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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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Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.

Sower or Seed? "This is how it is with the Kingdom of God..."

(Mk 4:26)

Jubilation from John

In the Church calendar, Ordinary Time is devoted to proclaiming the Kingdom of God—and the pairing of today's parables of the Kingdom from the Gospel of Mark challenges you and me with the question: *How do we proclaim the Kingdom of God in our church, in our families, in our communities today? More specifically, are we called to be sowers of the Kingdom or seeds of the Kingdom?*

Pope Benedict XVI once wrote, "Reality itself is a parable." Having passed Mother's Day and quickly approaching Father's Day focuses the reality of these parables right into our homes. Even if you are not blessed to be a parent, you certainly have a lived experience of a parental figure. As the father of three daughters who claim—and sometimes complain—that they lived at OLBH while they were growing up, I am still challenged by today's parables of sower and seed. Now that all three are college graduates and are making their own homes in the Kingdom of God, we often have very deep and often "challenging" discussions about living the faith. *And I must ask myself, "As a father, am I the sower or am I the seed of the Kingdom of God in their lives?"*

After sowing seeds of wisdom gleaned from my faith journey—filled with vices as well as virtues—our "discussions" sometimes close with, "Oh Dad, there's no point in discussing this because you *think* you are *so* right!" And too often I put in the final word, "And you are not going to convince me because I *know* I am right." After all, like Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, I am the "papa"—and it is my fatherly *duty* to sow the seeds of truth. Unfortunately, like Tevye, I sometimes forget that I cannot control their growth in my daughters.

The reality of the parable of the "sleeping sower" is that as parents and parental figures, we are called to imitate Christ and to sow the seeds of the Kingdom of God—and then to realize that Christ is God and we are not. We are not in control of their growth because the growth of the seed is God's plan and secret—and that growth can happen in the most unexpected ways, times and places. The sower knows not how, but the sower can be confident that God's grace is at work in the reality every human existence "in a way known only to God" (*Gaudium et spes 22*). Indeed, the parable of the "sleeping sower" calls each of us to "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor 5:7) as we sow the seeds of the Kingdom—to let go and to let God be God.

But when paired with the parable of the mustard seed, the parable of the "sleeping sower" also calls us to be seeds of the Kingdom. Indeed, the seed has no more control over its growth than the sower—but it is the seed that yields the harvest. *Are we called to be sowers of the Kingdom or seeds of the Kingdom?* The pairing of these parables reveals that the answer is not either/or—the answer is and/both. The best sower is the one who also is seed—a witness who faithfully "aspires to please the Lord" (2 Cor 5:9) and live His commandments of love in daily life—a living reality of the Kingdom who practices the faith at church, at home, at work, and in the community.

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

Deacon John

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

TOTUS TUUS:

June 22-25 | Girl's Leadership Camp (grades 10+) | \$200 June 22-25 | Girl's Camp (entering grades 7-9) | \$180 July 12-16 | Boy's Leadership Camp (grades 10+) | \$200 July 13-16 | Boy's Camp (entering grades 7-9) | \$180 Register and find out more at https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/t2/.

OLBH BOYS' CAMPOUT:

June 26-27 | Center Lake, SD | Any boys who have been confirmed entering grades 8-12 | FREE! Contact Rhonda for registration.

SUMMER STRETCH:

July 7, 14, 21, and Campout July 28 | Students entering grades 6-9 | Volunteer for part of the day and have fun the rest | Wednesdays 8-3 PM | \$20 Registration Fee, \$30 Activity Fee | Visit summerstretch.org to register | Contact Rhonda with questions at 787-5168.

DUC IN ALTUM @ OLBH:

July 18-22 | Grades 6-8 & 9-12 7:30-9:40 PM July 19-22 | Entering Grades 1-5 | 9-2:30 PM FREE, visit https://www.olbh.org/duc-in-altum to register.

OLBH GIRLS' CAMPOUT:

July 31-August 1 | Any girls who have been confirmed entering grades 8-12 | Free! Contact Rhonda for registration.

Welcome Fr. Carlos!

This weekend we are blessed to have Fr. Carlos here to represent Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the US with priests, religious brothers and sissters,a nd laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreac, visit crosscatholic.org/outreach or text blessings to 474747.

NEWMAN CENTER PARTNERSHIP

What is a Newman Center? Newman Centers are Catholic campus ministry centers at secular universities throughout the world. These centers provide pastoral services and ministries to all, but especially to Roman Catholic students and young adults.

We are inviting parishioners to support the ministry to technical and college students in our Diocese. The NEWMAN CENETER PARTNERSHIP special collection will provide financial resources to the Newman Centers in Spearfish and Rapid City. While parishes in other dioceses are supporting our young people away at school in Newman Centers across the country, we want to welcome and support the students attending in our diocese at the Newman Centers in Spearfish at the BHSU Newman Center and in Rapid City at the SD Mines Newman Center. God continues to bless us with two beautiful, dynamic, spirit filled, and fruitful Newman Centers. Please join us in supporting these effective ministries.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Michael Woster and Very Rev. Brian P. Christensen



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					
June 5-6, 2021					
	Automatic	Basket	Total		
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54		
Sunday Collection	2,940	4,519	7,459		
Rectory	9	-	9		
Bottles of Hope	-	-	-		
Building Fund	-	130	130		
Bottle of Hope					
Food Pantry		-	100		
Total Contribution	3,004	4,649	7,652.63		

Weekly Schedule

Monday, June 14

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study **No Mass**

Tuesday, June 15

No Mass

6:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, June 16

No Mass

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

No Confessions

Thursday, June 17

No Mass

9 AM Just Men Bible Study and Witness

9 AM Women's Bible Study

5:30 PM Young Families Potluck at the Piedmont Park

Friday, June 18

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS No Mass

Saturday, June 19

Saint Romuald, Abbot; BVM on Saturday

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass –Live stream link on Facebook and OLBH.org for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes

Sunday, June 20

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for All Souls in Purgatory

11 AM Mass for Fathers

Intentions of the Holy Father for June:

Pope's Intention: The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community; may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Raymond Sass (father of Deacon Greg)

Jim Hoag

<u>Prayers for our Deployed Military</u> Jeremy Reeve and Josh Kornmann

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

These individuals are in special need of your prayers. To have someone placed on the prayer list, contact Katie in the office.

- Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver)
- Blanche Rieth Jean Schacher Bernard Wiehl
- Ryan Wilson Mary Ann Pulaski Maynard Traversie
 - Betty Jorgensen (sister of Helen Riedlinger)
 - Lowell Amiotte
 Randy Oberle
 - Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held)
 - Doug Wermers John Mizenko (brother of Jeff)
 - Vickie Crowley Patti Cariveau
 - Rachael Held Adam Hohm Linda Weishaar
 - Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long) Mike Knecht
 - Wayne Gamroth Jennifer Kinney Tim Curns
 - 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)
 - Brett Whealy Moneik Stephens
 - Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher)
- Joyce DePaulo Katie Niederwerder Priscilla Noble
- John Mizenko Sr. (father of Jeff) Larry Jerke
 Ruth O'Neil (mother of Lisa Katzenstein) Tony Corbine
 - Jasper Wermers (grandson of Peggy and Doug)

† 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.

June 14 Rev. Eugene W. Szalay (1975)

June 15 George Dushaw (2015)

June 17 Rev. Bernard W. Isherwood (1961)

Rouville Pelletier (2001)

June 19 Rev. Peter Price, S.J. (1967) June 20 Rev. Columban Bregenzer (1946)

David Allen Flanders (2013)

Welcome Visitors!

We hope you have enjoyed sharing in the celebration of the Mass with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, coming to visit, or returning after a long break, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again! We have many opportunities for all ages and stages of faith. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter in the gathering space. If you are passing through, we hope you will call our parish your "home away from home" and visit again soon!

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

Mass Times	Saturday, 6/19 5 PM	Sunday 6/20 8 AM	Sunday 6/20 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Matt Fallgren	Fr. Matt Fallgren	Fr. Matt Fallgren
Altar Server	Luke Schacher - Lead Meaghan Allen	Westin Edwards - Lead Haley Gruba	Joslyn Thompson - Lead (sub req.) Robert Thompson (sub req.)
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Deacon John Osnes	Deacon John Osnes	Deacon John Osnes
Lector	Jonathan Allen - 1st Reader James Johns - 2nd Reader	Joni Osnes - 1st Reader Joyce Williamson - 2nd Reader	Sheila Keeler - 1st Reader Cathy Long - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	Linda Schacher Joe Schacher	Barbara Erickson Gary Erickson	Richard Long

Daily Readings

Monday:2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42Tuesday:2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c- 7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48Wednesday:2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18Thursday:2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15Friday:2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23Saturday:2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

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

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Held, A Spiritual Retreat for Grieving Parents

Terra Sancta Retreat Center | Rapid City | **July 30-August 1** | register by July 15 at terrasancta.org/held. Join in prayer with other parents grieving their children. Presented by Brianne Edwards and Dionne Eastmo. cards, etc., or photos of ill loved ones which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer.

Full-time Position available at Terra Sancta Retreat Center

Hospitality Services Coordinator position currently open. Apply on-line at terrasancta.org/employment (complete job description listed on-line). Questions? Contact us at 605-716-0925 or email stay@terrasancta.org. Position open until filled. Review of applications will begin June 15. Find out more about Terra Sancta's team at terrasancta.org/ourteam. Base pay \$15 per hour.



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24 | 2 Cor 5:6-10 | Mk 4:26-34



Many years ago, I met someone whose attentive hospitality cast a seed in me that took root and enabled me to grow as a disciple of Jesus. At the meetings I attended with her, Sister Bridget would immediately greet everyone with a smile, outstretched hand, and, "Hello, I'm Sister Bridget; what's your name?" You couldn't help but feel at ease with her warm greeting, but it didn't end there. Throughout the encounter, she remained just as positive and as completely present as she had in the beginning. Just like the parable of the man scattering seed in today's Gospel, Sister Bridget didn't know how the seed of God's word would grow as she sowed it in her unique, joyful way. To her, maybe her graciousness was the smallest gesture. But the Lord allowed it to sprout and grow, yielding fruit and a bountiful harvest.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel verse within the Alleluia proclaims, "The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever." By our baptism, we are called to continue the work of Christ, sowing the word of God in our world. This may seem an intimidating expectation for all of us who doubt that we have the expertise to "sow" God's word. But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of seeds, that once sown, becomes the largest of plants. If we believe in Christ and "aspire to please him," God can use our smallest gestures to sow his word in the world. We may not see how our small acts of kindness accomplish this. But if we scatter these "seeds" out of love for God, we can trust they will take root, grow abundantly, and call others to "come to him [and] live forever."

INVITE What "seeds" of welcome can you scatter among those you encounter? Make your "random acts of kindness" regular, intentional acts that express God's love. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."



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