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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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Deacon Greg Sass

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The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM is
livestreamed on the Our Lady of
the Black Hills Facebook page and
then posted on olbh.org.

In this weekend's first reading from Amos, the prophet is charging the people with complaining about having to stop "making profits" because of the religious feasts. Yes, they observed them, but it was done grudgingly. Kind of sounds like they were just "checking off the box." As I prayed with this passage, the thought came to mind about how much our Sundays have simply become another day to do "business". In fact, this past Sunday, the post office delivered an online order to our house. It certainly could have waited until Monday. We had not requested nor required the package to be delivered on Sunday. It required, probably multiple people, to work on a Sunday, the day God says we should spend time with him and rest, simply to deliver an insignificant package. But there are also too many times I find it "convenient" to run to store on a Sunday to make a purchase of something that really could wait for another day.

While there certainly are jobs which require work to be done on Sundays, like medical personnel, emergency workers, and law enforcement, to name a few, there is a question we maybe need to ask ourselves. By being consumers on Sundays, are we somehow contributing to exploitation of the poor, those who are forced to work on Sundays because of their economic status? Or maybe because of working on Sundays, their spiritual life is impacted, and they are becoming poorer in spirit?

Paul writes in the second reading how God "wills everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Paul goes on to say, "It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands". While this is important to do every day, it is most important to do so on Sundays, the day God commanded us to observe in a particular way.

The question I have to ask myself is, can I change? Can I avoid being a Sunday consumer? Can I be trusted in this very small manner? As we hear Jesus say in the Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." Jesus warns us, "No servant can serve two masters." Am I able to choose the right master by being trusted in this small matter? If I am, then maybe I will receive God's praise, as a servant of the Lord, "who lifts up the poor".

Deacon Greg
Serviam


Neighbors helping neighbors.
Do you need assistance or advocacy?
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Piedmont | Black Hawk | Summerset
Members of the society of St. Vincent de Paul
meet every other Tuesday at 6 PM to aid our
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Call the office if you would like to volunteer.


FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
11 AM IN THE OLBH
PARKING LOT
ID REQUIRED
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Wednesdays & Saturdays
9 AM - Noon
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Gas vouchers M-F 8:30-2:30 PM
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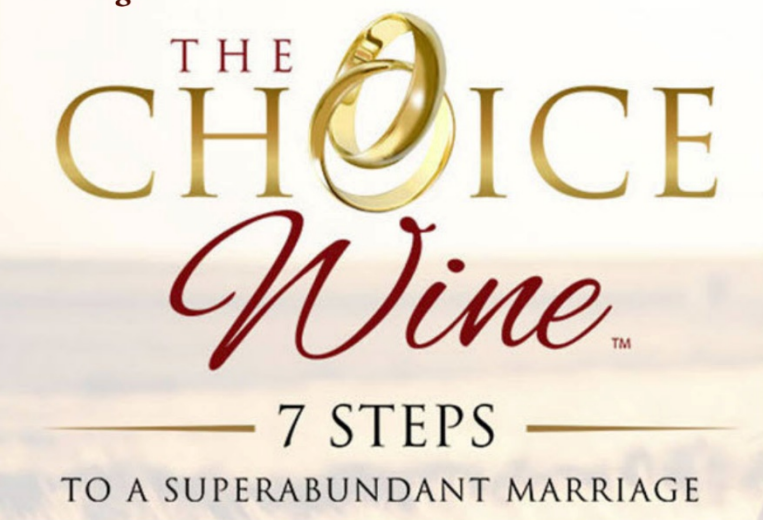
The Cursillo Weekend

A three-day personal encounter with Christ helping you grow in your Catholic faith. Women's Weekend Oct. 27-30 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City; Men's Weekend, Nov. 10-13 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City. For information contact Kathy Ackerman 406-939-2686 or 605-574-9571, email dchealthycomm@yahoo.com.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
on Sunday, September 25th between the 8 AM
and 11 AM Masses.

Marriage Enrichment



Integrating the latest findings from modern science with the timeless teaching of the faith and the wisdom of the saints.

Wednesdays 5:30-7 PM
9 weeks beginning October 5th

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

In our newest blog post, Liz Kelly Stanchina shares how regular proximity to Jesus in the Eucharist gave her spiritual strength and nourishment. Read the full story at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/your-heart-his-home>.



"With the Eucharist, therefore, heaven comes down to earth, the tomorrow of God descends into the present and it is as if time remains embraced by divine eternity."
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

2022 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

SUN, OCTOBER 9, 2022 | TERRA SANCTA RETREAT CENTER
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RCIA – Becoming Catholic

Classes begin September 25th. Classes meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:45 AM. SPONSORS ARE NEEDED. Please contact Brad Blauvelt with questions at 605-390-0683.

Visit

<https://www.olbh.org/becoming-catholic>
to learn more.

RETURNING CATHOLICS



Mondays 6:30-8 PM
Beginning October 3rd
6 weeks program
Meet at OLBH in St.
Joseph's Hall



Come and learn about the beauty of the faith.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH 9-10:30 AM



Well-Read Mom

Well-Read Mom (WRM) accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and to reorient to what is good, beautiful, and true. We read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "giver" with the help of some excellent authors such as Leo Tolstoy, Anne Bronte, and Kazuo Ishiguro, among others. Please join us for our September gathering on Thursday **Sept 22** at 7:30pm at Maggie's home. For more information please contact Maggie at 701-388-8328.

DIVINE MERCY

with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Sunday Mornings 9:30-10:45 AM

Bethlehem Cave | 10 Week Study

Call the office at 605-787-5168 to register.

STARTS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

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Raffle held on November 21, 2022 Need not be present to win. Freezer included!

All proceeds go to benefit the Rapid City Catholic School System. This raffle is in conjunction with The Cavalier Event and the Fall Extravaganza. After your purchase is complete a raffle ticket(s) stub will be mailed to you.

ADVENTURE AWAITS! JOIN THE FNE EXPLORERS!

Come and See FNE! September 27
Meetings are Tuesdays, from 6:30-8
pm at the Cathedral Hall. Visit
www.rcfne.com.

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Explorers

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Do you ever wonder what it used to be like to not remember and feel that decision that led to abortion? Did you ever think you would also carry the pain and regret of that loss? We don't think it will affect us and it does. Forgiveness, healing, and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Join us Sept. 30 – Oct 2. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS COFFEE AND ROLLS

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PLEASE SIGN UP (SIGN UP SHEET ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX) TO STAFF COFFEE AND ROLLS; SET UP, SERVING, CLEAN UP. THIS IS A WONDERFUL SERVICE PROJECT. CALL 787-5168 FOR DETAILS.

The Malchizedek Project

Learn how to discern your vocation with Fr. Andrzej and a group of **young men ages 16-25**. The group will meet Sundays beginning October 2nd at 6 PM at the OLBH Rectory. Call the office for details at 605-787-5168.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe and Rose Weber

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Nelson

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confession

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, September 22

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Nick and Steve

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8 AM Mass at OLBH for the repose of JoAnn McCormick

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for the repose of Angel Adams

Saturday, September 24

BVM on Saturday

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of Steven Michaelson

Sunday, September 25

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black hills and our Sister Parishes

9-10:30 AM Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the repose of John Gaeta

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/24 SATURDAY 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead)
Stella Curtis and Kyah Pesek

Lectors: Deacon Walt Wilson (1st)
James Johns (2nd)

Hospitality: Tracy and Kimberly Cook

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon Greg Sass

9/25 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)
Freddy Weishaar

Lectors: Christine Pulaski (1st)
Lynelle Sazama (2nd)

Hospitality: Marie and Eric Langfeldt

Sacristan: **NOT FILLED**

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon Greg Sass

9/25 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Tim Hoag

Altar Servers: Mya Lyon (lead)
Dakota Lyon and Alex Acebo

Lectors: Sheila Keeler (1st)
Meryl Gaeta (2nd)

Hospitality: Cathy and Richard Long

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon Greg Sass

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
September 10-11, 2022			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	250	304
Sunday Collection	2,759	4,609	7,368
Rectory	42	-	-
St. Vincent de Paul	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	-	42
Priest Retirement	-	-	2
Total Contribution	2,855	4,859	7,716.61

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 SEPTEMBER

Pope's Intention: For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: PRV 21:1-6, 10-13; PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; LK 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; PS 19:2-3, 4-5; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: ECCL 1:2-11; PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17BC; LK 9:7-9

Friday: ECCL 3:1-11; PS 144:1B AND 2ABC, 3-4; LK 9:18-22

Saturday: ECCL 11:9—12:8; PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17; LK 9:43B-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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:

September 19	Laudie C. Urbanec (2001)
September 20	Rev. Michael J. Kelly (1947) Rev. John F. Vigneron (1957)
September 21	Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. (1954) Rev. Vincent Carty (1987) Judith Marie Nelson (2017)
September 22	Deacon Francis H. Chin (1997)
September 23	Msgr. Henry H. Kipp (1951) Earl J. Smith (1988) Margaret M. Preuss (2013)
September 25	Deacon Theodore Knife (2010)

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, Jean Schacher, Bernard Wiehl, Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski, Marjorie Lee, Jeff Feist, Randy Oberle, Vickie Crowley, Cap Holzer, Linda Schacher, Gloria Allardyce, Brett Whealy, Jennifer Kinney, Joyce Kinney, Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long), 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), Yvonne Runyan, Kevin and Julie Spors, Barb Coyle, Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko), Lisa Yantes (DeWayne and Helen's daughter), Iris Overholt, Erica Anderson, Greta and Jacqui Thiesse (granddaughter and daughter of Dcn John and Joni), Joe Vetch, Lisa Jolliff (niece of Charlotte Weiger), Lori Moore, Lenny Wagner (brother of Joni O.

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for Randy Oberle.

FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY We pray for Chris Hunt and Quentin

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!

51st Annual SD Right to Life Convention

Friday, September 30 — Saturday, October 1, at the First Assembly of God Church, 4905 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Rapid City. Friday, doors open at 6 p.m. for registrations, refreshments, and exhibits; 7 p.m. Keynote speaker and legislative candidates. Saturday, doors open at 8 a.m., at 9 a.m. speakers begin. Speakers include Karen Cross National RTL Committee; Angela Copenhaver, WeTeachThink; Andy Griffith, Pro Life Man; and Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Breakout sessions for Middle and High School Students. Registration fee Adults \$30 by Sept. 12, \$40 beginning Sept. 13. College Students \$10. Middle/High School Students Free. Register at www.sdRightToLife.org.

World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon, Portugal

We invite all youth, 16-30, to join us for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal! July 30-August 10, 2023. Our Pilgrimage will not only lead us into the heart of the Church for World Youth Day, August 1-6, but will also lead us into the Heart of Our Lady in the Shrine of Fatima. The estimated pilgrimage cost, to be finalized, is around \$2800. Fundraising ideas and opportunities are available! Please fill out the initial registration on our website, accompanied by your \$100 refundable deposit, to secure your spot and let us know that you are interested in this pilgrimage! To learn more visit: www.RapidCityDiocese.org/wyd23.

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – 9/25

Priesthood Sunday is a day set aside to honor priesthood and to raise awareness of vocations to the priesthood. This is a time, like Father's Day, that we can make our priests feel special and appreciated. Let your pastor know how much you appreciate his time and energy with a card, a phone call, a meal at your house! For more ideas on how to celebrate Priesthood Sunday in your parish, please visit the Serra Club's website: serraus.org/priesthood-Sunday/.

Struggling after Separation or Divorce?

The heartbreak of divorce affects the entire family. Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and for those struggling many years later. Participants find their questions answered, hope restored and authentic healing begun. Surviving Divorce is a 10-week support group rooted in Catholic and Christian teaching and is open to any Christian adult who is hurting following a separation or divorce. We begin September 12 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. A \$30 registration fee covers all materials. Scholarship help is available for those in financial need. To register visit www.terrasancta.org/survive2022.

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HOLY CROSS CHAPEL | 5PM-6PM

SONG | SILENCE | SCRIPTURE

OCTOBER 2
NOVEMBER 6
DECEMBER 18
JANUARY 8
FEBRUARY 5
MARCH 12
APRIL 16

Oh...and lots of candles!

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September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Our body language says a lot. Crossed arms can signal anger or defensiveness, while arms outstretched imply openness. It's unlikely Timothy researched nonverbal cues, but his encouragement to pray while "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" is good advice. I think this posture can carry into other areas of our life, including our relationship with money and/or possessions. If we cling to these, we risk closing ourselves off to life's true riches: our faith and our relationships, for example. As we learn in today's Gospel, we cannot serve both God and mammon. In our culture, it's easy to get caught up in accumulating more possessions or holding tight to what we have. Jesus challenges us to place our trust in God rather than the ups and downs of the stock market or our bank account. Let us, instead, approach Jesus in prayer, arms wide open.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

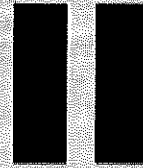
I rarely miss a planned morning workout. I carefully lay out my clothes, go to bed early, and set my alarm. It helps to meet up with a friend for that added layer of accountability. These are all "small things," but they indicate my investment in the activity and help me build trust in myself and within my friendships. I wonder if we can't do the same when it comes to staying spiritually fit. For me, being "trustworthy in very small matters" is a bit like my workout routine. We don't need grand gestures to keep our relationship with Jesus strong: setting aside time in the morning to focus on prayer; going to Mass even when we don't feel like it; talking with a friend about ways to grow spiritually. In his letter, Timothy reminds his followers that prayer and devotion are "good and pleasing to God our savior." Should we become discouraged, we can find comfort in knowing that God wills everyone to be saved. Through prayer and seemingly small changes in our routine, we can challenge ourselves and encourage each other to make our relationship with Jesus our first priority.

ACT Think about your daily routine. What small change can you make to enhance your relationship with God? It may be as simple as saying a good-morning prayer or beginning a list of people and things for which you are grateful.

Up In Smoke



How Marijuana Harms Families & Communities



You're invited to **Up in Smoke**: on **Fri., September 23, 2022: 11:30 am until 1 pm**
at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Join us for a discussion of how marijuana harms families and communities. South Dakota has been in the middle of a marijuana debate for several years, but what's really at stake?

Come learn more about what harms we can expect to see if South Dakota voters approve recreational marijuana this fall.

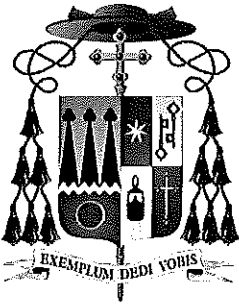
Please invite others to join you!

Click here for more info and to register:

<https://www.familyheritagealliance.org/event/up-in-smoke-rapid-city-lunch/>

Life Chain

Sunday, Oct. 2, Rapid City Right to Life is planning a Life Chain on Mt. Rushmore Road from 2-3 p.m. It would stretch from Omaha Street uphill to the corner near the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Organizers are hoping churches can sign up to cover specific blocks. Line-up will be at the SDRTL parking lot, 1107 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Water Stations will be at the RTL office and at Wilson Park. Signs will be provided. Any outside signs will need prior approval from the organizers. Individuals or churches can contact Martha or Teresa at rc_rtl@yahoo.com. Phone: 605-220-8678.



DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

September 13, 2022

OFFICE OF BISHOP

Parishioners of Our Lady of the Black Hills
%Rev. Andrzej Wyrstek
12365 Sturgis Rd.
Piedmont, SD 57769

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I preview this year's vocations poster, I am filled with gratitude for all those in our parishes who have prayed and sacrificed for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. This past spring I was privileged to ordain Father Joshua Lee – my first new priest! That was an exciting moment in the life of the Church for me as your bishop and for all of our priests and parishioners.

Many, many thanks for your generous response to the Adopt-a-Seminarian Program in your parish. Your contributions totaling \$6,000.00 are a great help in covering the ever-increasing costs of education and formation.

This year we have three men in theology programs, two in pre-theology, three in college seminaries, one in a formal discernment program and two working in our parishes as they discern God's call. These eleven young men and many others over the years have benefited from the prayers and support of others, good examples of lived discipleship, and many invitations to consider a vocation to the priesthood. Their generous response and yours fills me with hope for the future of the Church in western South Dakota.

With prayerful best wishes and kind regards, I remain

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Rev. Peter M. Muhich
Bishop of Rapid City



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