

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

(Ps 122:1)

Prose by Pam

My sister Pamela Osnes regularly writes a column for our hometown newspaper, *The Burke Gazette*. Her annual Thanksgiving column is always one of my favorites, so this year I asked her permission to share an excerpt with you. On this Thanksgiving weekend as we begin our Advent journey, I hope her prose will encourage you to "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord" as you count your blessings. Keep the Faith! Dcn. John

When I was a kid, my mama always told me to "count my blessings." She kept me abreast of information about events in the world that contrasted my blessed life with "the way things *could* be." Her lesson was strong and endures. As I write this, I glance at a cross-stitched plaque on my office wall that says, "Count Your Blessings." As we navigate the challenges that life hands us, may we always be able to find the silver lining. I have had a blessed life, of that there is no doubt. What particular blessings does Thanksgiving 2022 find me counting? Let me share just a few with you...

I am thankful that I grew up in a solid home on a farm with hard-working, loving parents with sound values who modeled the path to success and ensured that I received a good education. I am thankful that I have a strong family system and that we share a strong bond and know that each of us is here for the others. I am thankful for memories of lovely Thanksgivings through all of my life and for all the fine relatives and friends with whom I've been fortunate to share the day. I am thankful for the opportunity to be with BOTH my children in West Virginia this Thanksgiving. It will be our first time together in 18 months, and together we will be thankful for moving past a health challenge that scared us all.

I am thankful that I live in the United States where I can enjoy the freedoms and safety that I have observed do not exist in all countries on this "big blue ball" we call home. Today, despite concerns about the disruption that our elections seem to be causing chronically in all corners of our country, I am especially thankful for this strong country I live in where I have constitutional rights that allow me to express myself with minimal fear of retribution. I am thankful that the course my life has taken has taught me to appreciate that I live in a global community and that the world truly is bigger than me.

As 2022 winds down, I am so thankful that I have had the privilege of having yet another year with my now 100-YEARS-OLD MOM! She continues to teach me important lessons about how to age gracefully as I have watched her grapple with decreasing vision and hearing. Yet this dynamo continues to jump into life with a vengeance as she stays busy and keeps her wonderful sense of humor and that ever-present twinkle in her eye.

In this Thanksgiving season, I hope we all can "flip the switch" and turn any darkness we're experiencing into light by counting the blessings that buoy us as we enjoy the traditions of this season of gratitude. And may we always remember, the sun will still come up every morning and go down every night. As Dad always said, "Ya gotta have faith." By the way, Dad also said, "Hang tough." So, I'm still hanging tough. You too?



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**Eucharistic
Revival****'An Amazing Gift of
Love'****An interview with
Edward Sri about****deepening our understanding of the Mass and
devotion to the Eucharist**

"The more we devote ourselves to the Eucharist, the more we will understand what it means to be a Knight," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly affirmed in his first annual report, Aug. 3, at the 139th Supreme Convention. "Christ in the Eucharist is the source of true charity, the author of true unity, the builder of perfect fraternity." Continue reading at <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2021/september/an-amazing-gift-of-love.html>.

Digital Safety in a Digital World

Presented by South Dakota Crimes Against Children Task Force

Tuesday, November 29**@ 6:30 PM****at Our Lady of the Black Hills,
Piedmont**

Cyberbullying:
What it looks like
What to do about it

Navigating the Net:
*Digital Footprints
*Social Media
*What to share
*What to keep private

Cyber Crimes:
*Cyber stalking
*Sextortion
*Child pornography
*Child Exploitation
*Sexting
*Online Threats

This 60-90 minute presentation teaches attendees how to respond to Cyber-crimes, situations, concerns, or crimes where computers, tablets, emails, clouds, social media, or other technology is used to facilitate a crime.

ADULTS & PARENTS
LEARN TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

The Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the giving tree and return it UNwrapped by Monday, December 12th. These gifts and a box of food are given to individuals and families in Piedmont, Black Hawk, and Summerset. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal Love. Faith. Family. Us!

Thank you to all who pledged a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal last weekend. Your support helps further the mission of the Church in Western SD. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Diocese. You can participate at any level which aids in participation rates. The appeal funds vital ministries provided by the diocese including Seminarian and Priest Education, Family Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Ministry Formation, Native Ministries, Family Life Ministry, West River Catholic, Religious Education, Marriage Tribunal, Office of the Bishop, and the support functions of these and other Catholic ministries in our Diocese.

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

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DECEMBER 7TH

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
FOLLOWING 8 AM MASS IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL.

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OLBH Advent Reconciliation

The Advent penance liturgy will be **Monday, December 5, 2022** from 6-7:30 PM. We will have four priests hearing confession. Please call the office with questions at 605-787-5168.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will be at the rectory on Monday, December 5th from 7:15-9:15 PM. We will have snacks, please bring your own beverage. We look forward to sharing faith with all of those in their 20s and 30s.

Advent Study

Call the office to sign up 605-787-5168.



Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 28

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, November 29

8 AM Mass for the repose of Fr. Peter Kovarik

Wednesday, November 30

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

8 AM Mass for the living and deceased planned giving donors of the WSDCF

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, December 1

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8 AM Mass for Philip Dudas

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

9 AM Lector Bible Study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, December 2

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

8 AM Mass at OLBH for the repose of Mike

Rhode and for Marilyn Rohde

First Friday Devotion

8:30 PM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School

Saturday, December 3

Saint Francis, Xavier, Priest

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, December 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 AM Mass for the repose of Bertha Lee Witte

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black hills and our Sister Parishes at Bull Head, Kenel, and McLaughlin

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/3 SATURDAY 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Gabriel Gehlsen (lead)

Not Filled

Lectors: Kimberly Cook (1st)

Joni Osnes (2nd)

Hospitality: Sue and Steve Colgan

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister – Deacon John Osnes

12/4 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Freddy Weishaar (lead)

Talia and Leo Edwards

Lectors: Jeremy Thompson (1st)

Diane Clarke (2nd)

Hospitality: Barb and Mike Coyle

Sacristan: Barb and Gary Erickson

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon John Osnes

12/4 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (lead)

Leighton and Alexa Scherr

Lectors: Mary Blauvelt (1st)

Tony Berendse (2nd)

Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon John Osnes

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
November 19-20, 2022			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	2,759	6,185	8,944
Rectory	-	-	-
Mass Intention	-	-	110
Country Store		180	166
Silent Auction		25	958
Bulletin Ad			500
Total Contribution	2,813	6,390	10,231.54

Did you know that OLBH is a Stewardship Parish? That means we do not charge you for things like classes, events, etc. We ask that you give us your time, your talents, and your treasure to support our wonderful parish. 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.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to our OLBH prayer chain text Shanesa Rhodes at 605-786-4240 or email her at shanesarhodes@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention please fill out the envelope on the back counter of the Narthex or call Katie in the office at 605-787-5168.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY To obtain a prayer shawl, contact the office at 605-787-5168.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND If you or family member are sick at home or in the hospital and you would like communion from a priest or lay extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please call the office at 605-787-5168.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK If you or a family member has been diagnosed with an illness, are preparing for surgery, or in the case of serious illness, please call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER

Pope's Intention: For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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 in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

November 28	Most Rev. John Stariha (1915) Rev. Peter Kovarik (2014) Marie Skaags (1973)
November 29	Rev. Andrew Staricek (2003) Rev. William (Bill) Pauly, S.J. (2006) Linda Marie Weishaar (2021)
November 30	Darlene Ziegenbein (2016)
December 1	Msgr. Robert F. Dube (1958)
December 2	Rev. Robert Ready, O.S.B. (1975) Shayann Amy Lenz (2012)
December 3	Deacon LeRoy DeCory (2017)

PRAYER REQUESTS**FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND**

Call 605-787-5168 to add a name to the prayer list. These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver), Blanche Rieth, Marie Ptacek, Jean Schacher, Bernard Wiehl, Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski, Marjorie Lee, Jeff Feist, Vickie Crowley, Cap Holzer, Linda Schacher, Brett Whealy, Jennifer Kinney, Joyce Kinney, Tony Corbine, Joe George, Tim Curns, Dean Antonsen, Billy Hudson, Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher), Cathy Luedtke, Karen and Frank Weyrich (sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Senn), Alicia Castor (niece of Kathy Amiotte), Troye Rhodes (great nephew of Wade), Jim and Vonnie O'Dea (parents of Holly Phillips), Amanda Christensen, Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher), Joyce DePaulo, John Mizenko Sr., Norbert Liebig, The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Ruth O'Neil, Jasper Wermers (grandson of Doug and Peggy), Tim Keller (son-in-law of the Holzers), Craig Lindemann (uncle of Maggie Whiteside), Kevin and Julie Spors, Barb Coyle, Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko), Lisa Yantes (DeWayne and Helen's daughter), Iris Overholt, Erica Anderson, Greta (granddaughter of Dcn John and Joni), Joe Vetch, Lori Moore, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Mary Antonsen

FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for the repose of Les Bedney (mother of Marie Langfeldt)

FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

We pray for Chris Hunt and Quentin Johnson.

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, welcome to our parish family. Please come again! We have 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!

Request a Mass Intention

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. Intentions can be for a person or a specific need. They can also be for the deceased.

Call OLBH at 605-787-5168 or fill out the envelope on the back counter of the gathering space.

Can You Handle the Deep?

The Diocese of Rapid City Office of Vocations would like to invite all college students to consider an employment opportunity while teaching their Catholic Faith next summer. As a missionary on the Duc In Altum Team of four students, you will travel the Black Hills and rolling prairies to visit parishes and teach grades 1-12 about their Catholic faith. In 2023, the focus is on teaching Revelation and Salvation History and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary by playing games, skits, celebrating Mass and Reconciliation, and praying. If you would like more details and an application, please scan the QR code or visit gods-call.com under events. Contact Tanya: tcooper@diorc.org; 605-343-3541.

FEEDING SD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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Upcoming
Dates: **Monday, December 5**

You can receive food from both Feeding SD and the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry. Income verification is NOT required. You must have a valid ID and proof of address.

**The Piedmont Valley Food Pantry is open to all on
Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9-12 Noon.**



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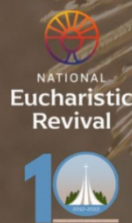


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