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Monday-Friday, 8 AM
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Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM
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Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM
Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM
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Following Daily Mass on

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Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved

Mark 16:16a

Today, we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord. Traditionally, it is celebrated 40 days after Easter. The number forty is symbolic, often representing a period of transition from one state to another. The forty years the Israelites spent in the desert, transitioning from being slaves dependent on the Egyptian masters, to being a free people dependent on God. The forty days Jesus spent being transformed in the desert. The forty days Jesus helps the apostles transition from followers to leaders.

In the Gospel reading from Mark, we hear Jesus telling the disciples before he ascends, to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved". Jesus then goes on to describe what believers are capable of accomplishing. But it really starts with baptism.

As a Deacon, I am blessed with the authority to baptize, especially my grandchildren. Something I was able to do last month when I baptized another grandchild, who was adopted. The day the adoption is finalized is often referred to as their "gotcha day". Anticipating the arrival of this day, for several months I reflected up on this. The date of our baptism is really our "gotcha day". It is the date we transition to become an adopted child of God. Do you know, and celebrate, your "gotcha day"? It is an important date and I challenge you to find out the date of your baptism and start celebrating it.

Being baptized is important for our eternal salvation. But it is only part of it. We also need to believe, in order to be saved. And believing means doing what Jesus instructed the disciples, to go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel. For most of us, it is living holy lives, by how we treat our family and neighbors, how we speak, by serving others using the gifts God has given us, by praying daily, and sharing our encounters with Jesus with those we encounter. This really is something each of us can do. You are capable of accomplish much when you believe.

An example in my life was my Dad. No, he was not perfect, but then none of us are. He taught me about generosity when as a young child, I saw him take the last few dollars out of his wallet and put them in the church envelope, telling me when I asked, "what you give to God, God returns many times over". Dad taught service by how he helped neighbors when they were sick or experienced a death in the family, serving the church as one of the first extraordinary ministers in the parish, or his service in organizations like the Knights of Columbus. He taught about prayer when we would see him and Mom praying the rosary as they knelt by their bed. He continued to proclaim the gospel, as he laid in his bed, dying.

Our baptism and belief in Jesus, demonstrated by the way we live our life, is what each of us are called to do, in hope of making the transition from earthly life to eternal life, with the resurrected and ascended Jesus Christ.

Deacon Greg Serviam



Draw Closer to Jesus and Mary through the Rosary

Dionne Eastmo will be speaking on Wednesday May 19th from 6:30-7:30

pm. The rosary is a fruitful way to meditate on the important moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, the basic events that established Christianity. Its roots are found deep in the practices of the first Christians and has grown and unfolded as the Church herself has grown. But its purpose and the truths it teaches have always stayed the same. When you pray the rosary well, you learn more about Jesus and His mother, and you hold the Gospel and our beautiful Catholic faith in your hands.

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/.

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 | Watch for registration details | \$20 Registration Fee, \$30 Activity Fee | 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.

OLBH BOYS' CAMPOUT:

Date and Location TBD | Any boys who have been confirmed entering grads 8-12 | FREE! Contact Rhonda for registration.

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!



Sundays at 4:00 pm (May 16 and 23) in the basement. 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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After all Masses May 22 & 23, 2021

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"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17						
May 1-2, 2021						
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Building Fund	-	180	180			
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, May 17

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 18

Saint John I, Pope, Martyr No Mass

1:30 PM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School

for Thad Nelson

6:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

8 AM Mass for Deacon Walt and Judy Wilson

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, May 20

Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8 AM Mass for the Thomas Van Asma Family

9 AM Just Men Bible Study and Witness

9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for Moneik Stephens

Saturday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass – Graduation Mass, Live stream

link on Facebook and OLBH.org for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes

Stewardship Fair following Mass

Sunday, May 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8 AM Mass for the repose of Betty Zolnowsky

Stewardship Fair following Mass

11 AM Mass for the Sass family

Stewardship Fair following Mass

4 PM SoulCore

Intentions of the Holy Father for May:

Pope's Intention: The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Raymond Sass (father of Deacon Greg)

<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

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
- Mary Ann Pulaski Ryan Wilson Maynard Traversie
 - Betty Jorgensen (sister of Helen Riedlinger)
 - Lowell Amiotte Randy Oberle Pam Johnson
 - Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held)
- 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 •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)
 Linda Schacher 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 Peg and Doug)

† Necrology †

May 23

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.

Rev. Peter J. DeSmet, S.J. (1873)

May 17	Rev. Thomas J.F. McNaboe (1921)
	Msgr. Bernard A. Drew (1973)
	Rev. Hugh Farrington, O.S.B. (1978)
May 18	Pearl Ricard (1971)
-	Bernard P. Callanan (1977)
May 19	Rev. Dennis J. Casey (1932)
May 20	James D. McNulty Sr. (1997)
	Michael Leonard Kirkham (2016)
May 21	Rev. Stephen McNamara, S.J. (1962)
May 22	Tara Janelle Larson (19995)

Making the most out of your charitable contributions? WSDCF can help.

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Your local representative is Tony Berendse.

Please do not hesitate to contact him or visit www.wsdcf.org.

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

Mass Times	Saturday, 5/15	Sunday 5/16	Sunday 5/16
	5 PM	8 AM	11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
	Todd Curtis - Lead	Westin Edwards - Lead	Joslyn Thompson - Lead
Altar Server	Dominic Hoiten	Leo Edwards	Robert Thompson
		Emmett Edwards	
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Loretta Wiehl	Brenda Flottmeyer	Lorinda Collings
	Kimberly Darata - 1st Reader	Brenda Mizenko - 1st Reader	Cathleen Denekamp - 1st Reader
Lector	Duane Riedlinger - 2nd Reader	Christine Pulaski - 2nd Reader	Sheila Keeler - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	Phillip Thompson	Jeff Mizenko	Stacy Tate

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8 **Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11 **Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17 **Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of our entire diocese, I thank you for your generous response to the 2021 Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Rapid City and for your help with the added in-pew appeal last weekend.

Perhaps you took some time to pray for the Appeal, and maybe you increased your annual pledge, or participated for the first time – all of these contributions are an outpouring of the love of God that flows through you in abundance.

Through your participation in the Annual Appeal, you are supporting the various diocesan ministries which provide support to all of our parishes in western South Dakota. I am deeply grateful.

With prayerful best wishes and kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Peter M. Muhich Bishop of Rapid City

Sioux Spiritual Center Calendar

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

For information contact Carole Brown at

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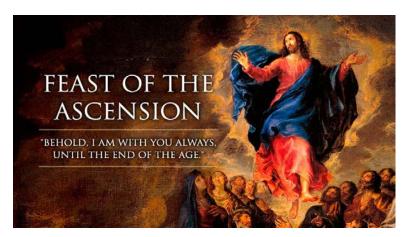
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Diocesan Job Vacancies

All job openings for the Diocese of Rapid City are posted on our website, www.rapidcitydiocese.org just click the employment icon. The newest listing is for a Director Human Resources and Safe Environment.

Life in the Spirit

Pentecost Vigil Service and Mass on Saturday, **May 22**, from 6-9:30 PM at St. Rose of Lima in Hill City. Join us for praise and worship as we call down and await the filling of the Holy Spirit! 6 PM Bilingual Mass, Soup Supper at 7 PM, 8 PM Adoration, confessions, talk by Randy Sower on the Holy Spirit, Praise and Worship movement, prayer teams, and Benediction at 9:30 PM.



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the fortieth day following Easter Sunday to commemorate the Ascension of Christ into Heaven according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2.

Sacred Relics of the Saints Tour

Treasures of the Church, presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross, is an exposition of relics beginning with a multi-media presentation that is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional. After the presentation, those in attendance will have the opportunity to venerate some 150 relics, including those of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aguinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. The supreme highlights are one of the largest relics of the True Cross in the world, and a piece of the Veil that is believed to have belonged to Our Lady. The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith. asking for their powerful intercession. Many people have reported outstanding blessings and conversions through this ministry, and many have reported healings. Attendees are encouraged to bring their articles of devotion such as rosaries, holy cards, etc, or photos of ill loved ones which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer. Please spread the word and do not miss this wonderful opportunity on May 24, at 7 p.m., at St. Francis of Assisi in Sturgis!

Sisters Against Trafficking

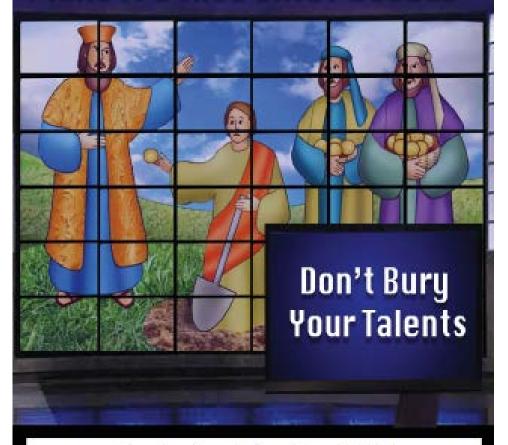
Pimps market and sell people for sex online, in truck stops, on streets, and even in homes. Be aware of the programs your child watches and those that come across your screen. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainsttrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63l3l.

Rachel's Corner

"As a man, I was all dry inside, I knew what I had done but I didn't feel much of anything as I didn't truly understand what I had done to my child as well as to my family. Now I am filled with love for my daughter. I feel like I have been renewed inside, strengthened and empowered by God, through God and for God" - Testimonial

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After all Masses May 22 & 23, 2021



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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mk 16:15-20

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

PRAY Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

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