



“Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.  
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” (Phil 4:12-13)

## 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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With the recent events and developments in our world, one cannot pretend that all is good and happy. One is certainly influenced by the situations that develop in our country and in the world. As long as we keep on living, we have to pay attention to what is going on around us. We also realize that we cannot separate ourselves from those issues, and we are therefore challenged both on a physical (material) level as well as on the spiritual. We are worrying and thinking about how to ensure that tomorrow we will be able to enjoy the level of life that we are accustomed to, or how we can improve it. Those thoughts certainly have a profound impact on all of us. The struggle of comfort and selfishness, two qualities of life which come to existence at the same time in each of us.

The readings for this Sunday are almost like a blessing, a breath of fresh air that God sends on our way. The first reading and the Psalm are telling us of God's great feast that God is preparing for us. More to it, He is not only preparing it, He also is in charge of it. Like any good Shepherd, God wants what is best for us. On the other hand, we as the disciples, do not always respond to His call. God always desires for us to dwell and to be with Him. At the same time, we wander away, sometimes we just want to be left alone or be the center of attention. We also try sometimes to see where the other ones are going or who else is out there like the guests who were invited to the wedding feast before we jump into the celebrations. All those examples and personalities are in our midst. Because of the circumstances we find ourselves in, we can be excited or very cautious. But God does not want to choose only according to one particular standard, He is not afraid to invite anybody, just as long as they are ready and willing to respond to his invitation. All He asks in return is proper treatment, a proper “garment”. Our garment is our heart and soul that we prepare for the Lord to dwell in.

St. Paul brings to us a message which may be able to tell and give us a sense of direction in our worldly challenge and spiritual response. “I can do all things in him who strengthens me” What beautiful wisdom, but to appreciate it one needs to know both the glory and humbleness, be happy and sad, be able to lead and to be a follower. Not always will we follow the voice of the shepherd but that does not mean that God will leave us on our own. Life can be difficult and sometimes almost with no hope, but Christ died for us so that we may have life. Let us not be afraid to call on the Shepherd to take us back and put us on the right path, be it material, economical or spiritual. The Good Shepherd's invitation to a heavenly banquet is open, be not afraid to respond to it as you can and are ready.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

Fr. Andrzej

*The Fall Festival is just around the corner. The Country Store is looking for donations of baked goods, candy, caramel corn, jellies, and craft items. Every contribution helps to make the Fall Festival a success. Please drop your crafted items off anytime and bring in your baked goods on the 3rd or 4th of November.*

# Mary

by the Sisters of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Wednesday, October 25  
Parish Hall at 6:30 PM  
all ages welcome



Wisdom Wednesday Series

## The Country Store

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

Jams | Crafts | Baked Goods | Gifts

Following all Masses November 4-5

# FALL FESTIVAL & TURKEY DINNER

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

### TURKEY DINNER & CARNIVAL GAMES

11-1:30 PM



\$5/CHILD \$10/ADULT \$35/FAMILY FOR DINNER TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE DOOR

# SILENT auction



Saturday, 11/4, 6-7 PM  
Sunday, 11/5, 9-1 PM

Item donations are due 10/21.

SATURDAY, 10/21

## Aquam in Vinum Amicus

WATER INTO WINE WITH FRIENDS

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:15-7:30 PM

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED



# Monthly OLBH Events

- 10/21 6 PM Wine & Cheese  
Free Childcare
- 10/25 6:30-7:30 PM Wisdom Wednesday Series  
**Mary** by the Sisters of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- 10/26 6 PM Finance Council Meeting
- 10/29 12 Noon Trunk or Treat  
Please consider decorating a trunk
- 11/1 **ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Mass at 8 & 6 PM
- 11/1 Coffee & Desserts in St. Joseph's Hall  
following 8 AM Mass
- 11/2 Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 11/3 First Friday Devotion
- 11/4-5 **Fall Festival:**  
Saturday 6-7 PM & Sunday 9-1:30 PM Silent Auction & Country Store  
Sunday 11-1:30 PM Turkey Dinner and Carnival Games
- 11/6 **Theology on Tap**  
Service - by Bernie Keeler & Brittany Hendricks of the RCPD

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

# TRUNK OR TREAT

10/29 @ NOON

SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK ON THE OFFICE DOOR WINDOW

CANDY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED



PRIZE FOR BEST SAINT COSTUME!



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss IV

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

## Monday, October 16

**Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

**6:30 PM RCIA in St. Joseph's Hall**

## Tuesday, October 17

**Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Martha Nelson

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

## Wednesday, October 18

**SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST**

**8 AM Mass** for the benefactors and friends of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage

**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 The Search, Adult Faith Formation**

## Thursday, October 19

**Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

**8 AM Mass** for Dawson Rhodes

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

9 AM Women's Scripture Study

## Friday, October 20

**Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Andrea Sabo

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School** for the repose of Chanda Horst

## Saturday, October 21

**BVM on Saturday**

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

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

**5 PM Mass** for the Community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and the parishes of McLaughlin, Bullhead, and Kenel

**6 PM Wine & Cheese**

## Sunday, October 22

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Albertha Tsai

**9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation**

**9:30-10:45 AM Who Am I to Judge, Adult Faith Formation**

11 AM Mass for Luke VonBank & Family

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

10/21 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead)

Ethan Heisinger

Lectors: John Usera (1<sup>st</sup>)

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

Hospitality: Tracy and Kimberly Cook

Sacristan: Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Bernie Usera

10/22 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)

Victoria and Alexandria Carlin

Lectors: Jeremy Thompson (1<sup>st</sup>)

Jay Hammerquist (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Justin and Kodi Carlin

Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle

Eucharistic Minister: Marty Quinn

10/22 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (Lead)

Esperanza and Yazmin Escobar

Lectors: Brad Blauvelt (1<sup>st</sup>)

Joshua Weaver (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Fischer

## STEWARDSHIP

<u>"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)</u>			
<b>October 7-8, 2023</b>			
	<b>Automatic</b>	<b>Basket</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adopt a Seminarian	54	325	379
Sunday Collection	3,263	10,108	13,316
Building Fund	44	55	99
Mass Intentions	-	-	155
Priest Retirement	2	10	12
BH Pregnancy Center			196
Votive			11
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>10,498</b>	<b>14,168.76</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 shawl, 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 OCTOBER

Pope’s Intention: For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## 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:

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| October 16 | Rev. Aloysius Menne, S.J. (1920)<br>Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, OSB (1940)<br>Rev. Joseph F. O’Connell (1955)<br>Rev. William Renn, S.J. (1982)             |
| October 17 | Rev. James Gleeson, CSC (1907)<br>Elda M. Carlson (2016)  |
| October 18 | Deacon Reno J. Richards, Sr. (1997)<br>James Michael Thomson (1972)<br>Mark Allan James (1972)<br>Patrick I. Neely (1990)<br>Harry August Herchert (2021) |
| October 20 | Rev. Robert Demeyer, S.J. (1982)<br>Georgia L. Witt (1993)  |
| October 21 | Rev. John Edgeworth (1929)  |

## 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** (cell). Her has caller ID and messaging features. All information 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, Willard Olson, 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 DECEASED** We pray for the repose of the soul of Morris Kosters

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.  
Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9  
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; PS 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12  
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



## RACHEL'S CORNER

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## ABORTION PETITION TALK

Learn more about the extreme abortion amendment trying to pass in South Dakota in the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 4500 Jackson Blvd. in Rapid City, from 6-7 PM on Monday, October 30. Travis Lasseter will speak on the proposed amendment and how to prevent it from making the ballot.

## BEHOLD THIS HEART WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday-Sunday. November 10-12, 2023 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. In his great love, he desired his Sacred Heart to be pierced for our sins and poured out for our salvation. Hear from the popes and saints of the Church throughout history about the beauty of his Most Sacred Heart and the connection to the Most Holy Eucharist, and receive what he wants to give you on this weekend retreat. Come and receive from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a donation based retreat – pay what you can. Lodging and meals are separate and available on the registration form. You are welcome to commute and to bring your own meals. Directed by Susan Safford. Chaplain Fr Kerry Prendiville. Register on-line at <http://terrasancta.org/behold>

**NEFARIOUS**  
MOVIE SCREENING WITH BISHOP PETER

On November 4, 2023, we will host a special event with Bishop Peter, which will begin with an initial catechesis on Angels and Demons. Following the catechesis, we will share dinner and then watch the movie Nefarious on the big screen. Following the movie, Bishop will lead a discussion and Q&A with event participants.

**Nov 4 | 3:30pm - 8:30pm | Terra Sancta Retreat Center | \$15/person**

3:30pm - Registration and Check-in  
3:45pm - Bishop Peter's Teaching  
5:30pm - Dinner  
6:15pm - Movie Screening  
8:00pm - Discussion and Q&A with Bishop Peter

Early bird price of \$10 each if you register before Oct. 21. To get early bird pricing, use **EARLYBIRD** as a discount code on the payment page.

[www.rapidcitydiocese.org/nefarious](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/nefarious)

## SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

### Frequently Asked Questions: Does the amendment limit abortion in any way?

As a practical matter, no. The amendment divides pregnancy into three trimesters. In the first trimester of pregnancy, when most abortions occur, no limits whatsoever are allowed—even regulations designed to protect a woman's health, such as requiring that an abortion be performed by a licensed doctor. In the second trimester of pregnancy, abortion could be regulated "only in ways that are reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman." The interests of the preborn child could not be considered by the state when setting abortion policy. Thus, the amendment would permit late-term abortions of perfectly healthy preborn children, including those that are capable of surviving outside the womb. Even in the third trimester of pregnancy, up until the moment of birth, the proposed amendment would permit abortions of healthy, viable, preborn children whenever it is deemed necessary to protect a woman's "health." The amendment does not define what "health" means. Instead, it leaves this issue to the sole discretion of a woman's physician. 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/](http://sdcatholicconference.org/abortion-amendment/)

"FATHER,  
they are your Gift to me."  
JOHN 17:24

## Regional Days of Prayer and Reflection

St. Joseph, Spearfish | October 21, 2023 | 8:30am - 4pm

These Regional Days of Formation and Reflection will include presentations on evangelization and catechesis, time for Eucharistic Adoration, food, and fellowship.

These days are for anyone involved in parish evangelization and catechesis!

Register online at: [rapidcitydiocese.org/pastoral](http://rapidcitydiocese.org/pastoral)





October 15, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

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

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God’s love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or grieve about it in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

### **ACTION**

When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.





# The Infant Jesus of Prague

## The Statue



The original statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague was created as a royal wedding gift from a Spanish Princess to her royal Austrian cousin. The statue of the Infant is carved of wood thinly coated with wax. He stand 19 inches tall and wears a long tunic. The left hand holds a globe with a mounted cross. This cross signifies the world-wide kingship of the Christ child. The right hand is giving a blessing with the first two fingers raised to symbolize the two natures of Christ. The folded thumb and last two fingers touch representing the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. The wardrobe of the Infant is white linen with a cover of lace. Silk or velvet covers the albs and a cape is worn on top. to represent Jesus' Kingship of the Universe.

## The Story

The statue was discarded in war and His hands were destroyed. A Carmelite found Him and fixed the hands and placed the statue in the Carmelite Church in Prague, Czech Republic. In 1637, Fr. Cyril prayed before the Infant. He was filled with wonder and contemplating the loving God Who became a child for His people. The statue spoke to the priest saying,

*"Have mercy on Me and I will have mercy on you.*

*Give me hands and I will give you peace.*

*The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you."*



Many miracles have occurred through the intercession to the Divine Infant. During an invasion, all children were taken to the Church for protection, they prayed to the Infant, and were all saved. Many have been cured of ailments through their devotion to the Infant Child of Prague. Financial woes have also been mediated with continued devotion to the Infant. For nearly four centuries the promise of protection and blessing has inspired devotion and love of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

## Novena

### INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA PRAYER

O Jesus, Who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. (Make your request)

O Jesus, Who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in my Name, He will grant you," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted. (Make your request)

O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. (Make your request)

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Divine Infant Jesus, I know You love me and would never leave me. I thank You for Your close Presence in my life.

Miraculous Infant, I believe in Your promise of peace, blessings, and freedom from want. I place every need and care in Your hands.

Lord Jesus, may I always trust in Your generous mercy and love. I want to honor and praise You, now and forever. Amen.



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