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LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday, 5 PM Sunday, 8 & 11 AM Daily Liturgy: Tuesday-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. "For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

(1 Cor 13:9-13:13)

While attending weddings, most of us have heard this passage from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. It is one of those readings that almost has a permanent place in the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. But at the same time, we realize that it doesn't take a rocket scientist to discover that we are all imperfect. To live out the call to perfect love, love that reflects God and the good of others, is difficult to achieve. Scripture is clear — that because of our limitations, we can only perceive perfect love "as in a mirror." That means we are incapable of loving each other in the absolute way that St. Paul describes in today's second reading. Clearly, Paul knows that he himself is imperfect, but he also knows that perfection will come one day and that our imperfections will all be done away with (1 Cor 13:10). When will that be? When Jesus comes again in glory.

What do we do in the meantime? St. Paul encourages us not to despair. Love is the greatest gift we can possess; out of love God sent Jesus for our salvation. We are called to increase our love for each other. That we can only experience something in a partial way should not discourage us from trying our best to achieve one of the highest qualities of our life; genuine love of others and for ourselves. Yes, it is true we can only aspire to love as Jesus did and as St. Paul calls us to. However, as those who belong to God, we do possess the ability to achieve higher goals in this life. Through the grace of God present in the sacraments, we are reminded daily of the image of God we carry in ourselves. Even though we cannot achieve perfection in genuine love. We still search and long for it for we recognize in it the path to hope and salvation.

Since we are pilgrims in this life, journeying towards our Heavenly home, a place where we will no longer see only the reflection but the reality of God Himself, let us support and nourish each other. Sometimes we may get "stuck" and be unable to love because of hurt, disappointments or our perceived "coldness" of God, but with every journey to reach the destination, we need to keep moving. I encourage you to search for new ways of channeling your love in this world and for this world. Do it for this world, your friends and family, those you know and those you might come to know, do it for the glory of God, do it for yourself. At the end, keep in mind that love is the greatest (the genuine love).

Lord Jesus, make us generous evangelizers and sowers of your word in all kinds of soil. Fill us with zeal and courage, Lord, to go forth and spread your seeds of love all over the world!

Father Andrzej

Catechism of the Catholic Church

What is a catechism and how do you use it? What information is in the Catechism? Join us Mondays from 6-7:30 PM in St. Joseph's Hall.

January 31st, The Church and Liturgy.

February 14th, The Sacraments.

February 21st, Life in Christ: The Faith Lived.

February 28th, Life in Christ: The Ten Commandments.

March 7th, Christian Prayer, The Faith Prayed.

You can attend all 8 sessions or just the topics in which you are interested.



The Men in Black are back! Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week by joining us Monday, January 31, 2022, at St. Thomas More High School for this no-charge event. Dinner is served from 5-6:30pm. The elementary students vs. teachers' game begins at 5:30pm and at 6:15pm the middle schoolers will play against the teachers. Tip-off for the game between the priests and St. Thomas More High School Seniors is at 7:00pm. Real Presence Radio will broadcast the main event at 6:45 pm, Listen on 89.9/94.7 FM, online at realpresenceradio.com or view the livestream on the Real Presence Radio Facebook page. Donations and proceeds from the raffle of themed baskets will benefit the RCCSS Campus Ministry Office and the Diocesan Vocations Office. Contact Tanya Cooper at the Vocations Office at 605-343-3541.



In memory of St. Blaise, the Blessing of Throats is given on **February 3, 2022**. Blessing of the Throats will take place at the end of the 8 AM Mass. St. Blaise is said to have miraculously cured a boy suffering from a fish bone being stuck in his throat.

Society of St. Vincent Valentine Bake Sale

The SSVdP bake sale fundraiser will be Saturday and Sunday, **February 12-13, 2022**. If you would like to donate treats, please have them in the kitchen by 10 AM on February 12, 2022.



On Wednesday, February 2, we will celebrate Candlemas or the "Feast of Meeting." This feast originated in 4th c. Jerusalem and came to be celebrated in Rome in the 5th c. The feast commemorates Jesus' presentation at the Temple. It is

commemorated by having candles blessed for home use. Please bring your candles you would like blessed on Wednesday, February 2, following the 8 AM Mass.

Steubenville Fundraiser



15 students will attend the Steubenville St. Paul this July. To cover the cost, we have begun to fundraise. The students are doing a Valentine's Day fundraiser called "YOU ARE LOVED." The students will decorate doors in Black Hawk, Piedmont, and

Summerset with paper hearts for \$10 per door. This is a fun way to surprise neighbors, friends, grandparents, or the homebound of our parish to show them they are loved! Stop by the parish office BEFORE February 7th to give us the name and address of the door you would like decorated. Doors will be decorated February 11, 12, and 13. Thank you!

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.

February 22-23, 2022					
	Automatic	Basket	Total		
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54		
Sunday Collection	2,599	4,340	6,939		
Rectory	31	-	1		
St. Vincent de Paul	-	-			
Building Fund	-	35	66		
Solemn. Of Mary		-			
Food Pantry					
Total Contribution	2,684	4,375	7,058.75		

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

No Mass

5-8 PM Men in Black Basketball Event at St.

Thomas More

6-7:30 Catechism Study in St. Joseph's Hall

Tuesday, February 1

8 AM Mass for the repose of Morris Brosnan

10 AM Funeral for Maynard Traversie

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8 AM Mass for Joni Osnes

Blessing of the Candles

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, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

8 AM Mass for Sister Mary Catherine

Blessing of Throats after Mass

9 AM "Just Men" Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

7 PM Knights of Columbus

Friday, February 4

8 AM Mass at OLBH for Marvin Matthews **First Friday Devotion**

Saturday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, February 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for Collette Summers

9:30 AM RCIA Class

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the community of OLBH and our sister parishes emphasis on the Diocesan Strategic Plan

Intentions of the Holy Father for January:

Pope's Intention: For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

> Prayers for the Deceased of our Parish Maynard Traversie

Prayers for the Deployed Member of our Parish Chris Hunt

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 **Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski**

Lowell Amiotte | Randy Oberle | Tracy Rudnick Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held)

Vickie Crowley | Marjorie Lee

Cap Holzer | Doug Wermers | George Bradstream

Marek Kopec | Brett Whealy | Jennifer Kinney Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long)

Tony Corbine | Wayne Gamroth | Bernie Gerving Tim Curns | Dean Antonsen | Billy Hudson

Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)

Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)

Les Weishaar | Troye Rhodes (great nephew of Wade)

John Mangen (brother-in-law of Diane Gittings)

Jim & Vonnie O'Dea (parents of Holly Phillips)

Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher)

Joyce DePaulo | John Mizenko Sr. (father of Jeff)

Norbert Liebig | The Nalley Family | Jean Scheope

Ruth O'Neil (mother of Lisa Katzenstein)

Jasper Wermers (grandson of Peggy and Doug)

Tim Keller (son-in-law of Cap and Arlene Holzer)

Craig Lindemann (Uncle of Maggie Whiteside)

Derek Dowdy (grandson of the Gittings)

Hudson Henry (great grandson/nephew of the Collings and Denekamps) | Kit Soyland

Randy Blauvelt (brother of Brad)

† 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.

January 31 Msgr. Charles H. Virnig (1959)

Rev. Dale Kutil (2005)

Elizabeth "Betty" Nash (2020)

February 1 LaVerne C. Horst (1974)

Steven Allen Melvin (2007)

February 2 Victor J. Hummel (1987)

Dorothy Mae Norman (2009)

February 4 Rev. Leo S. Feuerbach (1978)

Isaac Conway (2020)

February 5 Kathleen Morgan (1987)

Helen Chilarski (2017)

February 6 Rev. Charles E. Quinn (1978)

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, please join 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!

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

Mass Times	Saturday 2/5 5 PM	Sunday 2/6 8 AM	Sunday 2/6 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
	Gabriel Gehlsen - Lead	Caleb Weishaar - Lead	Mya Lyon - Lead
Altar Server	Emerson Harwood	Marty Reeve	Dakota Lyon
		Freddy Weishaar	Alexa Scherr
Eucharistic Minister - Body	John Usera	Lorinda Collings	Mary Blauvelt
	Steve Colgan	Barb Coyle	Aaron Denekamp (sub req.)
Hospitality	Sue Colgan	Mike Coyle	Cathleen Denekamp (sub req.)
	Bernadette Usera - 1st	Diane Clarke - 1st Reader	Brad Blauvelt - 1st Reader
Lector	Reader	Brenda Flottmeyer - 2nd	Laura Varilek - 2nd Reader
	James Johns - 2nd Reader	Reader	
Sacristan	Joe Schacher	Ermma and Bruce Lehman	Stacy Tate

Daily Readings

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43 **Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29 **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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



DEACON INQUIRY

There are four upcoming inquiry sessions to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate.

Meetings will take place the first Saturday of the month in February, March, April, and May. Please contact Deacon Greg Sass at 605-343-3541 x2228 or visit

https://www.rapidcitydiocese.or g/permanent-

diaconate/diaconate-formation/ to learn more.

QUESTIONS? CALL AMY IN THE OFFICE OF OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS AT 787-5168

SNACKS PROVIDED!

"Heal Your Grief" Bereavement Support Group

in Catholic teaching, Heal Your Grief is an eight-week support group open to all Christian adults who have lost a loved one due to death. For more information contact George Wallace at 605-721-3811. For more questions call Amy Julian 605-343-3541, email FamilyLife@diorc.org or visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/FLM. Spring Sessions begin Monday, January 31 at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City at 6:00 pm. Lifetime Registration fee is \$10.00.

POSITIONS OPEN AT OLPH CATHEDRAL

Cathedral is Administrative The seeking an Secretary/Communications Coordinator: oversee the secretarial administration of the parish and coordinate a comprehensive approach to parish communications; position is full time; degree and/or experience with office administration, computer programs, publishing on social media platforms and website required; organizational and motivational skills are essential. The Cathedral has an opening for a Liturgy Director/RCIA Coordinator: coordinate and oversee the liturgical life of the Cathedral parish and coordinate the RCIA program; position is full time; degree and/or experience in pastoral studies, theology, liturgical studies is required; organizational and motivational skills are essential. Competitive salary and benefits package available. Contact Beth at the Rectory office at 605-342-0507 or beth@cathedralolph.org for an application and job description.

Married Sweethearts Mass, Dinner & Dance

February 19, 2022, at Terra Sancta. 4:00 PM Holy Hour, 5:30 Mass, Celebrated by Bishop Peter Muhich, 6:30 Dinner & Dance. Menu: Beef Medallion, Redskin Mashed Potatoes with Bacon and Chives, Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Warm Honey Glaze, French Dinner Roll, Chocolate Covered Strawberry Cupcake. To register, visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/ms2022. For more information, contact Amy Julian or Linda Drake at 605-343-3541 or by email FamilyLife@diorc.org.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on **February 2, 2022**, and



in parishes on the weekend of February 5 and 6. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



School of Spiritual Direction

The Sioux Spiritual Center Recently launched the Covenant School of Spiritual Direction. We are considering opening a cohort in June of 2022. We would like to have a minimum of 12 students. We would like to hear from interested parties by January 20. Please contact Carole Brown cbrown@diorc.org, or Deacon Greg Sass at gsass@diorc.org.



Find forgiveness, healing, and hope at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, a ministry for those affected by abortion. Mercy greater than you can imag-ine awaits you!

For information about local retreats, contact Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com, or visit the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

we need you!

WE NEED LECTORS, ALTAR SERVERS, HOSPITALITY MINISTERS, & SACRISTANS ministers are scheduled a month at a time at their preferred mass time.

MINISTERS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED AT THE 11 AM MASS.



LECTOR

Lectors proclaim the word of god at each Mass.

If you would like to be trained as a lector RSVP to the office at 605-787-5168. Training will be on Saturday, February 12, following the 5 PM Mass.



ALTAR SERVER

Altar servers assist the priest and help prepare and clear the Altar.

If you would like to be trained as an Altar server please contact the office at 605-787-5168. Training will be on Sunday, February 13, following the 11 AM Mass.



HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Hospitality ministers make our parish welcoming by greeting parishioners, taking the collection, and straightening the pews.

If you would like to be trained as a hospitality minister [great for families] please contact Steve and Sue Colgan at 605-394-5586 or ssacolgan@gmail.com.



SACRISTAN

Sacristans prepare for Mass. They set out the supplies for the Communion feast, prepare the scriptures, aid the priest, and then reset.

If you would like to be trained as a Sacristan, please contact Katie in the office at 605-787-5168.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 | 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 | Lk 4:21-30

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

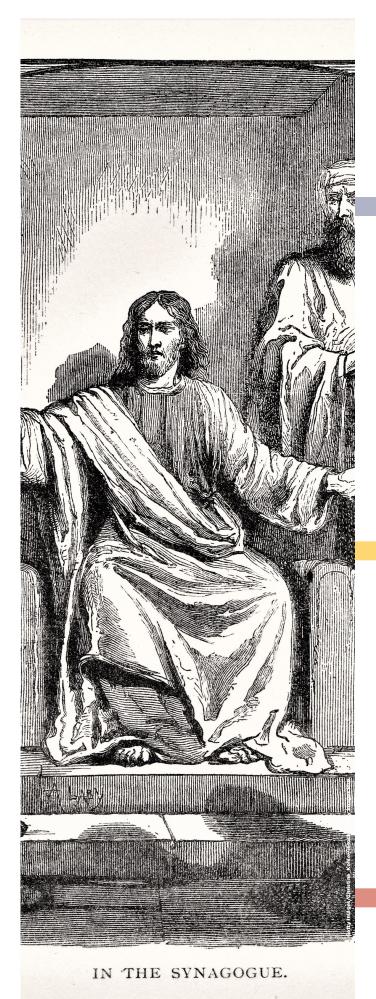
Wait, what? One moment the people of Nazareth embrace Jesus, but as soon as he challenges them the crowd turns on a dime, and moves toward throwing him off a cliff. The Son of God, also the son of a carpenter, goes from hometown hero to persona non grata just like that, prefiguring his death on the cross and giving credence to his admonition that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." From the earliest moments of his public ministry as recorded in Luke, Jesus' love for us is prominent. He never faltered. He never wavered. He moved forward to continue his mission of fulfilling God's will for him, and be a sacrifice once and for all for our sins. Perhaps we have had a similar experience of being the "hero" for someone, only to somehow end up the goat. It is not easy to remain steadfast in our daily mission to love as Jesus loved. Today's readings assure us that God will give us the grace to do so.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be challenging to square Paul's eulogy of love with the reality of day-to-day living with a spouse, family members, and friends. Love is patient ... except when I'm late getting out to the car for church again. Love is kind ... except between crabby siblings who want to watch different shows on Netflix. It is not quick-tempered ... unless you thoughtlessly back into my car in the driveway. It occurs to me that perhaps Paul's words aren't entirely about us, but about the perfect love of God. It's pretty amazing to think that God loves us in all the ways Paul describes. As we open our hearts to God's love and deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, we may find that love spilling over into our daily interactions. For when we are kind, we love; when we are patient, we love; when we are not quick-tempered, we love.

PRAY Although our love for one another is imperfect, we must strive to love as Jesus loved each day, and there is no better place to start than prayer. Ask a friend or family member this week if they have any concerns you can include in your prayers. Or request a Mass for someone who is going through a tough time or who has recently died.



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