

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

(Mark 11:9)

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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It is natural and logical that we are prone to think and ask questions about the end of time, especially when we read in the scripture and hear of that in daily life. The end of time and final judgment brings to our attention events that are great and at the same time scary or incomprehensible to us. Perhaps, it is because we look at it from our own point of view, the human aspect of our existence where everything needs to be put in place and time. If something is not; we tend to ask why or get scared. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) we read: "Our profession of faith begins with God, for God is the First and the Last, the beginning and the end of everything. The Credo begins with God the Father, for the Father is the first divine person of the Most Holy Trinity; our Creed begins with the creation of heaven and earth, for creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works. CCC 198.

God is the beginning and the end, God created us in His image and likeness, and we know that God is good and merciful. The wisdom of the Church answers this question: "The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death." CCC 1040

The end of time will come, but that should not be our concern. We need not to worry when will it happen or how is it going to look. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we find that "The message of the Last Judgment calls men to conversion while God is still giving them "the acceptable time, . . . the day of salvation." It inspires a holy fear of God and commits them to the justice of the Kingdom of God. It proclaims the "blessed hope" of the Lord's return, when he will come "to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all who have believed." CCC 1041 also "For man, this consummation will be the final realization of the unity of the human race, which God willed from creation and of which the pilgrim Church has been "in the nature of sacrament." Those who are united with Christ will form the community of the redeemed, "the holy city" of God, "the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." She will not be wounded any longer by sin, stains, self-love, that destroy or wound the earthly community. The beatific vision, in which God opens himself in an inexhaustible way to the elect, will be the ever-flowing well-spring of happiness, peace, and mutual communion." CCC 1045. God provides us with many opportunities to be prepared for the final days of our existence. He gives us encouragement. Let us freely respond to this great call, using our free will joyfully awaiting the fulfillment of time, being not scared of the things that are to happen but to rejoice that we will be able to meet with our heavenly Father, who is Love itself.



OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

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.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary School

invites you to

Kindergarten Preview Day Tuesday, December 5 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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MONTHLY OLBH EVENTS

12/1

First Friday Devotion 8:30 AM following Mass



Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist Training & Retraining 6 PM



Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist Training & Retraining 9:15 AM



Theology on Tap Burnout Prevention Workshopby Jim Kinyon, director of CSS
7 PM at the Rectory



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



Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM in Bethlehem Cave



First Reconciliation Retreat 1 PM in the Parish Hall



Chili Lunch for Seniors 12 Noon in the Parish Hall

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 7PM

BURNOUT PREVENTIONWORKSHOP

WITH JIM KINYON



Jim Kinyon, Executive Director and Counseling Director at CSS, will be leading a Burnout Prevention Workshop

Young adults 21-39ish welcome. Bring your friends!
Snacks & drinks provided



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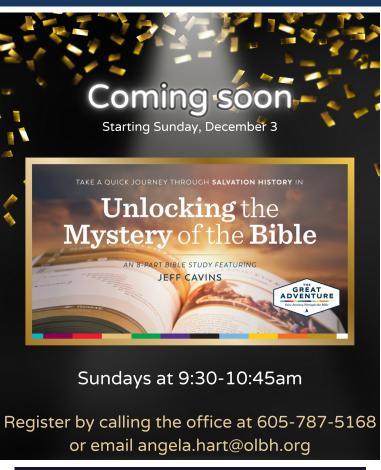
For more information and to RSVP, please call the office at 605-787-5168 or email angela.hart@olbh.org

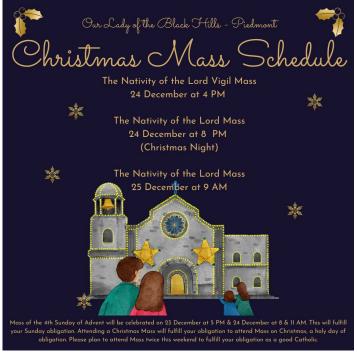














WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS II

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

Monday, November 27

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 6:30 PM RCIA in St. Joseph's Hall

Tuesday, November 28

8 AM Mass for the repose of Peter Kovarik

Wednesday, November 29

8 AM Mass for Luke VonBank and family

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

6:15-7:30 PM Adult Faith Formation - The Search

Thursday, November 30

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

8 AM Mass for the repose of Jeffery Feist

9 AM 'Just Men' Bible Study

9 AM Women's Study of the Gospel of John

Friday, December 1

8 AM Mass for the repose of Morris and Janice Kosters First Friday Devotion

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School in thanksgiving for a special intention

Saturday, December 2

BVM ON Saturday

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

6:15 PM Training and Retraining of Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

ADORATION following Mass until 10:30 AM

9:15 AM Training and Retraining of Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

9:30-10:45 AM Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible - Adult Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the repose of Bertha Lee Witte

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/2 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzei

Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen (lead) Eloise Harwood Lectors: Dave Allardyce (1st), Jonathan Allen (2nd)

Hospitality: Connie and James Johns Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher Eucharistic Minister: Brad Blauvelt

12/3 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve(lead), Reese Sazama Lectors: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st), Christine Pulaski (2nd)

Hospitality: Cathy and Richard Long Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle

Eucharistic Minister: Jeremy Thompson

12/3 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (lead), Kaleb Arellano Lectors: Cathleen Denekamp (1st), LaChel McCollar (2nd)

Hospitality: Bernie and John Usera

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings



STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
November 18-19, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	10	64
Sunday Collection	3,263	5,605	8,603
Building Fund	44	330	374
Country Store	-	-	392
Priest Retirement	2		267
BH Pregnancy Center			107
Silent Auction			50
Total Contribution	3,364	5,945	9,857.19

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.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to the OLBH prayer chain text Shanesa Rhodes at 605-786-4240 or email shanesarhodes@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention please fill out the envelope on the back counter of the Narthex or call the office at 605-787-5168.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY To obtain a prayer 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK If you or a family member has been diagnosed with an illness, are preparing for surgery, or in the case of serious illness, call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR 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 27 Enola Florence Sorlie (2009)

November 28 Most Rev. John Stariha (1915)

Rev. Peter Kovarik (2014)

Marie Skaags (1973)

November 29 Rev. Andrew Staricek (2003)

Rev. William (Bill) Pauly, S.J. (2006)

Kyler Andrew Smith (2010)

Linda Marie Weishaar (2021)

November 30 Darlene Ziegenbein (2016)

December 1 Msgr. Robert F. Dube (1958)

December 2 Rev. Robert Read, O.S.B. (1975)

Shayann Amy Lenz (2012)

Trista Marie Meyer (2012)

December 3 Deacon LeRoy DeCory (2017)

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, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila), Sheila Keeler, Deb Bickford, Karen & Dennis Lau, Kathleen Leutenegger, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Lyn Gerving, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Elizabeth Ravellette, Rayola Anderson, Patty Creek, Irene Katzenstein, Bishop Peter Muhich, Scotty Hudson, Gary Sexton, Bryan Champagne, Nancy Gamage, Brett Whealy

FOR THE DEPLOYED MILITARY We pray for Andrew Lucchesi

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,

56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60,

61: Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;

Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79,

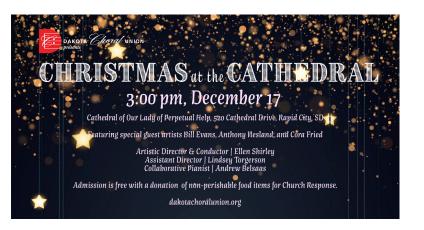
80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85,

86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 COR 1:3-9; MK

13:33-37



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.

FROM EMPTINESS TO ENCOUNTER

THE LIFE & WISDOM OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

The Lord worked in St. John of the Cross throughout his life, drawing him near to Him through beauty, through truth, through suffering, through emptiness. This great saint shows us how to encounter the Lord as we make space for Him in order to receive.



Directed by Susan Safford, Friday, December 15. 10am - 3pm at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, this day of reflection will provide time for presentations, prayer, lunch, adoration. 10:00am Morning Prayer, confessions, and Mass.

DONATION BASED

Suggested Donation of \$45 includes lunch and materials





1:45

2:30





TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Mass

Opening Conference Living a Life for God

Conference #2 Making Space for God

Silent prayer

Conference #3

Receiving God

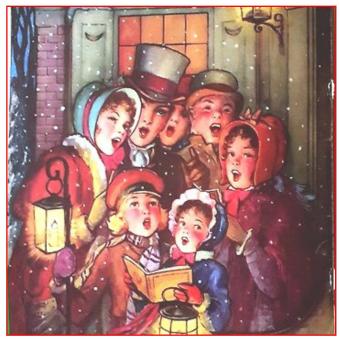
Exposition + Confessions

FOR THE DAY

The "KW Players" Catholic Youth Theatre Troupe presents

A Puletide Musical Revue

featuring Songs of the Season, Showtunes, and more performed by the families of the KW Players!



Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ 4:00pm

at the Blessed Sacrament Church Theatre Room (4500 Jackson Blvd/Rapid City)

-Admission is FREE/seating is limited-This performance is appropriate for ages 8 yrs, and up. A nursery will be provided in the upstairs area.

The KW Players Theatre Troupe was formed to carry on the spiritual, cultural, and artistic legacy of the Rhapsodic Theatre, a Polish underground theatre company co-founded by Karol Wojtyla (Pope Saint John Paul II) in the 1940s in opposition to Nazi oppression

SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

"Supporters of the abortion amendment began collecting petition signatures on Nov. 5, 2022. According to the constitution, their petition must be signed by 'qualified voters equal in number to at least 10 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the last gubernatorial election.' (Article XXIII, Section 1). Based on the results of the Nov. 8, 2022, gubernatorial election, sponsors must collect just over 35,000 valid signatures. They are required to meet this threshold by May 7, 2024. If they succeed, the amendment will appear on the ballot in South Dakota's statewide general election on Nov. 5, 2024."

(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.





The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46



The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash. He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery - that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance, but wants to ensure that all - even the least among us - are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

INVITATION Challenge yourself this week to subvert expectations and keep God first. Show Christ is Lord over your life by prioritizing your faith and building up your priorities around him. Make a daily appointment in your calendar for prayer and look for opportunities to put Christ at the center, or heart, of your daily life.







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