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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.

#### "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

(Acts 1:11)

#### Jubilation from John

A tremendous amount of time and energy is focused on the way that Jesus came into the world. Christmas has become the most commercialized feast in Christendom and beyond, but despite the worldly distractions and diversions, even the greediest merchant probably knows the story of a baby born in a stable, of shepherds and Magi, of angels and a star in the east. Yes, the world—Christian and otherwise—tends to focus on the way Jesus came into the world. But as Christians, I think the far more important event for us should be how Jesus left this world.

As St. Paul declared to the Ephesians, in this singular event, Jesus demonstrated his power "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion." In this singular event, the Father conclusively revealed his relationship with the Son "seating him at his right hand in the heavens." In this singular event, God showed us "the hope that belongs to his call."

Although the timing is somewhat unbiblical, I'm glad that most US dioceses transfer the celebration of Jesus' ascension from 40 days after Easter to the following Sunday. I think that these final moments in the earthly ministry of Christ are too essential, too crucial, too significant to leave to a weekday—even if it is a Holy Day of Obligation. So why is how Jesus left this world so important that we take a Sunday to focus on it?

Another ascension story gives us part of the answer. You may recall a news report a few years ago about a 33-year-old truck driver from Los Angeles named Larry Walters. Larry always dreamed of flying, and one day, as he was sitting in his aluminum lawn chair in the backyard, he got a "bright" idea. He hooked 45 helium-filled weather balloons to his lawn chair, slung a BB-gun over his shoulder to pop the balloons, and he "ascended"—not a few hundred feet as he had planned, but straight up to 11,000 feet, right through the approach corridor to LA International! Somehow, Larry did manage to land safely, and when he was asked by the press why he did it, he simply answered: "Well, you can't just sit there."

If we could ask Jesus Christ today why he ascended, he might answer like Larry, "Well, I just couldn't sit there." If he had "just sat there," we would have been stuck—God's plan of salvation would not have moved forward. It would have remained "stuck" among a few handfuls of followers in a backwater strip of land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Christ "couldn't just sit there" despite the fears and uncertainties of those followers. He was "stuck" by his human nature—he was only one man, despite his resurrected body.

As Jesus told his disciples at the Last Supper, "It is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn 16:7). Without the Ascension, there would be no descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles—no birth of the Church. That's how crucial Ascension is in God's plan of salvation for you and me! The Ascension is Jesus Christ's call to action—not just for the first disciples, but for us, his disciples today. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's "witnesses... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). So go, make disciples, baptize, teach. You can't just sit there!

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

# PRAYER

FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD

with Dr. Tim Gray - Augustine Institute

- Monday nights at 7-8:30pm at OLBH, Piedmont
- Sign-up by calling the office at 605-787-5168 or just show up! <sup>©</sup>

#### Help Us Clean Up

Help is needed around the outside of OLBH, if you are interested in giving back to OLBH and looking for a way you can do so, this is your chance. We need help with cleaning up the property and taking care of some dead limbs on the trees surrounding OLBH, to be part of making OLBH more beautiful. Please contact bob at 605-389-6934 or text with first entry OLBH. Thank you and have a blessed Spring.

# Having Difficult Conversations Workshop

with **Jim Kinyon**Executive Director of Catholic Social
Services

Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm OLBH, Piedmont





Come celebrate the birthday of the Catholic Church! All are welcome, and we'd like specially to invite anyone who has ever come into the Catholic Church over the years.

Come meet, mingle, & munch!

Saturday, May 27 6pm (after the 5pm Mass) OLBH Parish Hall

RSVP to Angela by Tuesday, May 23 (605) 787-5168 or angela.hart@OLBH.org





Duc in Altum ("Put out into the deep" – Luke 5:4) is a **fun and energetic** parish-based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and middle school and high school youth. Learn about Revelation and Salvation History and praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

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

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

Register at olbh.org/duc-in-altum.

# 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.



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. Mass intentions can be prayed for those living or deceased.

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#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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

#### Monday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious 7:30 AM

Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, May 23

8 AM Mass for the Yang family

#### Wednesday, May 24

8 AM Mass for the repose of Don Evans

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6 PM Finance Council Meeting

6:30 PM Wisdom Wednesday with Jim Kinyon of

Catholic Social Services

#### Thursday, May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Piazzi, Virgin

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Blondie Wagner

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

#### Friday, May 26

#### Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8 AM Mass for the repose of Clarence "Ike" Wilson 8:30 AM Mass at Saint Elizabeth Seton School for the graces needed for the canonization of Nicholas Black Elk

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#### Saturday, May 27

#### Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

**5 PM Mass** for the Weiger family

**Pentecost Party** 

#### Sunday, May 28

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

**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 Sheila Keeler

#### **WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

5/27 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Gabriel Gehlsen (lead)

Kyah and Keeana Pesek

Lectors: Steve Colgan (1st)

Sue Colgan (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Connie and James Johns

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister - Body: Diane Clarke

#### 5/28 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED (lead)

NOT FILLED

Lectors: Marty Quinn (1st)

Brenda Flottmeyer (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Marie and Eric Langfeldt Sacristan: Barb and Gary Erickson

Eucharistic Minister - Body: Gary Erickson

#### 5/28 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (lead)

Yazmin and Esperanza Escobar

Lectors: Laura Kelso (1st)

Craig Kelso (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: NOT FILLED Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister - Body: Dennis Fischer

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)  May 13-14, 2023			
Adopt a Seminarian	54	300	354
Sunday Collection	3,263	5,231	8,494
Building Fund	44	155	199
Home Missions	-	-	20
Priest Retirement	2		2
Steubenville			9
Votive			7
Total Contribution	3,364	5,686	9,085.30

#### 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 <a href="https://www.olbh.org/donate">www.olbh.org/donate</a>.

#### 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.

**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, please call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

#### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY

Pope's Intention: For church movements and groups. We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, pacing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website. Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; PS 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

#### **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:

May 23	Rev. Peter J. DeSmet, S.J. (1873)
May 25	Rev. Rev. Leonard Fenci (1986)
	Fredo Ricard (1938)
	Barbara A. Everson (19997)
	Anthony A. "Tony" Venjohn (2014)
May 26	Rev. Bede Marty, O.S.B. (1913)
	Lawrence "Greg" Sisneros
May 28	Deacon Justin C. Lauer (2003)

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

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Donna Duppong (sister of Bernie Gerving), Mary Lane (sister of Rick Edelen)

#### **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!

### **Totus Tuus Summer Camps!**



Totus Tuus Summer Camps are an opportunity to enjoy the Black Hills, spend time with other Catholic youth, and build relationships with consecrated sisters, seminarians, and priests! High school students come a day early and learn more about being Catholic leaders. The time at camp includes games, times of prayer, talks, testimonies, rock climbing, swimming, and more! We'll explore how God prepared the world for the arrival of His Son and His perfect sacrifice for our salvation and dig into the events that foreshadowed the profound gift of the Eucharist, the Mystery of Faith. Have any questions? Don't hesitate to contact us at: <a href="mailto:idaniel@diorc.org">idaniel@diorc.org</a> or 605-343-3541.

#### **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/.

### WSDCF to Host Fishing Events Benefitting Seminarians

Saturday June 17 and 24 the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation will host fishing tournaments in Rapid City and Lemmon to benefit our Vocations Program Office in support of Seminarians. The first event will be a children's tournament at Canyon Lake Park on June 17, 2023; from Noon -3 followed by an afternoon Mass 5:30 PM and fish fry 6:30 PM by the Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus. The following Saturday, June 24, 2023, we will welcome adults to participate in a day of fishing at the Shadehill Reservoir followed by Mass and a Fish Fry at the Summerville Store and St. Mary's Parish in Lemmon. For details contact Paul or Cheryl the WSDCF at (605) 721-6843.

KW Players present <u>The Tidings Brought to Mary</u> The KW Players Catholic Youth Theatre Troupe will present its production on **Sunday, May 21, at 4:00pm**, in the Blessed Sacrament parish theatre room. This is a spiritual mystery play about the saving power of sacrificial love in a medieval French farming family. The KW Players were founded in the spirit of Pope St. John Paul II's Rhapsodic Theatre, formed to preserve artistic culture, and oppose Nazi oppression in 1940s Poland. This performance is suitable for ages 8 yrs. and up and admission is free. Seating is limited and a nursery will be provided.

#### Sioux Spiritual Center Help Needed

Would you like to take a working weekend retreat to the Sioux Spiritual Center near Howes SD? From 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 something like 0800 breakfast with work till noon, lunch, start again at 1 and finish at 3 with the Devine Mercy Chaplet. The rest is for you to enjoy the presence of the Lord in the beauty around you, the chapel, or in front of the Tabernacle. If this interests you, please contact Bob at 605-389-6934 with SSC the first entry on texts.

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. Those gifted with the ability to construct would be great, but the energy and drive, we can work on the rest. If you are a plumber or electrician, your skills would be so greatly appreciated. Financial sponsors for specific needs could be arranged, such as funding the HVAC, or kitchen items etc. If able to and the Spirit is moving you, please contact bob at 605-389-6934.



#### The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mt 28: 16-20



Actions speak louder than words. How many of us have heard or said this exact phrase? I suspect most, if not all of us are quite familiar with this old adage. In fact, this is exactly what we are being told by Jesus himself in today's Gospel when he says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Jesus continues his direction of action by telling us to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We are not directed to simply speak about Jesus with our families and church communities, we are told to GO among all nations and add to Jesus' flock. We continue Christ's mission when we seek to spread his love. Before Jesus joined his Father in heaven, his instructions were very clear. This is an opportunity to think about the commission we were given as part of the baptized community, and how Jesus is asking us to take action in his name.

#### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Easier said than done. We've all heard that one as well. It's hard to feel equipped to spread the word and the will of God. We worry our words will fail us and we will look foolish. We know we are not perfect, and wonder if that means we cannot possibly be Christ's hands and feet on this earth. However, today's reading from Ephesians provides us with the perfect prayer to give us hope and faith in the Holy Spirit as we set out to fulfill the Great Commission given to us in this week's Gospel: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him." We are challenged to act for God, but not without being given the tools to do so with confidence.

PRAY Meditate on today's second reading from Ephesians. Read it as if your priest was giving you a blessing before you head out of your house each morning. Let it fill your soul with love and awe for our Father, and let it give you the confidence you need to play an active role in building his kingdom until he comes again.







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