



***“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.”***

(Rom 8:18)

## 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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Deacon Greg Sass

Deacon Phillip Thompson

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A week ago, Bishop Peter informed the faithful of his diocese that a cancerous tumor had been discovered in his lower esophagus and that the cancer was also present in one of his lymph nodes. He wrote a beautiful letter distributed via FaceBook and on the diocesan website that not only described his malady, its treatment and prognosis, but also revealed his faith and hope that God will grant him healing beyond what the medical profession can provide.

On the Sundays throughout July, we will hear key excerpts from Chapter 8 of Romans in the second reading. Bishop Peter's letter is a beautiful, lived reflection of the faith and hope expressed in these readings: "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you" (Rom 8:9); "We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies" (Rom 8:23); "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings" (Rom 8:26); "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

At OLBH, we have been blessed to witness the same faith and hope in Fr. Andrzej as he has been challenged by his diagnosis of leukemia over the past six months. More recently, the diagnosis has been complicated by the possibility of kidney cancer and the need for surgery in August. With this in mind, his words in his homily before leaving on vacation take on a special meaning: "Do we look forward to just being happy for a moment... or do we trust that God has more for us? At the end, God desires our eternal salvation. Through the gift of Baptism, we are united into his life, into the death of this world, but then in the resurrection, to the life in heaven. So what rewards are we looking for?" Such profound words of faith and hope that God has a plan for his life despite the medical challenges and uncertainties of this life!

Both Bishop Peter and Fr. Andrzej have placed their trust in healing beyond what the medical profession can provide. Even with positive prognoses and attitudes they have both requested our prayers for the intercession of Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk for miraculous cures that only the Divine Physician can deliver. Therefore, I strongly encourage each of you to pray a novena of the Intercessory Prayer to Nicholas Black Elk beginning on Monday, July 17, and ending on Tuesday, July 25, the Feast of Saint James. Copies of the prayer can be found in the pews, on the cabinet in the narthex, and in this bulletin.

Keep the Faith!




Deacon John

The Diocese of Rapid City Vocations Office Announces

Rite of Admission to Candidacy Mass

Blane Schriock  
Dillon Johnson  
Josiah Hanson

Monday, July 31, 2023 at 10:30 am  
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Hot Springs  
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*I want to thank all of you for the kind words and cards given to me and Teresa for my ordination. This community is so special to us and we look forward to visiting with and serving you in the years to come. Please pray for us as we pray for you.*  
- Deacon Phillip and Teresa Thompson

Please remember, Fr. Andrzej and the priests of the Diocese of Rapid City will never ask you for money orders, gift cards, or wire transfers. If you are concerned Fr. Andrzej needs financial help. Please contact the office and double check. 605-787-5168.

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6-8 PM

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Be sure to thank our visiting priests, Msgr. Woster and Fr. Dan! We appreciate their willingness to celebrate the Mass with us in Father Andrzej's absence. Thank you!

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- volunteering in the nursery
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- becoming a substitute catechist

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We are looking for a primary childcare provider (for our catechist's children) during our early Wednesday faith formation classes (4:30-5:45pm), as well as substitute childcare providers on Sunday and Wednesday. We are also seeking substitutes and classroom assistants for the coming year.

If you would like to learn more, please call the office and speak to Mary.



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

## Monday, July 17

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

## Tuesday, July 18

**Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

**8 AM Mass** for Shawna Bendt

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

## Wednesday, July 19

**8 AM Mass** for Kathy VanAsma

**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

**5:30-6:30 PM Confessions**

## Thursday, July 20

**Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Genevieve Walz

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

## Friday, July 21

**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Bertha Lee Witte

6:30 PM 'The Sound of Music' Movie Night

## Saturday, July 22

**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE**

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

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

**5 PM Mass** for the repose of Doug Kading

## Sunday, July 23

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**11 AM Mass** for Kathy and Lowell Amiotte

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

7/22 5 PM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen (lead)

Marty Reeve

Lectors: Jonathan Allen (1<sup>st</sup>)

Dave Allardyce (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Bernadette and John Usera

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

7/23 8 AM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)

Fred Weishaar

Lectors: Lori Caouette (1<sup>st</sup>)

Diane Clarke (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Marie and Eric Langfeldt

Sacristan: Barb and Gary Erickson

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

7/23 11 AM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Westin Edwards (Lead)

Leo and Talia Edwards

Lectors: Meryl Gaeta (1<sup>st</sup>)

Jan Evans (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Pat Wright and Jane Fortsch

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

## STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
July 8-9, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	292	346
Sunday Collection	3,263	3,934	7,197
Building Fund	44	-	44
Mass Intentions	-	-	30
Priest Retirement	2	-	2
PV Food Pantry			
Votive			
<b>Total Contribution</b>	3,364	4,226	7,620.12

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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](http://www.olbh.org/donate).**



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**SCOUTS BSA**

**RALLY BREAKFAST**

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

FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY

AUGUST 4-6 & 11-13

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

12365 Sturgis Road  
Piedmont

# 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](mailto: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 JULY

Pope’s Intention: For a Eucharistic Life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and with all their brothers and sisters.

## 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:

July 17	Rev. Tarcisius Keller, O.S.B. (1957)
July 18	Rev. Henry J. Dunn (1968)
July 19	Rev. William Mahoney (1890)
	Madge Thelma Callanan (1973)
	Virgil McLaughlin (2004)
July 20	Gary Wentz (2002)
July 22	Eulalie V. “Nell” McNulty (2010)
July 23	Joseph J. Mahon (1985)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Sgs 3:1-4b; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

## 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, John Mizenko Sr., 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, Willard Olson, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Lyn Gerving, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Elizabeth Ravellette, Rayola Anderson, Patty Creek, Steve Ramsdell, Irene Katzenstein

**FOR THE DECEASED** We pray for the repose of Lorraine Thompson (mother of Phillip)

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 serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.*



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OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

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Small Peanut Butters

Food donations can be dropped off at Our Lady of the Black Hills at 12365 Sturgis Road  
M-F 8:30-2:30 PM or Sundays 9-11 AM.

The Piedmont Valley Food Pantry is open to all  
on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9-12 Noon.

\*Proof of address in Piedmont, Summerset, or Black Hawk required.



# SOAP UP

## STURGIS 2023

**SATURDAY, July 29, 2023 • 9:30AM - 12:00PM**

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Join us for the first ever **SOAP UP the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally** on July 29th, 2023. An estimated 500,000 bikers will be in the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota for this massive, annual rally. We are looking for **100 volunteers** to cover this event!

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## Eucharistic Revival

The Word in flesh makes true  
bread flesh,  
The Blood of Christ then comes  
from wine.

Though senses fail to see this truth,  
Faith will make pure hearts  
incline.

So great a sacrament, therefore,  
Let us revere while kneeling down.  
Let old laws yield to this new rite.  
Let faith, not sense, conviction  
ground.

Praise and jubilation to the Father;  
Honor, virtue blessing to the Son;  
And to the One Who proceeds from  
both  
In equal measure may praise be  
sung.

Amen.

—Acclaim, My Tongue, This Mystery. (Pange,  
Lingua, Gloriosi) St Thomas Aquinas



### Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters, Court St. Rita is hosting a fundraiser on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the South side Pizza Ranch from 4:30-8 PM. CDA will be bussing tables for a percentage of the day's sales. Please join us. Thank you for your support!

# *Novena*

**Pray for the healing of Fr. Andrzej and Bishop Peter**

## **Intercessory Prayer to Nicholas Black Elk**

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit! Behold Us who stand before you singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Native American people. We humbly ask you to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession.

Dear Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk, hear our petition in favor of your devoted servants Father Andrzej Wyrstek and Bishop Peter Muhich who are seriously ill and entreat your intercession on their behalf. Carry to our Heavenly Father the prayer of the faithful for the healing of their bodies and spirits.

Amen







July 16, 2023

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
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### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

At Mass with my family recently, my five-year-old daughter caught the last four words of the mystery of faith as if she was hearing them for the first time. She was bursting with excitement as we finished saying, “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.” She turned to me and said, “Mom! We said, ‘until you come again.’ Does that mean Jesus is coming back? He’s coming HERE?” What a lovely, emotion-filled response to learning that truth. She has heard those words countless times, but this time she heard the truth behind them. Her soul has been made for relationship with God from her time in the womb. The Holy Spirit has been preparing her to receive those words when she was ready to hear them in their fullness, and as the responsorial psalm proclaimed: “The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.” For those in the young, challenging years when it may seem easier to leave the little ones at home rather than take them to Mass, let’s remember what we are told in the first reading from Isaiah. “Thus says the Lord: ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, “This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*,” but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person, or to God, we’re not really being the rich soil that the other’s words deserve. We’re not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we’re more like a giant rubber wall off of which the words bounce! Let’s take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.

**PRAY** *Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that your words and your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so your glory will be revealed. Amen.*



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