



"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"  
(Mt 25:21)

## 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 the Nicene Creed, we profess, "We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church": these are the four marks of the Church. They are inseparable and intrinsically linked to each other. Our Lord Himself in founding the Church (His Bride) marked it with these characteristics, which reflect its essential features and mission. Through the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church fulfills these marks. The Church is one. The Catechism notes that the Church is one for three reasons: first, because of its source, which is the Holy Trinity, a perfect unity of three divine persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; second, because of its founder, Jesus Christ, who came to reconcile all mankind through the blood of the cross; and third, because of its "soul," the Holy Spirit, who dwells in the souls of the faithful, who unites all of the faithful into one communion of believers, and who guides the Church (#813). The "oneness" of the Church is also visible. As Catholics, we are united in our Creed and our other teachings, the celebration of the sacraments, and the hierarchical structure based on the apostolic succession preserved and handed on through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

The Church is also holy. Our Lord Himself is the source of all holiness: "The one Christ is mediator and the way of salvation; he is present to us in His body which is the Church" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #14). Christ sanctifies the Church, and in turn, through Him and with Him, the Church is His agent of sanctification. Through the ministry of the Church and the power of the Holy Spirit, our Lord pours forth abundant graces, especially through the sacraments. Therefore, through its teaching, prayer and worship, and good works, the Church is a visible sign of holiness. Nevertheless, we must not forget that each of us as a member of the Church (the Bride of Christ) has been called to holiness. Through baptism, we have been freed from original sin, filled with sanctifying grace, plunged into the mystery of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, and incorporated into the Church, "the holy people of God." By God's grace, we strive for holiness. The Second Vatican Council exhorted, "Every Catholic must therefore aim at Christian perfection and, each according to his station, play his part, that the Church, which bears in her own body the humility and dying of Jesus, may daily be more purified and renewed, against the day when Christ will present her to Himself in all her glory without spot or wrinkle" (Decree on Ecumenism, #4). Our Church has been marked by outstanding examples of holiness in the lives of the saints of every age. No matter how dark the times may have been for our Church, there have always been those great saints through whom the light of Christ radiated. Yes, we are frail human beings, and at times we sin; yet we repent of that sin and continue once again on the path of holiness. In a sense, our Church is a Church of sinners, not of the self-righteous or self-assured saved. One of the beautiful prayers of the Mass occurs before the Sign of Peace: "Lord, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church." Even though poor frail individual members of the Church fail and sin, the Church continues to be the sign and instrument of holiness as the beautiful bride of Christ.

### In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

Dear Friends in Christ,

First of all I would like to thank you all for the great Fall Festival event and the dinner. You did an amazing job. Secondly, thank you for a wonderful words and prayers and tokens of kindness on account of my 53rd birthday. It was and still is a great blessing.

Lastly, update on my journey of life; my CLL is being monitored and we will continue to see what needs to be done as the time comes. In August and in September respectively I had surgeries on my kidneys for cancer growths. Now I am slowly recovering from it. I need to wait to have another test in few months to see the results and the next steps to be taken. So I have to be patient - that is why I still need your prayers. I ask the Lord to give me time to pray with you, to serve you and to give God praise and honor with you. I don't talk much about myself but I thought a little update might be in place. Thank you all for so much. Forgive me if I am sometimes a bit "cold", but know you are my world. Nicholas Black Elk, Pray for us. In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

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## Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

➔ **Training & Retraining**

Saturday 12/2 at 6 PM

Sunday 12/3 at 9:15 AM

Please plan to attend one or the other or call the office to make arrangements for a different time.



## MONTHLY OLBH EVENTS

SATURDAY

11/18

### Wine & Cheese

6-7:30 PM in the Parish Hall  
Childcare provided

SUNDAY

11/19

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

9 AM in the Parish Hall

THURSDAY

11/23

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

8 AM

FRIDAY

12/1

### First Friday Devotion

8:30 AM following Mass

SATURDAY

12/2

### Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist Training & Retraining

6 PM

SUNDAY

12/3

### Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist Training & Retraining

9:15 AM

MONDAY

12/4

### Theology on Tap Burnout Prevention Workshop

by Jim Kinyon, director of CSS  
7 PM at the Rectory

WEDNESDAY

12/6

### Coffee & Desserts

Bring a Dessert to Share!  
8:30 AM in St. Joseph's Hall

**NO FAITH FORMATION 11/22 OR 11/26**

Please pick up your items from the coat rack and lost and found in the gathering space. It will all be donated on 12/1.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass  
24 December at 4 PM

The Nativity of the Lord Mass  
24 December at 8 PM  
(Christmas Night)

The Nativity of the Lord Mass  
25 December at 9 AM



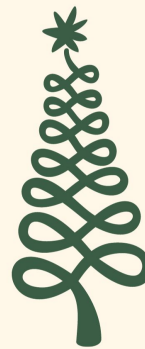
Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated on 23 December at 5 PM & 24 December at 8 & 11 AM. This will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Attending a Christmas Mass (24 or 25 December) will fulfill your obligation to attend Mass on Christmas, a holy day of obligation. Please plan to attend Mass twice this weekend to fulfill your obligation as a good Catholic.

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast

3rd Sunday of each month  
Following 8 AM Mass

**November 19**

\*The proceeds will the Black Hills Pregnancy Center, widows, and orphans.\*



## Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return it **UNwrapped** by Monday, December 11th.

Call Judy to refer someone for Christmas giving at 605-716-4647.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

## SENIOR CHILI LUNCH



Come together on Sunday, December 10 for a chili lunch and fellowship after the 11am Mass.  
All seniors (63+) welcome!

Sunday, December 10  
11am Mass  
12pm Lunch



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For more information and to RSVP, please call the office at 605-787-5168 or email [angela.hart@olbh.org](mailto:angela.hart@olbh.org)



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss IV

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

**Monday, November 20**  
7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study  
**6:30 PM RCIA in St. Joseph's Hall**

**Tuesday, November 21**  
**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Barb Smith  
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Library

**Wednesday, November 22**  
**SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**  
**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Darvin Weiger  
**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**  
9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open  
**NO Faith Formation**  
**5:30-6:30 PM Confessions**

**Thursday, November 23**  
**Saint Clement I, Pope; St. Columban, Abbot**  
Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed  
**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Dennis Schumacher

**Friday, November 24**  
**SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**  
Office Closed  
**8 AM Mass** for Halina Haladysz

**Saturday, November 25**  
**St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**  
9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open  
**3:30-4:30 PM Confessions**  
**5 PM Mass** for for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes Bull Head, Kenel, and McLaughlin

**Sunday, November 26**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**8 AM Mass** for Fr. Andrzej  
**NO Faith Formation**  
**NO Who Am I to Judge - Adult Faith Formation**  
**11 AM Mass** for Luke VonBank and Family

*Community Thanksgiving Service*  
Join the Piedmont area churches for a Thanksgiving Service at Grace United Methodist Church in Piedmont on Tuesday, November 21, at 7 PM. Deacon John will be preaching. Please bring a treat to share following the service. The collection will be donated to the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

11/23 8 AM Mass, Thanksgiving, with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Bruce Lehman (lead)  
Lectors: Sheila Keeler (1st)  
Hospitality: Richard and Cathy Long  
Sacristan: Cindy Creager  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

11/25 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead), Keeana and Kyah P.  
Lectors: Steve Colgan (1st), David Allardyce (2nd)  
Hospitality: Kimberly and Tracy Cook  
Sacristan: Brad Blauvelt  
Eucharistic Minister: Duane Riedlinger

11/26 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Hannah Katzenstein (lead), Brianne and Leslie K.  
Lectors: Lori Caouette (1st), Brenda Flottmeyer (2nd)  
Hospitality: Lisa Katzenstein  
Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle  
Eucharistic Minister: Larry Williamson

11/26 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (lead), Leo and Westin E.  
Lectors: Angie Oberle (1st), Laura Varilek (2nd)  
Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba  
Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman  
Eucharistic Minister: David Edwards

**Memorial for the Unborn**

The Memorial for the Unborn is located off the back patio of the Narthex and on the path to the right. Bricks can be purchased to memorialize loved ones. The focus is on the unborn, but memorials for children who've passed prior to making their First Holy Communion are welcome. Please pick up an order form for a brick from the back counter of the gathering space. Order forms can be turned into the office or to the Knights of Columbus.

### STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
November 4-5, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	345	399
Sunday Collection	3,263	9,136	12,399
Building Fund	44	-	44
Country Store	-	-	67
Priest Retirement	2	10	12
BH Pregnancy Center			256
Silent Auction			2,804
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>9,491</b>	<b>15,980.97</b>

Did you know that OLBH is a Stewardship Parish? 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).**

# 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 blanket, 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.

**ANOIDTING 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 NOVEMBER

Pope's Intention: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## NECROLOGY

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls those whose death are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

- November 20 Rev. Louis A. O'Connor, S.J. (1962)  
Rev. Eugene F. O'Connor (1965)
- November 21 Rev. Berthold Brown, O.S.B. (1945)  
Rev. Ralph E. VilwocK (1978)  
Rev. William Lambert (2005)
- November 23 Glenn T. McPherson (2001)  
Lloyd Short (2010)
- November 24 Rev. Patrick C. Igoe (1989)
- November 25 Deacon Vern Rath (2014)
- November 26 Morris John Brosnan (2021)

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our 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 by phone at **1-605-209-3418**. All calls 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 in the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.*

## 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, 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, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Lyn Gerving, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Elizabeth Ravellette, Rayola Anderson, Patty Creek, Steve Ramsdell, Irene Katzenstein, Bishop Peter Muhich, Scotty Hudson, Diane Clarke, Gary Sexton, Bryan Champagne, Nancy Gamage

**FOR THE DEPLOYED MILITARY** We pray for Andrew Lucchesi

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40  
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



## SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

“Although the U.S. Supreme Court’s *Roe* decision was appalling in its cavalier treatment of preborn children, it nevertheless allowed states like South Dakota to enact and enforce certain regulations on abortion. For example, states were permitted to ban gruesome late-term abortions after the preborn child was viable, and they could require abortion facilities to maintain certain health standards. States could also enact common-sense regulations, such as requiring that women considering abortion be informed about the health risks of the procedure and about the availability of life-giving alternatives.

“These sorts of common-sense abortion regulations that South Dakota had in place under *Roe v. Wade* would be totally blocked or severely curtailed under the proposed abortion amendment sponsored by Dakotans for Health. This is crucial to understand, because the claim that the amendment ‘puts *Roe* into the constitution’ creates the misleading impression that South Dakota law would be returned back to where it was on June 23, 2022—the day before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe* with its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. But, as South Dakota’s attorney general has written, the amendment ‘would override existing laws and regulations concerning abortion’—including laws and regulations that were in effect for many years under *Roe*.”

(Excerpt from *Life Hangs in the Balance*, by Michael Pauley, Executive Director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference).

Stay tuned for further information about the abortion amendment.

### DECLINE TO SIGN SOUTH DAKOTA'S RADICAL ABORTION PETITION.



Learn more by visiting the  
South Dakota Catholic Conference:  
[sdcatholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/](https://sdcatholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/)

### Coats for Kids Bowling Tournament

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, Knights of Columbus Council 8025, St. Therese Church, will host a bowling tournament at Meadowood Lanes, Rapid City. Proceeds will be used to purchase new coats for children at the Black Hills Children's Home Society. Registration opens at 1 p.m., bowling begins at 1:30 p.m. Fee \$20 each or \$80 for a four-person team. Questions can go to John Schlim 605-390-1584 or email [jschlim1@gmail.com](mailto:jschlim1@gmail.com).

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**Prayer for Adoption**

Dear Lord,

We ask for the blessings on all members of the adoption triad.

For expectant mothers placing their children for adoption:  
May they receive loving support as they walk this journey.

For parents placing their children for adoption:  
May they encounter the Father's love through our words and actions.

For children awaiting adoption:  
May they be welcomed into loving families.

For married couples considering adoption:  
May the Lord guide their journey and grant them peace along the way.

For all of God's children:  
May they recognize their dignity as adopted sons and daughters of God.

We pray to the Lord.  
Amen



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## Free Thanksgiving Dinner

All are welcome to join us for a free meal and fellowship

St. Thomas More High School - 300 Fairmont Blvd

Thursday, Nov. 23rd - 11AM to 1PM

### Thanksgiving Dinner Menu

- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| • Turkey          | • Corn      |
| • Mashed Potatoes | • Cranberry |
| • Dressing        | • Pie       |

Please contact Liam Slavin at [lsavin1476@gmail.com](mailto:lsavin1476@gmail.com) or  
720-534-5302 for more information  
Volunteers, please arrive at 10:30AM



"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"



# One Body

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in the Diocese of Rapid City through your generous response to our 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA), **"One Body."** Your faithful commitment will help fund life-giving ministries and programs transforming lives in Christ's love in our families, parishes, and communities.

Your financial support furthers the mission of the Church in our diocese through ministries and programs that strengthen families, faith and formation; support our clergy and vocations; and provide hope and healing for our brothers and sisters in need throughout western South Dakota.

Please know that I remember you daily in my prayers. May we continue growing together in Christ's love as **"One Body"** to make him present in the world, that others may know of his saving love and follow him.

If you have not yet given, I humbly ask that you prayerfully consider how you are called to support these important works of our diocese by responding generously to this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal.



Sincerely in the peace and love of Christ,

Most Rev. Peter M. Muhich  
Bishop of Rapid City

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November 19, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

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

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God *entrusts* us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to *use* these gifts, not hide them under a bushel. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents *according to their ability*. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

**WITNESS** The imagery of the "wicked, lazy" servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come "like a thief at night," impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.



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