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#### 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 Mass

##### **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

##### **Deacons:**

Deacon. Walt Wilson, Retired

Deacon. John Osnes

Deacon Greg Sass

#### STAFF

Katie Harwood, Parish  
Administrative Assistant  
& SEC

Angela Hart, Coordinator of  
Adult Faith Formation &  
Evangelization, Confirmation,  
and High School

Mary Marich, Coordinator of  
PreK-6 Faith Formation

Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek,

Director of Liturgy & Music

Todd Phillipe, Maintenance

Lorinda Collings, Bookkeeper

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.

# You are invited to walk with Lord!

On June 11th, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills will open the Year of Eucharistic Parish Revival by participating in a Eucharistic procession that will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11:00 am Mass. The Procession will form in the East parking lot as Father Andrzej processes out of the church carrying our Lord, the community will then follow as we proceed East on Stagestop Road (with Police escort), then South on the West shoulder of Sturgis Road, then across to Leisure Lane ending in Summerset Park with Benediction. The route is approximately 1.5 miles long and will take about 1 hour to complete. During the procession there will be times for prayer, song, and silence. Following Benediction, the Knights of Columbus will be serving lunch.

If you will be walking with us, bring walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, umbrella, water, your rosary, and your God-given voice. If you are unable to make the walk, please meet us at the park for Benediction and lunch. Transportation back to the Church will be available at the end of the procession.

Please come and walk with the Lord as we proclaim our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, our parish invites the people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Holy Eucharist.

The goal of this Year of the National Eucharistic Revival is to foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, to strengthen liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. The Parish Year of Revival will culminate with the National Eucharistic Congress which is going to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 17-21, 2024. More information about this great event can be found at [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) and [rapidcitydiocese.org](http://rapidcitydiocese.org).

- Deacon Candidate, Phillip Thompson

*Children are encouraged to process. We  
have flower petals for them to toss.  
Please bring a basket.*

\*Altar Server training is this  
Sunday, 6/4, following the 8 AM  
and 11 AM Masses.

## Eucharistic Procession

Corpus Christi  
Sunday, June 11, at Noon

We will process from OLBH to the Leisure Lane Park in Summerset.  
and end with Benediction and a picnic.



All ages are encouraged  
to process.  
Call the office to see  
how you can help.



# Come to THE WELL

Join the Duc in Altum team of seminarians & college students for an evening of testimony, dinner, and fellowship.

## ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

**Thursday, June 8th, at 6 PM**

we will provide a pulled pork dinner



## Totus Tuus



Games | Prayer | Testimonies | Swim | Rock Climb

### GIRL'S CAMP - JUNE 2023

Girl's Leadership Camp: June 26 - 30  
(for girls entering grades 10th - 2023 graduates)  
Girl's Camp: June 25 - 30  
(for girls entering grades 7th-9th in the fall)

Communities coming this summer: Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary, Ann Arbor Dominicans, Mercedarian Sisters, Servadoras, and our own Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

### BOY'S CAMP - JULY 2023

Boy's Leadership Camp: July 10-14  
(for boys entering grades 10th - 2023 graduates)  
Boy's Camp: July 11-14  
(for boys entering grades 7th-9th in the fall)

Register now at [rapidcitydiocese.org/t2/](https://rapidcitydiocese.org/t2/).



## OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS COFFEE & DESSERTS JUNE 7TH

FOLLOWING 8 AM MASS IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL.

BRING A DESSERT TO SAHRE

# VBS DUC IN ALTUM

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1-12

[WWW.OLBH.ORG/DUC-IN-ALTUM](http://WWW.OLBH.ORG/DUC-IN-ALTUM)

# JUNE 4-8

## REGISTER TODAY!

JUNE 4-8 | ENTERING GRADES 7-12 7-9 PM

JUNE 5-8 | ENTERING GRADES 1-6 | 9-2:30 PM

June 4-8 | Entering Grades 7-12 7-9 PM

June 5-8 | Entering Grades 1-6 | 9-2:30 PM

**Register in the gathering space  
or at [olbh.org/duc-in-altum](http://olbh.org/duc-in-altum).**

**It's not too late! Register today or at  
the door.**

To request a Mass intention please contact Katie in the office at 605-787-5168. We also have cards for you to send those you have requested a Mass for. The suggested stipend for a Mass intention paid to the priest is \$10.

# kids fishing tournament

**Saturday, June 17  
Canyon Lake Park**

**Noon-3 PM  
\$40/family**



Benefitting Seminarian Education

### Family Fishing Day for Seminarians

June 17, Sunday, Canyon Lake Park/Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rapid City, Register & Fishing: 11a.m.-4 p.m., Mass: 5:30 p.m. Fish Fry: 6:30-8 p.m. Children 7-14 are invited to participate in recreational shore fishing with prizes for all participants.

Register on-line or in-person.

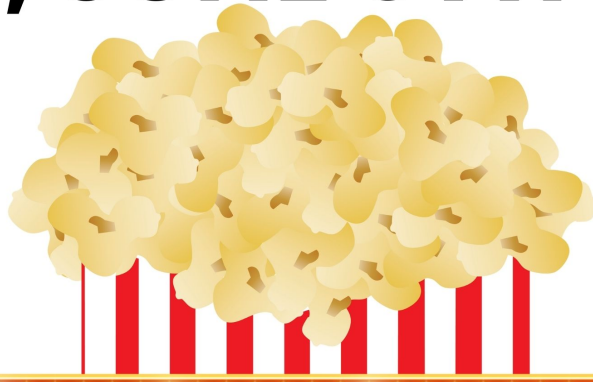
Registration is \$10 per-child or \$40 per-family.

All proceeds are dedicated to supporting our Diocesan Seminarians and the Office for Vocations.

Visit [www.wsdcf.org](http://www.wsdcf.org) or call 605-721-6843



**FRIDAY, JUNE 9 AT 6:30 PM**

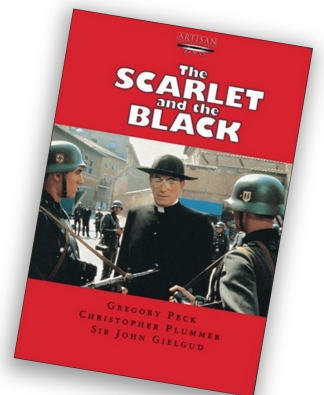


**OLBH, Piedmont**  
**MOVIE NIGHT**

***THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK***

**JOIN US FOR A MOVIE NIGHT!**

*BRING SOME BLANKETS – JAMMIES  
PERMITTED – POPCORN PROVIDED*



**Based on a true story, Gregory Peck stars as the man who led thousands in a daring escape to freedom - right under the nose of the Gestapo.**

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

\*The Rosary is prayed Tues.-Fri. at 7:30 am prior to Mass.

### Monday, June 5

**Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr**

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

**9-2:30 PM DUC IN ALTUM (1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**11:15 AM Mass** for

**7-9 PM DUC IN ALTUM (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

### Tuesday, June 6

**Saint Norbert, Bishop**

**9-2:30 PM DUC IN ALTUM (1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**11:15 AM Mass** for Bishop Steven Biegler

**7-9 PM DUC IN ALTUM (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

### Wednesday, June 7

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

**9-2:30 PM DUC IN ALTUM (1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**11:15 AM Mass** for the repose of Blondie Wagner

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

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

**7-9 PM DUC IN ALTUM (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

### Thursday, June 8

**9-2:30 PM DUC IN ALTUM (1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)**

**11:15 AM Mass** for Elizabeth Calvert

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

**6 PM THE WELL – COME AND HAVE DINNER, ALL ARE WELCOME**

### Friday, June 9

**Saint Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor of the Church**

**8 AM Mass** for Fr. Dan Juelfs

### Saturday, June 10

**BVM on Saturday**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

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

**5 PM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for Life

### Sunday, June 11

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)**

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

**11 AM Mass** for the Derek and Jessica Oster family

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION from OLBH to Leisure Lane Park 12-2 PM**

**Please note the daily Mass times have changed for Duc in Altum for this week, 6/5-6/8 only.**

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**6/10 5 PM MASS** with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen

Keeana and Kyah Pesek

Lectors: Jean Hohm (1<sup>st</sup>)

Jonathan Allen (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Brad Blauvelt

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Jean Hohm

**6/11 8 AM MASS** with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED

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

Jeremy Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Marie and Eric Langfeldt

Sacristan: Marie and Eric Langfeldt

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Marty Quinn

**6/11 11 AM MASS** with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Bruce Lehman (lead)

James Wynn, Todd Curtis, Gabriel Gehlsen,

Isaac Gehlsen, Andrew Denekamp

Lectors: Craig Kelso (1<sup>st</sup>)

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

Hospitality: NOT FILLED

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon John Osnes

## STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
May 27-28, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	24	78
Sunday Collection	3,263	3,651	6,914
Building Fund	44	30	74
Mass Intentions	-	-	60
Priest Retirement	2		2
Bulletin Ad			265
Votive			7
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>3,705</b>	<b>7,401.00</b>

**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](http://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.

**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 JUNE3**

Pope's Intention: For the abolition of torture. We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tobit 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**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:

June 5	Leo J. Gingras (2000)
June 7	Rev. Joseph A. Chasse (1914)
	Harriet "Pat" Wyckoff (1985)
	Hazel L. Melvin (2005)
June 8	Rev. Arthur J. P. LaFleur (1952)
June 9	Rev. Rev. Joseph A. O'Rourke (1963)
	Rev. Francis J. Collins, S.J. (1992)
June 10	Deacon Max Plank (1982)

**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, Joe George, Tim Curns, Dean Antonsen, Cathy Luedtke, Jim O'Dea (father of Holly Phillips), Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher), Joyce DePaulo, John Mizenko Sr., Charlene Mizenko, John Mizenko Jr., The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Jasper Wermers (grandson of Doug and Peggy), Tim Keller (son-in-law 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, Mary Wurtz, Kathleen Leutenegger, Willard Olson, Tracy Rudnick, Isaiah Hernandez (grandson of Carol Arellano), Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Wes Mendenhall, Susan Silbernagel, Heidi Hamer, Pam Freeman, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Elizabeth Ravellette

**FOR THE DECEASED** We pray for the repose of Norbert Liebig, and Barry Hoffman

**Sioux Spiritual Center Help Needed**

We need help putting together Gazebo kits, working on Mary gardens, yard work, clearing deadfalls and just praying for those that are out doing the work. Days would look like 0800 breakfast with work till noon, lunch, start again at 1 and finish at 3 with the Devine Mercy Chaplet. Also, the Sioux Spiritual Center is working on its first Hermitage giving the SSC the ability to have 30-day silent retreats and still be able to use the SSC for other functions. If you are a plumber or electrician, your skills would be appreciated. Financial sponsors for specific needs could be arranged, such as funding the HVAC, or kitchen items etc. If this interests you, please contact Bob at 605-389-6934 with SSC the first entry on texts.

### **OLPH Cathedral Job Opening — Administrative Secretary/Safe Environment Coordinator**

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help has an opening for Administrative Secretary-Safe Environment Coordinator. This position requires a faithful Catholic who demonstrates a love and zeal for the Church's mission with joyful collaboration and intentional beauty to share Jesus with others; who has a desire to build Christ-centered relationships with everyone who walks into the doors of the rectory office; who demonstrates a high level of organizational skills and communication skills; and who has secretarial experience and knowledge in using Microsoft Office.

### **OLPH Cathedral Job Opening — Rectory Housekeeper**

Are you looking for a part time job with about ten hours a week? The Cathedral has an opening in housekeeping in the rectory. Duties include cleaning of rectory – priests' offices and personal rooms, the living room, dining room, restrooms, hallways, and reception area. Confidentiality and motivational skills are required. Competitive salary. Contact Beth Strain at the rectory office at 605-342-0507, [beth@cathedralolph.org](mailto:beth@cathedralolph.org), for an application and job description.

### **Blessed Sacrament Church — full-time Assistant Director of Evangelization**

The Assistant Director of Evangelization and Catechesis (ADEC) at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rapid City, will assist the Director (DEC) in the care, guidance, and growth of the parish community. The primary mission of the ADEC is to bring others to Christ by evangelizing, teaching, forming, and guiding the faithful in their faith journey. The primary focus will be on encountering the joy of Jesus and equipping disciples. The primary goal of the ADEC is to assist with the planning and execution of evangelization and formation to form intentional disciples among families, youth, and the greater ministerial geographic region. The ADEC will work with the Director of Evangelization, the pastor, and associate pastor and other parish leaders to unify and support the fulfillment of the mission. To perform this job successfully, a teacher's certificate would be ideal, however the appropriate experience is also acceptable, job includes overseeing Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade programs. Please email [ruth@blessedsacramentchurch.org](mailto:ruth@blessedsacramentchurch.org) for a detailed job description or call Ruth at 605-342-3336.

### **Blessed Sacrament Church Janitorial Position**

Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City, has a part-time (25 hours per week) janitorial position open. This position has flexibility but applicants must be able to work some weekends and be on call for snow removal. Please contact Rick, [rick@blessedsacramentchurch.org](mailto:rick@blessedsacramentchurch.org), at 605-342-3336.

### **Diocesan Job Opening — Advancement Director**

Full time — FUNCTIONS: The Advancement Director plans, organizes, implements, and evaluates all philanthropic activities based on a planned giving model, which will incorporate the Annual Appeal, estate gifts, major donors, and special needs gifts for the support and benefit of the Diocese of Rapid City. QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor degree in business administration or related field. Experience with and knowledge of effective fundraising strategies and techniques for small to medium-sized nonprofits. Experience building and maintaining a contact management system of donors in which planned donor contacts are initiated from development/advancement office based on interest and ability to give. Self-starter, communication skills, experience in public relations, strong interpersonal relationship skills. Demonstrated success with planned giving programs. Proven leadership and administrative experience. Must show the essential marks of Catholic faith. The ideal candidate will live a life inspired by a supernatural vision, founded in Christian Anthropology, animated by communion and community, imbued with a Catholic world view, and sustained by Gospel witness.

### **Diocesan Job Opening — Family Life Coordinator**

Full time — FUNCTIONS: To develop, maintain and update a diocesan vision of the pillars of family life. Create and implement curriculum to fulfill that vision in today's world. To direct, supervise and evaluate programs of diocesan Family Life Ministries. QUALIFICATIONS: Practicing Catholic, with a personal relationship with Jesus, a love for the Catholic Faith and a Catholic Worldview, and a passion for sharing the Faith with others. Bachelor's degree, preferably in theology, catechetics, or related field with a sound Catholic theology; experience in family life ministries. Understands, supports, and articulates the Catholic Faith as taught by the Church. Knowledge and appreciation of Church teachings on all aspects of family life with an ability to speak to interested groups on such matters. Excellent organizational, communication, and leadership skills, and ability to relate to pastors and parish leaders. Requires energy and willingness to travel throughout the diocese, including some weekend and evening work.

### **DIOCESAN APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested individuals should submit via e-mail or regular mail, a cover letter along with a completed application form to [chernandez@diorc.org](mailto:chernandez@diorc.org) or Sr. Christine Hernandez, SCTJM, Diocese of Rapid City, 225 Main Street, Suite 100, Rapid City SD 57701 The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Listing at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/chancellor/employment/>.





June 4, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | 2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

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

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost: the birthday of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the world. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, giving adoration and glory to the three divine persons in our one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three in unity, or Triune. In the Gospel we heard, John tells us: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” If you’re going to write one Bible verse on a piece of cardboard and hold it up at a football game, this is it! John 3:16 encapsulates a Christian belief: We are loved by the Father beyond measure, and that love is incarnated – takes human flesh – in the divine person of his Son. But there is something deeper within this verse that comes to light much later in the Gospel: Jesus revealed that when he, the Son, returned to the Father, he would not leave us alone. (Jn 14: 26-28) Instead, the Holy Spirit came to be with us and remain with us. This is our God whom we celebrate and give thanks to: one in being, three in person. His love is unceasing and his Spirit dwells within and among us to guide us, advocate for us, and draw us ever closer to himself in that love.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to evangelization, you could write a Bible verse on a piece of cardboard, hold it up in a crowded place and hope it piques someone’s interest. But we can take a cue from St. Paul in the second reading as well. He encourages us to mend our ways, encourage one another and “greet one another with a holy kiss.” And then he offers a prayer for the Corinthians: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” Imagine what the world would be like if we all lived like that – if we worked to mend our mistakes, encouraged each other, and earnestly prayed for the grace, love, and fellowship of God to be upon every person. That would be a true witness to God’s presence in the world.

**PRAY** This week, pray a Holy Trinity novena. The word “novena” comes from the Latin word for “nine,” and they typically include nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, and beginning or ending on a feast or solemnity. Trust in the Triune God who loves you and offer him your heart. You may find the comfort or wisdom you seek.



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

June 2023

## Our Lady of the Black Hills

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor

### One Minute Meditations

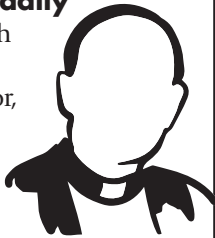
#### Pray for priests daily

The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours per week, does everything from administering Sacraments to bringing comfort to troubled souls to taking out the trash, and he is paid just enough to get by. Yet, nearly nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong in their faith and true to their calling.

#### Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).

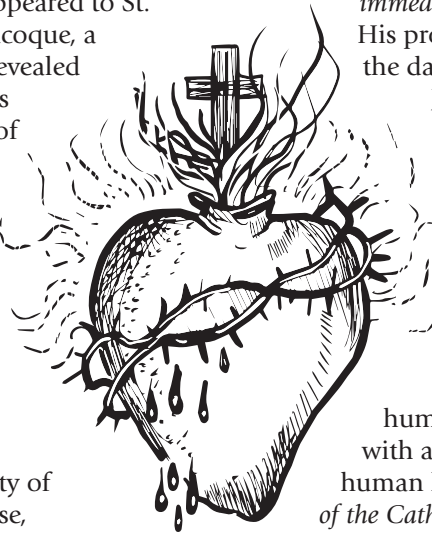


## God so loves the world

In 1673, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, and revealed the intensity of His love in the image of the Sacred Heart, "Behold the Heart which has so loved [mankind] that it has spared nothing...in order to testify Its love."

**God's love is intense:** The famous image illustrates the reality of a love that is intense, extravagant, passionate, and eternally faithful. Display the Sacred Heart image in your home or workplace to remind you that His extravagant love is for you.

**His Heart is our safe place:** Jesus advised St. Faustina: "Do not bargain with temptation but lock yourself



immediately in my Heart." Seek His protection often throughout the day, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

**God shares our nature:** The Sacred Heart illustrates the mystery of the Incarnation – when the Son of God became (sinless) man. He "worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind ... with a human heart he loved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #470). He shared and understands our human condition.

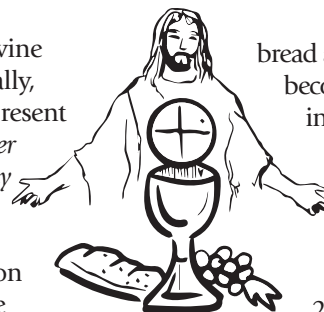
**Our hearts can conform to His:** When we put others needs before our own, find the good in others, and show patience, we love like Christ. We do this with His help, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours!"

### Why Do Catholics Do That?

#### Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is more than a symbol?

Catholics have it on divine authority that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the

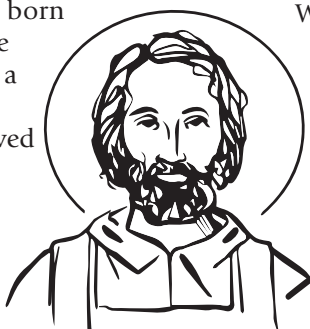
bread and wine, we believe that Jesus becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of Eucharistic miracles support this amazing mystery. In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills His promise to remain with us "to the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).



# The best father on Earth

Scripture doesn't tell us that St. Joseph was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

**Ever faithful.** It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancée was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. His devotion to God's



Word helped him recognize God's will.

**Steady protector.** At a moment's notice, Joseph left everything behind to whisk his family to safety (Matthew 2:13-15). Joseph's hard work and skill helped keep his family safe in a foreign land.

**Good man.** Scripture calls St. Joseph, a "righteous man," meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19). For example, he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the best father on Earth?

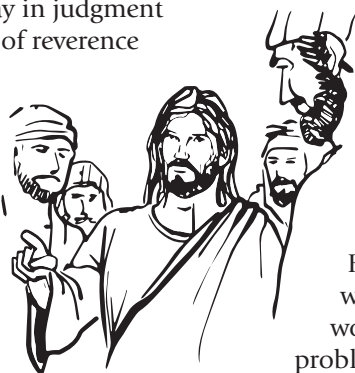
## from Scripture

### Matthew 10:26-33, "Be not afraid"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us that the only thing we should fear is God, who has the final say in judgment over us. This is the virtue of reverence (holy fear) – not fearing God as if He were a tyrant, but fearing to offend Him because He is good, holy, wise, and infinitely worthy of our honor and love.

If we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, we will encounter persecution. Even in the United States, we face efforts to undermine Catholic beliefs and values. These attacks don't hurt us physically, but can eat away at our faith,

our self-respect and respect for others, and ultimately, our happiness.



Jesus' advice to His followers 2,000 years ago applies to us today. Instead of being afraid, we can trust God, who watches over all the details of our lives and who wants us in Heaven even more than we want to be there. He won't make all our problems disappear but He will give us the strength and grace we need to get through them, especially through daily prayer and the Sacraments.

## Q & A What can I do to promote respect for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While casting votes for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are many options outside the voting booth.

### Assist pregnancy support centers.

Many centers offer counseling, material assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or treasure in support.



**Speak up.** When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and non-violent solutions.

### Consider becoming a foster parent.

Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs a temporary shelter.

**Visit local nursing homes** and offer residents the gift of companionship. Many older people feel lost and forgotten and would welcome the attention.

## Feasts & Celebrations

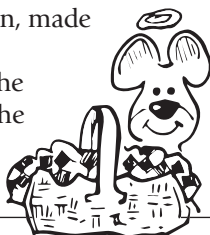
**June 1 – St. Justin Martyr (c. 165).** Justin was a Christian convert who searched for Truth. After his conversion, he held debates with pagans. When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." He was martyred for his faith.

**June 4 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.** Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith – that there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery

after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).

**June 9 – St. Ephrem the Deacon (373).** Born at Nisibis in Mesopotamia, he became a deacon and taught catechism classes, opposed heresy, and wrote hymns, prayers, and commentaries on Scripture.

**June 29 – SS. Peter and Paul (1st Century).** Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church – an ordinary fisherman, made extraordinary by God's grace. A persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.



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