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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

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“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” *Mt 17:4*

On Tuesday, of this week in the Gospel reading we heard of the apostles asking Jesus to teach them to pray. What Jesus gave them is the quite simple and a very powerful prayer – the “Our Father.” We can look at this prayer in so many ways, but perhaps the easiest one is to remember that the first part speaks of the praise and glory of God – “Our Father, who art in Heaven”. The second part is focusing on us and our needs – “give us our daily bread.” The third part is focusing on others – “forgive us as we forgive others”. These three aspects are present in today’s Gospel readings as well – in the story of Transfiguration.

We are also a people of faith looking forward to greater things, greater than this world can offer. One of those great things we find in this week’s Gospel where we read of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of his disciples. What a great privilege James, John and Peter received when they were invited to participate in the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus made Himself known to the Apostles as the Son of God who lives in the presence of His Father and in the presence of great prophets from the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah. The three disciples were invited to participate in the Transfiguration, so that they could personally witness the greatness of the life to come, life with God in the Heavenly Kingdom. James, John, and Peter were privileged to not only experience Jesus in His humanity but in His divinity as well. We learn about the Apostles and find them pretty human but that is not what God had in mind for them. We remember them today because of the great things they were part of. We remember them weak but at the same time very strong with grace of God.

Today we continue the Lenten journey in the desert, to see how dusty and dry we can sometimes become. We are called to look at our actions and see how deep we sometimes sink into the “mud” of our sins. It might be easy then to say, “it is too late for me, I am so bad.” Or one might just pretend nothing has happened and that they are “good” in order to feel better about themselves. In the Transfiguration, God wants us to see that things can happen when we least expect them, that good can come from places seemingly dry and without hope. Every one of us can be changed by God in ways we do not expect. Let this season be a time not only of our desert but also a time of transformation from lifeless to life-giving, from a life of sinking to a life of joy, stability and purpose. From day-to-day responsibilities to a life with a mission to accomplish. This Lent, we reflect on what is our mission as a Church, what is our mission as a diocese, what is our mission as Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish, as families and what is my mission as a beloved of Christ? Lent calls us to our own change through prayer, fasting and charity – also present and modeled on the Lord’s Prayer. Prayer – recognizing that God is at the center of who we are. Fasting – praying for “daily bread” is nothing more than fasting from the things that give us false sense of fulfillment, and charity – “forgive us as we forgive others” as we reach out to others.

Have a great Lent, and do not forget Prayer, Fasting and Acts of Charity.

See you at the Stations of the Cross on Friday, followed by an awesome Fish Fry prepared by the Knights in shiny armor of God’s Grace.

Fr. Andrzej

*The **daily Mass** on Wednesday, March 8, will be at **8:30 AM** to allow the STM Middle School students to attend Mass while on retreat here at OLBH.

Fridays in Lent

5-5:45 PM Confessions

6 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

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.

Faith Formation Coordinator Wanted

Our Lady of the Black Hills – Piedmont is looking to hire a PreK-12 Faith Formation Coordinator. The incumbent will plan, coordinate, implement, and evaluate parish-based faith formation for children and youth from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree preferable in theology, catechesis or a related field. We are looking for someone who practices the Catholic faith and has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and can articulate the Catholic faith as taught by the Catholic Church. Excellent organization and communication skills required. Completion of (or commitment to complete) the catechist certification program through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the *Veritatis Splendor* Institute are required. Please share this position with anyone you think may be interested. Please learn more at <https://www.olbh.org/we-re-hiring> or contact the OLBH office at 605-787-5168 or olbh@olbh.org.



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The St. Katharine Drexel Monstrance was given to the St. Francis Mission by St. Katharine Drexel. It is traveling to every parish in the Diocese of Rapid City as part of the Eucharistic Revival.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, 3/26, Holy Hour between Masses

Daily Mass, 3/28-3/31, Adoration for 1/2 hour each day following Mass

Tuesday, 3/28, Adoration during the Lenten Penance Liturgy [6-7:30 PM]

Wednesday, 3/29, Adoration from 8:30-7:30 PM

Theology of the Body

Come and discover the master plan for your life through an introduction to Theology of the Body. **MONDAY, MARCH 6TH**. All are welcome to these stand alone sessions.

Steubenville Fundraiser Breakfast

Sunday, March 12, following the 8 AM Mass. Come, eat, and support our high school students looking to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

Novena to St. Joseph

Begins Friday, March 10th, and ends on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19th.

Pick up a novena from the counter in the gathering space.

Stations OF THE CROSS



Lenten
Fridays
6 PM

All are
welcome!

Reconciliation

Lenten Fridays
5 PM



Knights of Columbus FISH FRY FRIDAYS



Lenten Fridays
6:30 PM

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Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 6

Office closed for Pastoral Ministry Days
7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study
7 PM **Theology of the Body**

Tuesday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity
8 AM Mass for Donna Duppong
Office closed for Pastoral Ministry Days
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

Saint John of God, Religious
8:30 AM Mass for The Benefactors of the
Immaculate Heart Hermitage
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open
5:30-6:30 PM Confessions
6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
8 AM Mass for the repose of Luke VonBank
9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study
6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, March 10

8 AM Mass at OLBH for the repose of Marvin
Matthews
8:30 AM Mass at Saint Elizabeth Seton School
for Vocations
5 PM Confessions
6 PM Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saturday, March 11

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, March 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8 AM Mass for Bille Matthews
Steubenville Fundraiser Breakfast
9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation
11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of
the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of
Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

*Thank you for supporting the Steubenville
bake sale! We raised over \$1500 to send
our 14 high school students to the Steubenville
Conference where they can encounter Christ.
Thank you!*

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

3/11 SATURDAY 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead)
Stella Curtis
Lectors: Bernadette Usera (1st)
Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)
Hospitality: Tracy and Kimberly Cook
Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher
Eucharistic Minister – John Usera

3/12 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)
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Lectors: Joyce Williamson (1st)
Diane Clarke (2nd)
Hospitality: Marie and Eric Langfeldt
Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle
Eucharistic Minister – Body: Marty Quinn

3/12 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (lead)
Robby Thompson and Alex Daniel Acebo
Lectors: Craig Kelso (1st)
Meryl Gaeta (2nd)
Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve
Sacristan: Stacy Tate
Eucharistic Minister – Dennis Fischer

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
February 25-26, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	2,813	5,700	8,514
Building Fund	44	60	104
PV Food Pantry	-	-	25
Priest Retirement	2		2
Stations of the Cross			1,000
Steubenville			1,512
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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 FEBRUARY

Pope's Intention: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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:

March 6	Rev. John DeRaff (1966)
March 7	Rev. James Sheehan (1991) Alyce Lenore Mariner (2016)
March 8	Rev. George F. Heup (1965) Heather Aleisha Oerline-Whealy (1996) Allen C. Erhart (2003)
March 9	Rev. Francis B. Vallo (1992)
March 11	Most Rev. John J. Lawler (1948) Rev. Arthur T. O'Brian (1964) Rev. Benedict Detterman, T.O.R. (1965)
March 12	Mary Jane Rolph Coleman (1997) Dennis Dean Schumacher, Jr. (2021)

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., Norbert Liebig, 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 and 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, Zoe, Kathleen Leutenegger, Willard Olson, Tracy Rudnick, Carol Arellano, Donna Duppong (sister of Bernie Gerving), Barry Hoffman, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Wes Mendenhall

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Ruth O'Neil (mother of Lisa Katzenstein), Betty Jorgensen (sister of Helen Riedlinger)

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!



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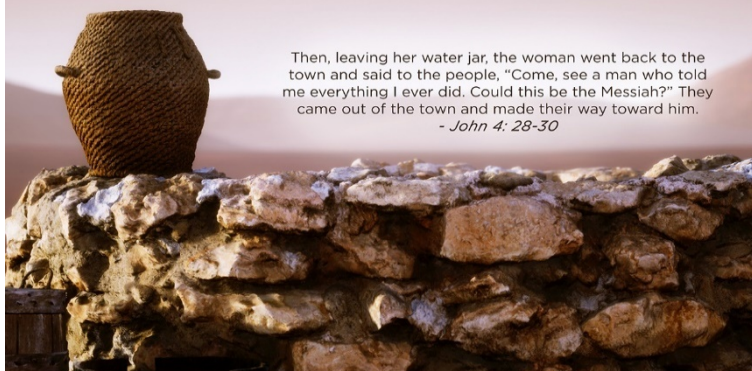


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Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him.
- John 4: 28-30

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Many feel that their sins are unforgiveable; but Jesus said to St. Faustina, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my mercy." (Diary, 723) "Write, speak of My Mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated. . . The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full." (Diary, 1448) "Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (Diary, 1602) "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment." (Diary, 300) "This miracle of mercy has radically changed humanity's destiny." (Pope John Paul II's Homily, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001). Let us take advantage of the opportunities for Reconciliation during this Lenten season.

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Fasting to detach

"Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their 'shame.'

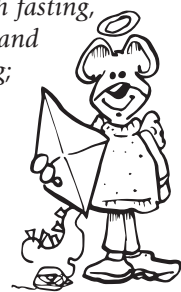
Their minds are occupied with earthly things"

(Philippians 3:19). We tend to eat and drink so freely that we forget God, who gives us that which we eat and drink. Fasting, especially during Lent, helps us to detach from the things of this world and remember Him. Catholics are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on Fridays.

Believe in God

Believing in God means more than just saying He exists. Believers serve God, give time to Him, and put Him first. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform works of charity and you will act on your baptismal promises.

"Yet even now," says the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments'"
(Joel 2:12).



Preparing hearts for Easter joy

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

Purifying our hearts: Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

Opening up to love: Mother Teresa

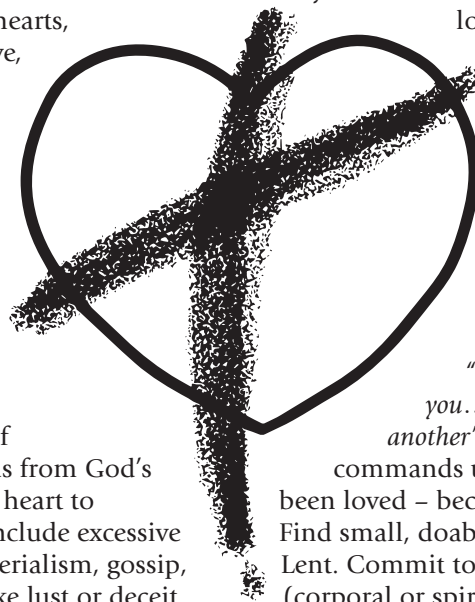
wrote, "Have you seen...how [Jesus] looks at you with love?... Have you heard the

loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

Put love in action:

"Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). God

commands us to love as we've been loved – because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (corporal or spiritual). Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout Lent and beyond.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as "Passiontide." The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God.

Why do Catholics cover statues during Lent?



This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

Cultivating a “holy hospitality”

Jesus asked us to make others feel welcome, seen and loved while they’re with us. “Holy hospitality” is vital to building community around Christ. Try these tips:

Sit and listen: When Jesus visited with his dear friends, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, He observed that Martha was so distracted and focused on her own concerns that she merely served Jesus instead of connecting with Him personally (Luke 10:41-42). Prepare for guests like Martha did, but enjoy them like Mary – with complete attention.



Fill your conversations with faith: A “holy hospitality” is a faith-informed one. The Samaritan woman’s life changed when she encountered Christ (John 4:14-15) because He told her the Good News of salvation. Ensure your conversations are uplifting and reflect your hope and optimism for eternity.

Open your circle: Jesus ate with tax collectors and public sinners – those considered unpleasant. “Holy hospitality” means your social circle is open to the socially awkward, the frustrating coworker, the elderly neighbor who lives alone, because Christ is in all we serve (Matthew 25:40).

from Scripture

John 11:1-45, Generous trust, generous faith

In this Gospel passage, a beloved friend of Jesus’ was fatally ill and his sisters sent urgent word to Jesus to come immediately. Jesus delayed, and Lazarus died, but this would not be His ultimate fate. Jesus had something else in mind for Lazarus and his family.

When He finally arrived, Martha didn’t demand Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead, although she acknowledged His power to do so. Even though her brother’s body had been in the tomb for days and the decay had begun in earnest, her trust in Jesus was complete. She knew that God’s love

is more powerful than death and left the outcome in His hands.



God never leaves us in our troubles but uses them to draw us closer to Him.

Martha’s generous trust in God’s will rested on her close friendship with Christ. Whatever He thought would be best

was best. God’s timing is not ours, yet everything He does – even when He does it – is for our good. Martha’s trust in Jesus was rewarded in the most magnificent way. Ours will be, too.

Q & A How can I overcome the temptations in my life?

Jesus knows that the battle for holiness is challenging in a fallen world, so He gave St. Faustina Kowalska twenty-five strategies to help (*Divine Mercy in My Soul*, #1760). Here is a sample:

“Do not bargain with any temptation; lock yourself immediately in My Heart.”



Don’t assume you are strong enough for a “little” temptation. Run immediately to the refuge of Jesus’ sacred heart for protection.

“Bear with yourself with great patience.” Saints aren’t made overnight. See yourself as God does – beloved. Be patient and keep trying.

“Do not neglect interior mortifications.” Withhold a biting remark, give up a luxury for the day, cut down on screen time. Sacrifices for love are powerful.

“Shun murmurs like a plague.” Gossip is never in God’s service. False accusations and rumors that hurt reputations are Satan’s favorite tools. Don’t indulge.

“Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you.” Our courage comes from being rooted in God (John 15:5). Recall God’s loving presence throughout the day: “Jesus, I trust in you!”

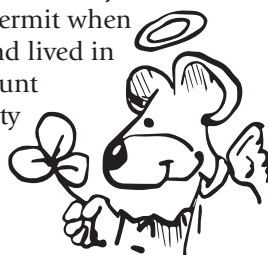
Feasts & Celebrations

March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1440). Although she preferred a life of service, St. Frances’ wealthy parents required that she marry. With her sister-in-law, Vannozza, St. Frances formed a group of women dedicated to serving the poor, all while caring for her family.

March 22 - St. Deogratias of Carthage (456): As Bishop of Carthage, St. Deogratias is best known for aiding slaves captured by the Vandal king, Geiseric. He ransomed hundreds of captives and sheltered them in two large cathedrals.

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had confidence in God’s grace and trusted in His wisdom.

March 30 - St. John Climacus (606): Born in 525 near Syria, St. John became a hermit when he was sixteen and lived in the region of Mount Sinai. A community of monks formed around him and elected him abbot.



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