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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
First Fridays

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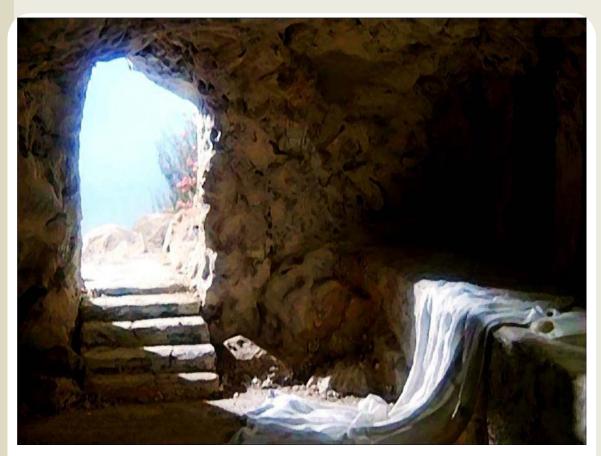
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Lorinda Collings lorinda.collings@olbh.org 'He said to them, "Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.'



He is Risen. Alleluia.

Death could not hold Him.

Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

No matter your past or present status in the Catholic Church; no matter your current family or marital situation; no matter your personal history, age, or background you are invited, welcome, and loved at Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Community.

May God bless you this Easter, Fr. Andrzej & the staff of Our Lady of the Black Hills Welcome to the newly inititated who received the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. May God continue to work in your life and through you to spread the Gospel.

Albert "Chuck" Trumble

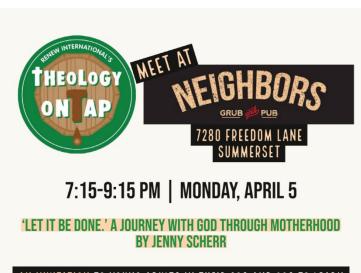
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Sundays in April at 4:00 pm (April 25 in St.



Joseph's Hall instead of the basement) in the basement. No SoulCore on Easter Sunday. Join in a prayer experience that combines praying

the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level required. Follow us on Facebook at SoulCore605. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Contact Jenny at j.scherr@hotmail.com.



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The kitchen is closed on Mondays.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed for nine days beginning Good Friday, April 2nd, until Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th. On Good Friday, the Novena will be at 3 PM and will continue to be prayed at 3 PM each day. Please bring a rosary. Novena pamphlets will be available.

Upcoming Faith Formation Dates

April 14 Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor meeting

April 15 First Communion Parent only meeting

Altar Server Training

Altar Server Training will be held Saturday, **April 10**, following the 5 PM Mass. Students in third grade or higher who have made their received the Eucharist are invited to attend. Those who are currently altar servers are invited to attend as a refresher course

Brother Francis on olbh.Formed.org



For Children: The Stations of the Cross Join Brother Francis as he follows our Lord on his way to the Cross. This episode includes: 1.) A short introduction to the traditional Stations of the Cross, and how meditating upon them brings us

closer to our Savior. 2.) The traditional 14 stations beautifully illustrated with 14 thought-provoking meditations composed especially for children 3.) "What More Can He Give"—a moving song that reminds us of Jesus's love for us all throughout his time on Earth.



April 21st at 6:30 PM. SD Kids Belong will discuss the need for foster families in Western South Dakota. Please come and learn how you can become a foster

family or be a support to foster families in the area. All are welcome to attend. Contact Amy at 787-5168 with questions.

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					
March 27-28, 2021					
	Automatic	Basket	Total		
Adopt a Seminarian	54	ı	54		
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Bottles of Hope	ı	ı	-		
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Bulletin Ads	ı		-		
Easter Flowers		-	75		
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 5

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, April 6

TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8 AM Mass for Judy Wilson

6:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, April 7

WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8 AM Mass for Clarence Jacobs

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 8

THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8 AM Mass for the Waliser Family

9 AM Just Men Bible Study and Witness

5:45 PM Leadership Night

6:45 PM Pastoral Council

Friday, April 9

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School

for Deacon Walt and Judy Wilson

Saturday, April 11

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of William Holzer

Sunday, April 12

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8 AM Mass Link on Facebook and OLBH.org

for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes

FAITH FORMATION GROUP A

11 AM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

4 PM SoulCore

Intentions of the Holy Father for April:

Pope's Intention: Fundamental rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Prayers for our Recently Deceased

Dennis Schumacher

Prayers for our Deployed Military Jeremy Reeve, Josh Kornmann, and Joshua Philbrick

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 if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver)
- Blanche Rieth Bernard Wiehl Jean Schacher
- Paula Owen Mary Ann Pulaski Ryan Wilson
- Lowell Amiotte Randy Oberle Pam Johnson
- Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held) Lori Moore
- Les Bedney (mother of Marie Langfeldt) Doug Wermers
 - John Mizenko (brother of Jeff) Vickie Crowley
 - Adam Hohm Rachael Held Linda Weishaar
- Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long) Jennifer Kinney
 - Wayne Gamroth Mike Knecht Jenny Jurish
 - Peggy Laurens (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- Kerry Yantes Rayola Anderson Dean Antonsen
- Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)
 Marek Kopec
 Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
 - Aurora Velasco (mother of Brenda Mizenko)
 - Cory Kirby (brother-in-law of Shanesa Rhodes)
- Linda Schacher Brett Whealy Moneik Stephens
 - Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher)
 - Katie Niederwerder Priscilla Noble •Tim Curns
 - John Mizenko Sr. (Father of Jeff) Larry Jerke
- Ruth O'Neil (mother of Lisa Katzenstein) Tony Corbine

† 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.

April 5 Richard J. Niehoff (2010)

April 6 Rev. Nicholas M. McNamara (1959)

Regina "Reggie" Gingras (2015)

April 7 Rev. Paidus F. Sialm, S.J. (1940)

April 10 Rev. John Gigl (2011)

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Are you suffering from the choice of abortion? A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion will be on a Zoom platform **April 23-25, 2021**. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment to express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing. For confidential information, call Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or email ckling@sdplains.com.

Ministry Schedule

To become a liturgical minister or for more information contact Katie in the office.

Mass Times	Saturday, 4/10 8 PM	Sunday 4/11 8 AM	Sunday 4/11 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
Altar Server(s)	Todd Curtis - Lead	Caleb Weishaar - Lead	Zak Juelfs - Lead
	Stella Curtis	Gabriel Gehlsen	Anya Juelfs
			Evan Juelfs
Lector	Joni Osnes - 1st Reader	Brenda Flottmeyer - 1st	Cathleen Denekamp - 1st
	Jean Hohm - 2nd Reader	Reader	Reader
		Brad Blauvelt - 2nd Reader	Sheila Keeler - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	NOT FILLED	Gary Erickson	Stacy Tate
		Barbara Erickson	_

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

 Tuesday:
 Acts 2:36-41; Ps33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

 Wednesday:
 Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

 Thursday:
 Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

 Friday:
 Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

 Saturday:
 Acts 4:13-21; 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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

Sioux Spiritual Center Calendar

For information contact Carole Brown at ssc@diorc.org or at 605-985-5906 or register at

www.siouxspiritualcenter.org.

April 16-18: Inner Healing Prayer Retreat with Dr. Clare Ten Eyck

May 21-23: Native Style Recovery Retreat **May 28-31**: Ignatian Retreat for Beginners

July 23-31: 8-day Silent Ignatian Retreat with Fr. Damian

O'Connell, SJ

Rapid City Newman Center Fundraiser

Rapid City Catholic Newman Center invites you to" Bridges of Faith" an Evening of Food and Faith, Saturday, **April 17**, at the Rapid City Newman Center. The evening starts off with a social hour at 5 PM, a meal at 6 PM, and program at 7 PM. Questions? Contact Frank at 605-716-4130. Limited seating is available, please purchase your tickets at www.rcnewmancenter.com/bridges. Questions? Contact Frank at 605-716-4130.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Human Trafficking

Sexual exploitation of children has flourished during the pandemic. Classes online opened the door wide to predators and their grooming tactics. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Abbott House Searching for Foster Parents

Help heal a child from abuse! What if you had no home to go to where you felt safe? Abbott House is searching for full time Foster Parents to help young ones who have no home and no family. Abbott House provides housing, food, transportation, and medical care for each child in their care. Foster parents should have experience working with children of various ages and backgrounds. Individuals must have a valid driver's license, clear background check and strong interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to give and accept feedback. Abbott House foster parents receive a salary with full benefits while living in our foster homes and creating a family for our children. Abbott House provides ongoing training and support for the foster parents. For an application visit www.abbotthouse.org or call 605-996-2486. Abbott House is an EOE.

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

April 2021

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

For His love

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

Choose companions well

Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. "And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death" (Judges 16:16). He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone friend or family - pressure you into violating God's commandments.

Hold hope

"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come" Job 14:14.

Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope – salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.

Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a "little Easter." We can live the gifts of the Resurrection

Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

Death doesn't have the last word. Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

Jesus offers peace the world can't give. Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God's

will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

We place our faith in the Holy

Spirit. "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him" (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through

words, actions, and compassion.
Forgiveness is ours for the asking.
Jesus bore the punishment for our
sins. That means no matter what we
have done, Jesus is ready to forgive.

Why Do
Catholics
Do That

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

All we have to do is ask.

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with

holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith.

In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.

Cast looks toward Heaven throughout the day

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our daily activities can help us glance toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day.

"Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my



God." Say this when beginning a chore, task, or project.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory.

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help.

"Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

from

John 10:11-18, Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

This Gospel tells of our relationship with God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His flock.

Today society tells us that it is good be independent and answer to no one. We are encouraged to please ourselves and follow our own desires. However, there is no one to turn to for guidance and comfort when circumstances go bad. There is no shepherd.

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with the sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He tended them in a flock for safety, to protect them from predators. The shepherd was trusted and familiar, so that the sheep knew His voice and followed him but no other.

Jesus is the Good
Shepherd for all of
humanity. In this Gospel
Jesus defined the role of a
shepherd. He predicted how
he would fill that role by
giving His life for His sheep.
But he looked beyond the
sheepfold of Israel. His hope is

to have one flock and one shepherd for the whole world. That flock is the Church which he founded.



April 4 – Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important feast in the Church year.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina

and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a luxurius life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of

Canterbury,
England. He was
exiled for
rebuffing the king's
interference in
Church matters.



Q & A

Why should I participate in Mass if it's not required?

In many dioceses around the country, the obligation to attend Mass in person remains lifted while the pandemic lasts. Still, finding ways to celebrate the Eucharist – in person, if it

can be done safely, or online – has spiritual benefits during difficult times.

"Do this in memory of me" is the only direct order Jesus gave to His followers. That means

God is the one who initiates this encounter with us. And when God asks us to do something, it is smart to do it.

Sanctify the day. Participating in Mass on Sunday still helps to fulfill the Third Commandment obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day and sanctify the day.

You're a baptized person needed by your community. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). We help worship God just by being there.

You get "take out." The homily gives the Gospel relevance to our lives. Then we have something to act on in the coming week.

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have happy memories when I think about all the Easter celebrations I experienced as a child. Easter baskets with nicer-than-usual chocolate; indoor Easter egg hunts check under the lampshade! - and wearing the best of our Sunday best to Mass. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything, but writing this reflection reminds me that our modern-day celebrations and traditions don't come close to truly capturing the gamut of emotions the disciples must have felt on that first day of the week. From the fear, despair and confusion they initially experienced, to the joy that would have enveloped them when they realized what the empty tomb meant: Jesus had risen! The beloved disciple entered the empty tomb of Christ in today's Gospel, "and he saw and believed." As Christians, I think we sometimes take this foundation of our faith for granted. And so I pray for a renewed sense of awe at the stunning reality: to "see and believe" that God so loved us that he gave his only Son, who died and rose so that we, too, might live forever in God's love.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some days I wake up with particular joy or anticipation: "Today we are going on vacation!" Or, "Today my son graduates from college." It is a wonderful feeling, and one that helps me jump - OK, roll a little faster - out of bed. If we take to heart the psalmist's message today, we see that this is how God intends for us to awaken every day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." God is the author of our life, and on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the gift of eternal life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In today's first reading, Peter relates how the disciples were commissioned to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. His words remind us that the story of Easter cannot and should not be contained. Instead, we are called to witness that "everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." That is good news worth sharing, whether on our social media feed, or with our loved ones and those we encounter each day.

WITNESS Happy Easter! Perhaps visit the graveside of a loved one, and take the opportunity to talk about life after death. Say a special prayer of thanks at your Easter meal. And remember to smile in the direction of new faces at Mass today!

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