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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
First Fridays

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## "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

(Lk 9:35)

#### Jubilation from John

What makes Christianity unique among all the religions of the world is that the Supreme Being whom we worship revealed himself to humanity personally. Before we ever chose him, God created us out of pure love and chose to love us intimately. This unique relationship is grounded in our Jewish roots and was first revealed to Abraham, the father of Judaism. Beginning in Chapter 12 of the Book of Genesis, we eavesdrop upon intimate conversations between the Lord God and Abraham. In this Sunday's first reading from Genesis 15, we are privy to the Lord God speaking directly to Abraham—choosing him to be the father of a great nation with descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, promising him a rich and verdant land to settle and populate, and sealing that covenant in smoke and fire with a sacrifice offered in faith by Abraham.

In the Transfiguration, we are witnesses to the ultimate fulfillment of this covenantal relationship—the word of God made flesh and dwelling among his people. In a dazzling display of the Lord God's love for his people, Jesus Christ is brilliantly transfigured, and his ultimate glory is briefly manifested to his awestruck disciples. From a cloud, God speaks once again to man and the singular identity of Jesus is revealed: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (Lk 9:35). The great prophet Elijah and the great lawgiver Moses fade into the mists. Jesus stands alone as the Only Begotten Son—the voice of God not in a cloud but in the flesh—and his followers are commanded to listen!

Where is the voice of God in your life today? The days of Abraham are long past, but the unique relationship that he enjoyed with the Lord God remains. God has chosen you and me—and invites us into an intimate, personal relationship with him through his Only Begotten Son. Are you listening to him? Each morning of Lent, I begin the Liturgy of Hours with the verse: "Today if you hear the voice of Lord, harden not your hearts" (Heb 3:15). The verse causes me to wonder if the Lord is speaking to me, but my heart is too hard to hear. Where is his voice? Am I deaf or just not listening?

Clearly the voice of God speaks to the heart, not to the ears. As I have reflected upon Fr. Andrzej's Lenten homilies on the moral conscience, I have discovered that the conscience is "the heart" through which the Lord's voice is heard. When I opened the *Catechism* to the section noted by Fr. Andrzej last Sunday, I found these words: "His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths... When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking" (*CCC* 1776, 1777). During this Lenten season, you and I are challenged to soften our hearts—to form and reform our consciences—so that the voice of God speaks to us more clearly, more distinctly, ever calling us to love and to do what is good and to avoid what is evil.

Keep the Faith!

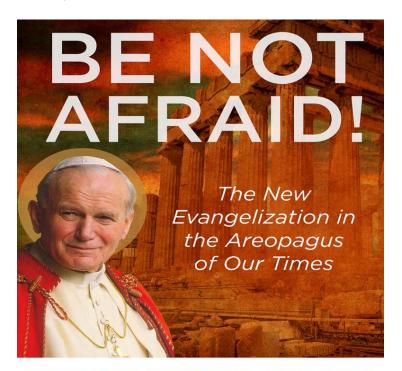
Deacon John

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

What information is in the Catechism? Join us Mondays from 6-7:30 PM in St. Joseph's Hall.

March 14th, Christian Prayer, The Faith Prayed.

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



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#### Confessions, Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry



Come Fridays during Lent for Confessions 5-6 PM, Stations of the FRIDAY Cross 6-6:30 PM, Kniahts Columbus Fish Fry 6:30 PM. The

Knights will have to-go options and eat in options.

#### Catholic Social Services 2022

Bless you! Catholic Social Services thanks you for your generosity during this year's Ash Wednesday Appeal. Your gift is an overwhelming statement that Christ's compassion is present in our Diocese. Please continue to pray for the poor among us, and for those suffering from addiction, family conflict, and anxiety. Pray also for those who provide services to help strengthen families. Together, we are making a difference.

#### **RCCSS FAMILIES**

Your active Catholic form is due to the OLBH by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please leave the form with the church office or leave them in the holder on the office door. Fr. Andrzej will review the forms and submit them to the school for you.

## Lent Family Fun

**Sunday March 13th** 4:30-6pm at OLBH



- \*Learn about prayer, fasting and almsgiving
- \*Take home tools to create a small prayer space
- \*Make an easy craft together
- \*A simple meal of soup and bread will be provided

All Ages Welcome!

Contact Amy for more information and to RSVP 787-5168

#### **Communal Lenten Penance Liturgies:**

Rapid City, Blessed Sacrament, March 24, 4-7 p.m.

Lead, St. Patrick, March 27 — 3:30 p.m.

#### PIEDMONT, OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS, MARCH 28 - 6-7:30 PM

Rapid City, St. Therese, March 31, 6-8 p.m. Sturgis, St. Francis, March 20 — 3 p.m.

#### **First Communion**

The First Communion retreat is April 9 from 1:30-4:45 PM. Please check your email for details. First Communion will be on Sunday, May 1, at 8 or 11 AM Mass. Please contact Rhonda in the office to sign up at 605-787-5168.



#### Thank you for your donation.

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March 5-6, 2022					
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St. Vincent de Paul	1	1			
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Priest Retirement		1			
Steubenville			50		
<b>Total Contribution</b>	2,638	10,384	13,071.84		

## **Weekly Schedule**

#### Monday, March 14

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

No Mass

6 PM Catechism Class

#### Tuesday, March 15

8 AM Mass for Adam Hohm

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 16

8 AM Mass for All Souls in Purgatory

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, March 17

Saint Patrick, Bishop

8 AM Mass for Harley Miller and Family

9 AM "Just Men" Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

#### Friday, March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School

for the repose of Patricia Jean Barnick

5-6 PM Confessions

6 PM Stations of the Cross followed by the

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

#### Saturday, March 19

## SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**3:30-4:30 Confessions** 

5 PM Mass for Walt Wilson

#### Sunday, March 20

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM Mass for Christian Weaver

9:30 AM RCIA Class

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

**11 AM Mass** for the community of OLBH and our sister parishes

#### Intentions of the Holy Father for March:

Pope's Intention: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

#### **Prayer Chain Requests**

To request an intention for the prayer chain, contact Sue at 605-431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

To sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 605-791-2303.

Prayers for the Deployed Member of our Parish
Chris Hunt • Quenten Johnson

Prayers for the Deceased of our Parish
Randy Blauvelt (brother of Brad)
Les Weishaar

#### 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 | Marjorie Lee Lowell Amiotte | Randy Oberle | Tracy Rudnick

Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held) | Ana Maria Killion

Vickie Crowley | Cap Holzer

Doug Wermers | George Bradstream

Marek Kopec | Brett Whealy | Jennifer Kinney

Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long)

**Tony Corbine | Wayne Gamroth** 

Tim Curns | Dean Antonsen | Billy Hudson

Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)

Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)

**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)

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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

Frank Weyrich (brother-in-law of Marcia Senn)

**Kevin & Julie Spors** 

Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko)

#### † 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.

March 14 Msgr. Wenzel A. Sobolewski (1975) Rev. Glendon Welshons, S.J. (2003)

March 15 Rosella "Rose" Hirchert (2012)
March 16 Msgr. Arthur Doyle (1994)

Rev. Paul G. Dahms (2014)

March 17 Rev. Francis X. Parisian (1955)

#### 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!

#### **Liturgical Ministry**

If you would like to serve our parish as a lector, minister of Holy Communion, hospitality minister, or Altar server, please call the office at 605-787-5168.

#### **Ministry Schedule**

Mass Times	Saturday 3/19 5 PM	Sunday 3/20 8 AM	Sunday 3/20 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
	Mya Lyon - Lead	Dustin Hoiten - Lead	Andrew Denekamp - Lead
Altar Server	Dakota Lyon	Dominic Hoiten	Matthew Denekamp
	·		Hamish Haakenson
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Deacon John Osnes	Deacon John Osnes	Deacon John Osnes
Hospitality	Pam Freeman	Melissa Hood	Aaron Denekamp
	Ken Freeman		Cathleen Denekamp
	Joyce Kinney - 1st Reader	Joyce Williamson - 1st	Craig Kelso - 1st Reader
Lector	Teresa Thompson - 2nd	Reader	Laura Kelso - 2nd Reader
	Reader	Diane Clarke - 2nd Reader	
Sacristan	Joe Schacher	Barbara Erickson	Stacy Tate
		Gary Erickson	

#### **Daily Readings**

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28 **Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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

### In honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary's Annunciation

#### Birthright is having a Baby Jesus Shower

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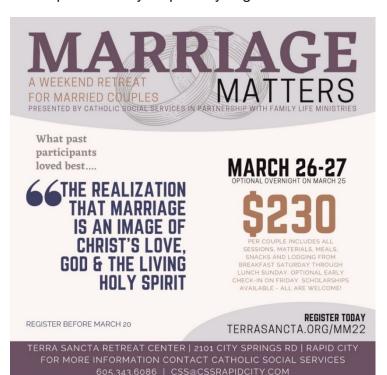
#### **Diocesan Live Streamed Masses**

The Diocese will livestream the following Mass from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help: March 6, 2 p.m. – Rite of Election. Visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/DioceseofRapidCity to watch!



#### 40 Days for Life prayer services in Rapid City

Blessed Sacrament Church, prayer services will be led by various clergy every Saturday morning March 5 - 26 and April 2 - 9. Meet by the Memorial to the Unborn near the west parking lot. Schedule: 7:50 a.m. silent prayer; 8 a.m. clergy will lead corporate prayer for the unborn, pregnant mothers, those who work with abortions, the nation, leaders, and to honor the Lord's will; 8:15 a.m. silent prayer; service concludes at 8:20 a.m. Sponsored by Rapid City Right to Life.



### **RESTORED Men's retreat**

Guest Speaker: Richard Meloche, PH.D.

'The role of man in restoring a Catholic culture in his home, parish and in the world.'

Saturday, March 26, 2022 | Terra Sancta Retreat Center Cost \$40 includes conference, breakfast, and lunch. The Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture seeks to cultivate in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma forgotten, and often forbidden realities – such as virtue, chivalry, valor, self-denial, a fondness for things of the past, and the mirth found in friendship in order that truth, goodness, and beauty may prevail. In doing so we hope to become a bastion for authentic Catholic culture.



#### **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast**

The Kiwanis Club in Piedmont is hosting a pancake breakfast at the American Legion in Piedmont. This supports the club in buying coats for school aged children in Piedmont, Black Hawk, and Summerset. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, biscuits, and gravy will be served for \$8 or \$4 for those 7 years of age and younger.



March 13, 2022

## Second Sunday of Lent

Written by
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Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17—4:1 or Phil 3:20—4:1 | Lk 9:28b-36

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

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a "face changed in appearance," and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, "did not know what he was saying." Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God's voice affirm what they have just seen: "This my chosen Son; listen to him." We all experience these extremes - days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we've had glimpses of heaven. Today's Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately as the disciples glimpsed today - "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

#### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What's next now that the kids are grown? Today's readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God's chosen Son, and to "stand firm in the Lord."

**PRAY** Lent is a good time to try a new form of prayer. Do you often pray silently? Try the rosary or spoken prayer. Do you normally pray out loud.? Try centering prayer or another form of quiet or silent prayer, such as *Lectio Divina*.

# Holy Week & Easter

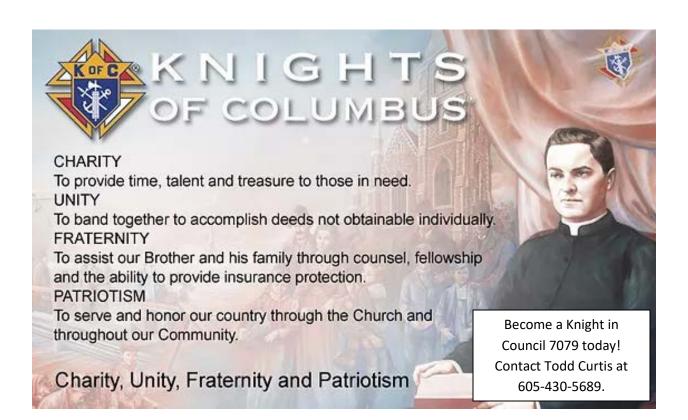
Our Lady of the Black Hills

Holy Thursday Mass, 4/14, 6 PM Good Friday Liturgy, 4/15, 6 PM Easter Vigil Mass, 4/16, 8:15 PM

Easter Sunday Mass, 4/17, 8 & 11 AM

He is risen, Alleluia.

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