\$93,887.17		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$103,349.61
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$106,349.52	TOTAL BUDGET:		\$120,266.19



Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

November 2020

Our Lady of the Black Hills Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

#### We never lose God's love

Have you ever had someone end a relationship with you because of a mistake you made or

something you did wrong? It's a terrible feeling to lose someone's love, especially if it is your fault. Fortunately, God's love doesn't depend on how good we are. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter what the son's transgressions, the father received him in complete love. That's how God feels about us.

#### God's timing

Sometimes it seems like no matter how much we pray, God doesn't hear us. It can be tempting to give up hope, but remember, God always answers prayer in His time. Each day, decide to trust God; His timing is perfect.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

# **Turn to God during Advent**

It may be hard to look forward to the holidays this year. Instead, use the time during Advent to "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God

and there is no other ..." (Isaiah 45:22).

Turn to God for strength. "When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (Isaiah 43:2). When outside events make you feel low, remember that God will always send the strength we need to overcome difficulties.

Turn to God for Faith. "For our

knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away" (1 Corinthians 13:9-10). During difficult times, it can be hard

to be hopeful. Turn to God with the faith that He is with us now and has glorious plans for our future. **Turn to God to** 

for love. "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!" (Luke

12:49). Jesus wants to fill our hearts with a fiery love like His. As we decorate our homes for Christmas, we can ask Jesus to fill our hearts with the warmth of His love.



The Rosary is adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of

# Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to the graces so we can be more like Christ.



# Does your tongue bless or curse?

"No human being can tame the tongue ... With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God" (James 3:8-9). How can we ensure that our tongues will bless and not curse?

Offer words in service. What we say out loud can reveal our true motives. Sometimes we just want to hear our own opinions or have others admire our insight and wisdom. We truly speak with love when we honestly intend to serve others rather than our own interests.



Lift up. Criticizing and pointing out another's faults is easy. It is an act of love to notice someone's positive attributes and possibly uncover previously unnoticed strengths.

Unify, don't divide. Our goal is always to build others up and bring them to God. If what we want to say is loving, instructive, and healing, it may be okay to speak. Otherwise, if it will cause

unnecessary conflict or make someone else look bad, it's better left unsaid.

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In this reading, Jesus urges us to always be ready because "You do not know when the time will come." He wants us to be on the watch for Him.

Next month we celebrate Jesus' arrival at Christmas. He will come twice more for certain: at our death and at the end of time. Advent is the time to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?"

Start by doing your best to remain in a state of grace. When aware of having committed mortal sin, immediately seek



November 1 - All Saints Day. The early Church celebrated the saints and martyrs throughout the year. However, Christian persecution became so intense, there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, he was named cardinal and bishop of Milan by Pope Pius IV. He worked to reform his diocese and cared for the poor and sick.

## Mark 13:33-37, Keep watch!

forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Otherwise make a practice of going regularly - every four to six weeks, if possible. Consider examining your conscience and picking one or two sinful practices you want to eliminate.

Then attend or watch Mass weekly and try to spend more time in prayer.

Finally, see if there are ways you can offer yourself in service to others.

Keeping watch means fixing our eyes on God at all times. Then, when Christmas comes, you can greet the Lord with joy.

November 22 - Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth, and look forward to Christ's reign and his coming on the last day. Catholics light candles in Advent wreaths each night to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.



## What is the stealthy, **Deadly Sin?**

If you were asked to name one of the deadliest sins, what would you reply? Murder? Adultery? Lust? In fact, one of the deadliest - yet stealthiest - of the



Seven Deadly Sins is sloth or acedia. It's stealth because it is easy to overlook that we are committing it.

Laziness. "Acedia or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that

comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2094). It means the sinner finds the attractions of this world more compelling than the glories of the next.

Ingratitude. The Creator of the universe loves us personally and showers us with blessings. Yet, we can "fail or refuse to acknowledge divine charity and to return Him love for love." Shopping for gifts, scrolling through social media, running errands - the spiritual sloth gives anything and everything priority over the love of God.

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