



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

(Mt 17:5)

LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Tuesday-Friday 8 AM

*The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM prior to Daily Mass

**First Friday Devotion following Mass on first Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

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Jubilant from John

Over the last three Sundays, we have been given somewhat mysterious and puzzling glimpses of the kingdom of heaven in parables from Chapter 13 of St. Matthew's Gospel. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we get a foretaste of the glory of the heavenly kingdom as revealed by the dazzling Transfiguration of Jesus. From the high vantage point of the Transfiguration, we can almost see the glorious coming of the Kingdom on the far horizon. Like many high points in our lives, we may be tempted to simply enjoy the view of glory in the distance and camp out until it comes to us.

On June 29, many of us experienced such a high point in the life of our diocese as we witnessed the ordination of seven deacons, including Deacon Phil Thompson from our parish. Even though the Transfiguration was not one of the scripture readings proclaimed at that glorious event, one of the daughters of Deacon Tim Minihan of Lead-Deadwood was taken to a high place during her father's ordination. Ellie shared with her family that Peter's words to Jesus were in her head: "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Mt 17:4). She continued: "Yes, Lord. It is SO GOOD that we are here. At Dad's ordination. Together." But Ellie also recalled the hard climb for her father and their family as they ascended to the high point of ordination over four years of discernment and formation—and she recognized the challenges that lay ahead as Deacon Dad is called to follow Jesus down the mountain into the valley of ministry.

When we are at the high points in our lives, isn't it easy to forget the struggles of the climb? Isn't it tempting to simply pitch a tent and not move on? Ellie's astute reflection on the journey past and the journey to come remind me of the voice of God breaking into the reverie of Peter, James and John, on the mountaintop: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him" (Mt 17:5). And what was the first thing that the beloved Son asked of them: "Rise and do not be afraid" (Mt 17:7). Come down the mountain—descend into the valley with me—continue the journey through my death and resurrection—continue the journey that leads to the heavenly kingdom.

This is my beloved Son; listen to him. We have heard the parables of the Kingdom, but the Kingdom is a work in progress. This is my beloved Son; listen to him. These are the words that call you and me off the mountain of Transfiguration into the valley of transformation. This is beloved Son; listen to him. The voice of God breaks into the comfort zones of our lives and invites you and me to follow his beloved Son through the low to the highest point—through death to new and everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven. This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

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RALLY BREAKFAST

THE SCOUTS OF OLBH ARE HOSTING A RALLY BREAKFAST. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY

AUGUST 4-6 & 11-13

7 AM-12:30 PM

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS



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TWO CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of two Catechist Assistants this coming Faith Formation year for the following classes:

- CGS I -
- 6th Grade -

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:30-5:45P

If you are interested, please call the office & speak to Mary: **605-787-5168**



OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS PARISH FEAST DAY

SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER
9	10	10
3 PM Rosary & Pie Bring a pie to share!	Following 8 AM Mass Adoration & Eucharistic Procession	12 PM Noon Food, Bounce House, Street Dance, Train Rides, & more

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Are you curious about the Catholic faith? Would you like to learn more?

Classes meet Mondays beginning September 25th from 6:30-8 PM.

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Digital Safety in a Digital World

Presented by South Dakota Crimes Against Children Task Force

Wednesday, August 30 @ 6:30 PM

at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont



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What to do about it

Navigating the Net:
Digital Footprints
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What to share
What to keep private

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



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COPS & KIDS FUNDRAISER BBQ

PIEDMONT AMERICAN LEGION

AUGUST 27TH | 11-3 PM

The Cops & Kids Program allows law enforcement to take kids in the Black Hawk, Summerset, and Piedmont area shopping. The kids are from families in need of assistance to purchase clothing, necessities, and toys.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

*The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM prior to daily Mass.

Monday, August 7

**Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest**

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, August 8

Saint Dominic, Priest

8 AM Mass for the repose of Bertha
Witte and Earl

Wednesday, August 9

**Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin,
Martyr**

8 AM Mass for Wade Rhodes

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, August 10

SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

8 AM Mass for Joe George

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

Friday, August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin

7-Noon Rally Breakfast

8 AM Mass for All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 12

**Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious;
BVM on Saturday**

7-Noon Rally Breakfast

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, August 13

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7-Noon Rally Breakfast

8 AM Mass for the repose of Don Smith

11 AM Mass for the Community of Our Lady of
the Black Hills and the parishes of McLaughlin,
Bullhead, and Kenel

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/12 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead)

Stella Curtis

Lectors: Deacon Walt Wilson (1st)

Brad Blauvelt (2nd)

Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell

Sacristan: Joe & Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

8/13 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead)

Paige Phillips

Lectors: Diane Clarke (1st)

Lori Caouette (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Barb and Mike Coyle

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

8/13 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Westin Edwards (Lead)

Talia and Emmett Edwards

Lectors: Angie Oberle (1st)

Laura Varilek (2nd)

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

8/15 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED

Lectors: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st)

Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)

Hospitality: Richard and Cathy Long

Sacristan: Bruce and Emma Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

8/15 6 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED

Lectors: Teresa Thompson (1st)

NOT FILLED (2nd)

Hospitality: Jane Fortsch and NOT FILLED

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
July 29-30, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	20	74
Sunday Collection	3,263	4,989	8,227
Building Fund	44	25	69
Mass Intentions	-	-	-
Priest Retirement	2	-	2
Votives			38
Reimbursement			300
Total Contribution	3,364	5,034	8,710.50

Did you know that OLBH is a Stewardship Parish? We ask that you give us your time, talents, and treasure to support our wonderful parish. In return we will utilize your gifts and talents to provide the resources, facilities, and events to aid you in your journey of faith.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal at www.olbh.org/donate.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

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

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention please fill out the envelope on the back counter of the Narthex or call 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 a family member are sick and 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, call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST

Pope’s Intention: For World Youth Day. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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:

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| August 7 | Msgr. Francis X. Haeusler (1943)
Ryan Flynn (1994) |
| August 8 | Rev. John P. Cowley (1980) |
| August 9 | Mary Lee Hathaway (2016) |
| August 10 | Msgr. William H. Boyd (1967)
Deacon Al Grant (2005)
Mary Kirby (1981)
Donald E. Thrall (2015)
Dorothy V. Roseland (2019) |
| August 11 | Maurice Mederic Ricard (2002) |
| August 12 | Rev. Alfred P. Abler (1950)
Larry Lee Forsstrom (2021) |
| August 13 | Ms. Lawrence Panek (1956)
Don Smith (2017)
Jerry H. Denekamp (2019)
Allan Eugene Wallenstein (2020) |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL & 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), Blanche Rieth, Jean Schacher, Bernard Wiehl, Sid & Mary Ann Pulaski, Cap & Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Tony Corbine, Joe George, Tim Curns, Dean & Mary Antonsen, Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, John Mizenko Jr., The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Tim Keller (son in law of the Holzers, Crescencia Yanez, Iris Overholt, Joe Vetch, Lori Moore, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila, Sheila Keeler, Deb Bickford, Karen & Dennis Lau, Zoe, Kathleen Leutenegger, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Lyn Gerving, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Elizabeth Ravellette, Rayola Anderson, Patty Creek, Steve Ramsdell, Irene Katzenstein, Bishop Peter Muhich

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Willard Olson, John Mizenko Sr. (father of Jeff)

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance coordinator, **Barbara Scherr**. To ensure confidentiality in her outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at **1-605-209-3418** (cell). Her phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities.
In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers Mt 13:54-58 Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

Rachel's Corner

For many women and men, the pain that follows an abortion is too much to handle. Instead of facing the abortion, many turn to drugs, alcohol and sexual promiscuity hoping to find a temporary numbness to the pain. If you or someone you know is suffering from the pain of a past abortion, we can help. The next retreat in South Dakota is Oct. 6-8. In Fargo ND Oct. 27-29. For more information, contact the national office at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com

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~Pope Saint John Paul II

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August 6, 2023

Written by
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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

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

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to “transform into something more beautiful or elevated.” This is what we see happening in Matthew’s Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is *transfigured* – before them: “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God’s promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, “Listen to him.” That’s a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, “You will do well to be attentive to it” and then compares doing so to being “a lamp shining in a dark place.” The world today can be a very dark place, but we don’t have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus’ example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the “day will dawn.” When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God’s kingdom.

PRAY This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord’s Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.

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