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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

CLERGY

Pastor:

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

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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.

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Jn 20:21)

Jubilation from John

Peace be with you. According to the Gospel of John, these were the first words that the Risen Christ spoke to his frightened, confused, doubtful disciples. Locked in the upper room for fear of the Jews, the disciples were offered peace—and then sent to share that peace with others: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21). On Easter Sunday, Fr. Andrzej repeatedly challenged us with Pilate's question: What is truth? On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the first words of the Risen Christ implicitly challenge us with a similar question: What is peace?

What does peace look like in a world torn by war and terror? What does peace act like in a country divided into red and blue states? What does peace feel like in the busyness of my everyday life? What is peace? We tend to think of peace as the absence of conflict and dissension. We tend to regard peace as the presence of security and unity. Much like the idyllic scene of the primordial Church painted in this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes" (Acts 2:44-46). Yet we know from the letters of St. Paul that this peaceful picture of the Church did not endure. From Apostolic Times to the present, even the Church has been torn by heresy and schism—its original communion fractured along many lines.

The peace that Jesus offers to you and me is not peace as we tend to define it. Not as the world gives does Jesus give peace. The peace that Jesus offers us is not of this world—it is beyond this world and it cannot be disturbed by earthly affairs. The peace that Jesus offers his disciples is not the absence of conflict and struggle in this world—but the indwelling of God's presence in their hearts. In the midst of fear and confusion and doubt, the Risen Christ bestowed the divine presence of peace upon his disciples: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22)—and he gave them the divine authority that communicates true peace: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and who sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:23). This is the Divine Mercy that we celebrate this Sunday—divine mercy that heals hearts wounded by sin and restores peace beyond our understanding—peace not as the world gives but the everlasting peace of God's Kingdom.

As Jesus said to St. Faustina in an apparition, "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." When Pope St. John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter will be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, he said, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity... [On this day] the Lord shows us his glorious wounds and his heart, an inexhaustible source of light and truth, of love and forgiveness... the gift of 'forgiving sins,' a gift that flows from the wounds in his hands, his feet, and especially from his pierced side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity."

Peace be with you!

Deacon John

New Bible study starting on Monday, April 17!



FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD
with Dr. Tim Gray – Augustine Institute

- · Monday nights at 7-8:30pm at OLBH, Piedmont
- Six-week program: April 17, 24, (not May 1) May 8, 15, 22, & 29
- Sign-up in the Narthex or by calling the office at 605-787-5168

Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Engaging and accessible, it includes:

- ► The Lectio Divina approach of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Contemplating
- ► Penetrating questions and insights for the six video sessions
- · Additional resources for a fuller understanding and application
- Daily reflections to deepen the meaning of prayer in your life

First Communion and Confirmation

Mass of First Holy Eucharist, April 23rd, at 11 AM. OLBH has 16 students receiving their First Holy Communion.

Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Muhich will be Wednesday, April 26th, at 7 PM. OLBH has 18 confirmands this year.

All are welcome at Mass, please be mindful of space for the students and their families.



First Communion is next weekend. Please pray in a special way for the children receiving First Communion.

Otto Bestgen, Luke Hoiten, William Rikala, Croix Burress, Roman Kling, Colleen Ryder, Jill Ryder, Johannah Powers, Ashlyn Turnquist, Cassy Arellano, Declan Bennington, Ezra Harming, Heidi Hamer, JC Kerstiens, and Will Bestgen.

Having Difficult Conversations Workshop

with **Jim Kinyon**Executive Director of Catholic Social
Services

Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm OLBH, Piedmont



Sunday Scripture Bible Study

The Sunday Scripture Bible Study restarts next week, Thursday, April 20, at 9 AM. All are welcome to learn about the upcoming weekend's readings and grow deeper in faith.



LifeSaver Sale

St. Rita's Court of the Catholic Daughters of America will be giving out Lifesavers and asking for donations to fight Domestics Abuse. The proceeds support agencies in SD and local communities. Thank you for your support.



Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 17

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, April 18

8 AM Mass for the repose of Blondie Wagner

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 AM Mass for friends and benefactors of the

Immaculate Heart Hermitage

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:15 PM Finance Council Meeting

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, April 20

8 AM Mass for Mary Coffin

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

9 AM Sunday Scripture Study

Friday, April 21

Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for TSRC Staff

8:30 AM Mass at Saint Elizabeth Seton School

for the repose of Dr. Hubert Theissen

Saturday, April 22

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of Kenel,

McLaughlin, and Bullhead

Catholic Daughters LifeSavers Sale

Sunday, April 23

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 AM Mass for the repose of Ruth O'Neil

Catholic Daughters LifeSavers Sale

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for Jim

Catholic Daughters LifeSavers Sale

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast





WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4/22 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Mya Lyon (lead)

Dakota Lyon

Lectors: Kimberly Cook (1st)

DeWayne Yantes (2nd)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Jean Hohm

4/23 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Victoria Carlin (lead)

Reese Sazama and Tommy Falcone

Lectors: Lori Caouette (1st)

Lynelle Sazama (2nd)

Hospitality: Justin and Kodi Carlin Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle Eucharistic Minister – Body: Mary Quinn

4/23 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Andrew Denekamp (lead)

Alex Daniel Acebo and Dominic Hoiten

Lectors: LaChel McCollar (1st)

Cathy Long (2nd)

Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Lorinda Collings

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17				
April 8-9, 2023				
	Automatic	Basket	Total	
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54	
Sunday Collection	2,813	12,839	15,652	
Building Fund	44	71	115	
Bulletin Ad	-	-	1,045	
Priest Retirement	2			
Holy Land/Good Fri.			1,030	
Votive				
Total Contribution	2,914	12,910	17,896.58	

Did you know that OLBH is a Stewardship Parish?

We ask that you give us your time, your talents, and your treasure to support our wonderful parish. Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal at www.olbh.org/donate.

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.

ANOINTING 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 APRIL

Pope's Intention: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk

24:13-35

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:

April 17	Rev. Kevin D. Doyle, C.S.C. (1966)
April 18	Rev. Frank Strafalace, S.C.J. (2003)
	Florentine "Flo" Neely (2012)
April 20	Rev. John Vogel (1953)
April 21	Rev. John Shea, C.S.C. (1921)
April 23	Rev. Joseph P. Zuercher, S.J. (1957)

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, Vickie Crowley, Cap Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce Kinney, Tony Corbine, George. Curns, Joe Tim Dean Antonsen, Cathy Luedtke, Jim O'Dea of Holly Phillips), (father Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher), Joyce DePaulo, John Mizenko Sr., Charlene Mizenko, John Mizenko Jr., Norbert Liebig, The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Jasper Wermers (grandson of Doug and Peggy), Tim Keller (son-inlaw of the Holzers), Craig Lindemann (uncle of Maggie Whiteside), Kevin and Julie Spors, Barb Coyle, Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko), Lisa Yantes (DeWayne & 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, Deb Bickford, Sheila Keeler, Karen and Dennis Lau, Wurtz. Zoe. Kathleen Marv Leutenegger, Willard Olson, Tracy Rudnick, Isaiah Hernandez (grandson of Carol Arellano), Barry Hoffman, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch. Wes Mendenhall, Susan Silbernagel

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Donna Duppong (sister of Bernie Gerving)

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!



Scheduled talks include:

- Laying the Foundations (Kerygma Talk)
- · Our Lady of the Holy Spirit
- The Gifts of the Holy SpiritBarriers to the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in Daily Life and Personal Prayer
- · Praying as a group
- · Prayer Teams

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Example: Sunday.
Locking is additional scholarships are available.

a retreat weekend to go deeper in your relationship with the Holy Spirit

Friday night talks begin at 7pm, with daily mass and an optional dinner starting at 5pm.

Saturday talks begin at 8:45am; the day concludes with praise & worship during the evening.

Sunday talks begin at 9am and the day concludes with lunch at 12pm. Sunday Mass at 11am.

This retreat is sponsored in partnership with the Diocese of Rapid City Offices of Vocations and of Pastoral Ministries with prayer leaders from around the diocese.

Friday, April 21-Sunday, April 23

Terra Sancta Retreat Center

terrasancta.org/holyspiritretreat

CSS Foster and Adoptive Parent Training

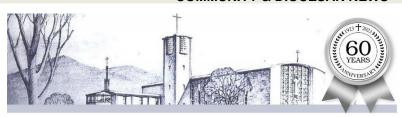
Monday April 17 — Trauma Informed Parenting April 24 – Trauma Related Behavior All classes are at 2 PM at Catholic Social Services. Contact Kelli Whartman, 605-348-6086 or kelli.whartman@cssrapidcity.com.



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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5:30PM MASS WITH BISHOP MUHICH

followed by a

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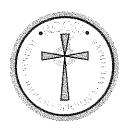
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4/4/2023

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Black Hills,

We are **so grateful** for your generous donation of \$1,268.00 to the RCCSS Packing Hope Project. With your donation, 6,854 meals were packed for those in need. Our total number of meals packed this year was 120,096. Witnessing people reach deep into their pockets and give selflessly from what they have for the sake of others teaches us about charity and responding to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

Both events, the Family/Parish Packing Event on the 2nd, and the RCCSS School Packing Event on the 3rd, were immensely successful in building community and answering Christ's call to bring hope to the poor and vulnerable.

Following Easter break, we will be praying the Rosary for your parish.

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another" – St. Vincent de Paul.

With Gratitude,

The St. Thomas More Class of 2025



Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31



"I'll believe it when I see it." We've all said this at some point, usually in response to hearing about someone unreliable doing something out of character. St. Thomas had the same reaction in today's Gospel when he wasn't there when the other disciples saw Christ for the first time since he rose from his tomb - "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Although Jesus helped Thomas with his unbelief, he blesses those who have not seen, but believe. Have any of us seen the nail marks in Christ's hands and feet, or the wound in his side? Do we see Christ's body and blood on the altar, or do we see only the gifts of bread and wine? Christ comes to us in ways we can understand initially - parables, bread and wine, the face of people we meet throughout our daily lives - but our faith in what we have not seen, in the great mystery of our salvation, is what makes us Christian.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ's disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let's act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is "more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire." We certainly aren't perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ's name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

INVITATION People often see Christ through the words and actions of others. This week, actively seek out opportunities to be the hands of Christ. What opportunities does your community have to practice corporal works of mercy?







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