

"So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested." (1 Kings 3:11-12)

#### 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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In our everyday life, we are constantly looking for something. We are in the search of our next goal. It is not an easy task to achieve what we want, or what we are looking for. Yet, life and our desire push us to action. We have to choose whether we want to have or if we want to be. Our life pushes us in the direction, where we want to have more, to have something else. Each one of us have different desires, different goals to achieve. And very often, our life is limited only to search for another good that we would like to have, and at last, we simply get to a point where we ask after Shakespeare "To be or not to be?"

Perhaps this is the question that is placed before Solomon in today's reading, where he is asked to voice his desire. As a king, he can ask for anything but as he makes his request, he follows not his position as a king but he follows his heart; a heart that is formed in the image of God. As we are in the third week of Gospel passages that continue to talk about the Kingdom of God, we are given another image of this Kingdom of God. Today we learn to choose between what we own and what owns us. Today we look at the "treasures" of our life and how this treasure influences us. King Solomon could ask for anything, for power, wealth, long life but instead he chose understanding. He chose a value that would enable him to "to be" rather than "to have."

The Gospel teaches us very nicely, about the "treasure" that one is willing to give for anything that one owns but let us not be misled with the image Jesus uses. He does talk about "pearls," but in order to know what kind of pearl it is, one needs to go back to the first reading. So often we find ourselves in a material world, according to which we want to build our life. Jesus however reminds us that at the end of life we will not be judged according to what we have had but to what we had become while we have had. King Solomon had his whole Kingdom, but he is known not for what he had, but who he was – a king of great wisdom.

This weekend I invite you to make your own request, and judge on your own, what is more important to you "to have or to be." There is nothing wrong with "having" but are you still free "to be?" Still struggling to live according to "be" rather than to "have."

In Christ, Fr. Andrzej 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 All are welcome to attend.





FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 6:30 PM



THE CHOSEN (SELECT EPISODES)



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#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS I

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

#### Monday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

#### Tuesday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for Joshua Weaver

6 PM Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint

Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8 AM Mass for Fr. Andrzej

8:30 AM Coffee & Desserts

8:30-2 PM & 3:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

#### Thursday, August 3

8 AM Mass for the friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage 9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness 7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

#### Friday. August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest 8 AM Mass for Lochlan Calvert First Friday Devotion

6:30 PM Chosen Movie Night

#### Saturday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary

Major; BVM on Saturday

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

**5 PM Mass** for Sue and Steve Colgan

6-8 PM OLBH at the POOL night,

Jimmy Hilton Pool – Rapid City

#### Sunday, August 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**8 AM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for Life **11 AM Mass** for the Community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and the parishes of McLaughlin,

Bullhead, and Kenel

#### **WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

8/5 5 PM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Dustin Hoiten (lead)

Luke and Isaac Hoiten

Lectors: Dave Allardyce (1st)

Jean Hohm (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Sue and Steve Colgan

Sacristan: Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Clarke

#### 8/6 8 AM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Victoria Carlin (lead)

Reese Sazama

Lectors: Jay Hammerquist (1st)

Lynelle Sazama (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Barb and Mike Coyle Sacristan: Barb and Gary Erickson

Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

#### 8/6 11 AM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (Lead)

Yazmin and Esperanza Escobar

Lectors: Cathleen Denekamp (1st)

Kim Wynn (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman Eucharistic Minister: Brad Blauvelt

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)  July 22-23, 2023			
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Sunday Collection	3,263	4,186	7,349
Building Fund	44	100	144
Mass Intentions	-	-	
Priest Retirement	2	-	2
Votives			36
Peter's Pence			10
Total Contribution	3,364	4,286	7,595.65

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#### 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:

Rev. Henry S. McRorray (1939) July 31 August 1 Rev. Gerald Scherer (2017) August 2 Fern C. Keffeler (1973) August 3 Lydis Hephner (1929)

Henry Joseph Maicki Jr. (2020)

August 4 Bernadette Ricard (2010)

Msgr. Francis P. Monighan (1967) August 5

> Coby Tyler Eich (1992) Robert Paul Besse (2010)

August 6 Albert L. Lenerville (2020)

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt

13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,

12-13: Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11;

Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,

10-11ab; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

#### 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, 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 John Mizenko Sr. (father of Jeff) and 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 at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). privately 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 13:54-58Diocese 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 877-467-3463 or <a href="www.rachelsvineyard.org">www.rachelsvineyard.org</a>. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats a 605-374-5639. or <a href="mailto:ckling@sdplains.com">ckling@sdplains.com</a>

### Piedmont Valley Food Pantry

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

Needs: Canned Fruit Potatoes

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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.



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## Eucharistic Revival

Beyond the joy and peace we receive from the Eucharist, mission awaits us; the world awaits what we have received. .. Be sure of this; God fed you that you would be His body in the community.... Jesus is in you and continues his mission through you. You can do it; Jesus chose you; just remember to say "yes" when you witness the epiclesis in Mass, yes to the Eucharist, and yes to being transformed as the Mystical Body of Christ.

~ Jeff Cavins, Heart of the Revival blog (www.eucharisticrevival.org)



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August 2023

#### Our Lady of the Black Hills

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

#### A vessel of God's grace

We are each asked to share God's love with others. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. We fill up with grace when we frequent the Sacraments, pray, and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

#### Our powerful Lord

In the Gospels, Jesus healed people 20 times. Seven times Jesus expelled demons. Three times He raised people from the dead, and eight other miracles showed His power over nature. With God all things are possible. All we have to do is ask in harmony with His will.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all

generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:46-48).



## **Build up the Kingdom of God**

As followers of Jesus, we're each called to take our place in the Kingdom of God and help build it up. Consider these suggestions to do your part:

Find your gifts: What special gifts do you possess? In addition to talents and skills, these can include wisdom from life experience or a particularly deep faith. Discern your gifts and ask God where He wants you to use them.

Cultivate gratitude: Write down everything for which you are grateful in a "blessings list." Review it and add to it regularly, especially when tempted to jealousy or discouragement. Praise and thank God daily for whatever is on your list.

**Practice humility:** St. Thomas Aguinas

said, "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift."

biggest piece of cake, the last word. Imitate Him who is "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29).

Be ready to serve: Any act of service can build up your parish, neighborhood, or community. Small

or great, everyone can contribute something. Give of yourself.

Strive for the higher gifts: Jesus asked every one of us to love God and each other. Without love, St. Paul said, "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). If you have true charity, you're on the right track.

# Why Do Catholics (Do That

## Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the Upper

Room and said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose

sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

With that, Jesus established an efficacious way to dispense forgiveness of our sins. He knew we'd need to be assured of His forgiveness by personally hearing the words, "I absolve you of your sins."



### "Go and make disciples"

We're all called to spread the Gospel as missionaries

(Mark 16:15), but not everyone is required to travel. As a Carmelite nun, St. Therésè of Lisieux lived out her "second calling" to be a missionary. Here are three ways to spread the Gospel within any vocation:

Go deeper in your faith. You can't share what you don't have. St. Therésè developed her "Little Way" of holiness after years of prayer and study. Step deeper into your faith daily: read a section of the

Catechism, pray over a verse of Scripture, listen to a

Catholic podcast while driving or walking, pray.

Adopt-a-missionary: St. Therésè was a "spiritual sister" to several missionaries, writing them letters and supporting them in prayer, indirectly helping hundreds of souls. Adopt a missionary – or anyone who shares the Faith. Contact your

parish or diocese for suggestions.

"Intercession fueled by charity": St. Therésè lovingly offered to God the "thorns" she received from others - discomforts,

misunderstandings, hurt feelings - to win souls for Christ. Offer your "thorns" as saving graces.

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#### Matthew 16:13-20, The "Rock-solid" foundation

("Rock"). Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom, giving Peter (and his successors) the authority to interpret Scripture, forgive sins, and admit people into the Church.

> By this, Jesus signaled He was building His Church on a rock-solid foundation - on the confession of Peter about

> > Jesus' divinity. This truth has been handed down through the ages, from the Apostles to the bishops to

us. The Holy Spirit would lead Peter – and his successors, the popes - to continue speaking and acting in truth as the visible head of the Church.

from The events in this passage lay the

foundations for the Catholic Church.

In it, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" It was a question about Jesus' identity, rather than about the persuasiveness of His teaching or His popularity. The heart of Catholicism centers around the truth of who Jesus is.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Simon answers for the group, identifying Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah (Matthew 16:17). Jesus proclaims this was divinely revealed to Simon and changes his name to Peter

Feasts & Celebrations

August 6 - Transfiguration of the **Lord.** Christ appeared in glory in the company of Moses and Elijah, discussing the Passion (Luke 9:30-31), and a voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

August 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941). A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was imprisoned at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose ten people to execute, he substituted himself for a man with a family. He was honored as a "martyr of charity" by Pope John Paul II.

August 23 - St. Rose of Lima (1617). Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her poverty-stricken family. She became a lay Dominican, and cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick in her house.

August 29 - Passion of St. John the Baptist (1st century). St. John the Baptist courageously spoke the truth to the leaders of his time, making him powerful enemies. He was arrested by Herod and martyred (Mark 6:17-29).



#### How can I avoid gossiping?

Chatting with friends can become gossip - unfairly disclosing another's faults or sins without a valid reason, to people who don't know them (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2477). Try these ideas when chatting becomes gossip:

Name it: A gentle reminder between friends is an act of kindness. Try, "I think we're edging into gossip," or "Oh, that's not kind!" It's better to risk speaking up than silently allowing sin.

Redirect the conversation: Highlight good qualities of the person about whom others are gossiping. Refocus on inspiring news, a good book you read - anything else that is "honorable ... just ... pure ... pleasing" (Philippians 4:8).

Leave: If nothing else works, excuse yourself and leave the conversation. You'll avoid becoming complicit to sin and wordlessly communicate that you find gossip unacceptable.

Pray: Sins of the tongue (gossip, slander, calumny, detraction) are serious and require grace to resist. Invoke the Holy Spirit for yourself, for those who engage in gossip, and especially for those harmed by it.

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