



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A September 16-17, 2023

“Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the
Lord’s. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of
both the dead and the living...”
(Rom 14:7-9)

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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Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Therese of Lisieux taught us by her example to do small things but with great love. She did everything as it was always done for God. And yet, all done for the Lord found its way of fulfillment in the service to another person. Her dedication to faithfulness to Christ earned her the crown of a saint and a title of a doctor (teacher) of the faith. Even though she died young, her story continues on. Her life for God is made real and fruitful in the life each one of us has.

The Gospel today presents us with a question of forgiveness. Not an easy topic in our life, not an easy way to explain and to understand. Perhaps, that is why Jesus is using parables to help us in our understanding of God’s mercy. The story of the lost sheep, lost coin or the son who is returning home after he lost his father’s property is the story each of us live in. Jesus using the parable of the lost sheep that is found or the coin that was recovered points out to the great joy that erupts as the owner recovers them. When we lose something, we are saddened and frightened. We immediately search, and on finding it we rejoice. The parable of the two sons and their father, shows us also that not only material things can get lost but spiritual as well. Even we, ourselves are getting lost, as the first reading for this week points out, and as the lost son reaffirms. But the story goes on.

Even though in the great scheme of cosmos and the salvation history we are only a little spec, God deals with us with great love. Abraham argues with God over the welfare of the people who have sinned by disobedience.

As the son returns home, he is restored to full power and dignity as the heir to everything the father owns. Mercy is shown and the celebration begins. Little things done and dealt with great love change the world and us. The next time you lose something or especially, if lose yourself, do not frighten as God is already searching for you with a great passion. Use the opportunities available to you for reconciliation, study the lives of the saints, or just be around those who encourage you. St. Therese of Lisieux would probably just recommend for us to start in a small, but practical way. How this might look like will depend on your reason for forgiveness, on your readiness to forgive and on your desire to participate in the journey of forgiveness. Always trust God and if you find yourself lost in some way, just in a simple prayer lift the moment to Jesus, and trusting in his forgiveness, say a prayer and look for good to do.

Note: Do not forget that the Faith Formation programs, meetings and prayer groups have begun or are about to start. Please, register promptly and look into bulletin for details :)

In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

*Baby bottle drive starts this weekend!
Pick up your bottle in the Narthex!*

ATTENTION ADULTS OF ALL AGES!

You're invited to 'The Search'



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**ITEM DONATIONS
DUE BY 10/21**

If you have an item you would like to donate please have it to the Church or notify Sheila at thequeenbeep@hotmail.com by 10/21.



**OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS
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**Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner
Saturday, 11/4 & Sunday, 11/5**

**becoming Catholic &
returning to the Church**

Classes meet **Mondays** beginning September 25th from **6:30-8 PM**.
Registration is open, visit olbh.org/becoming-catholic or
call 605-787-5168.

Classes are ideal for those interested in learning more about the faith after being away for a number of years, to complete the Sacraments of initiation, or to join the richness of the Catholic faith.

We look forward to growing in faith with you.



“Just” Men Bible Study

Thursdays, 9-10:30 AM
in St. Francis (downstairs)

A study of all three weekend readings and the responsorial Psalm. A variety of sources are used to delve into the Scriptures and faith sharing is encouraged, but not required.

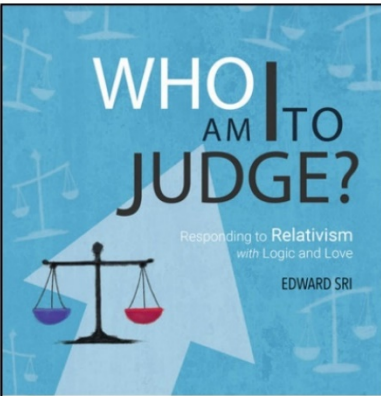
All are welcome.



Early Bird Bible Study

Monday mornings 7:30-8:30 AM
in the Library (or the back patio)

Learn and discuss the readings for Mass
including the Gospel reading.
Led by Duane Riedlinger



What is “right” and “wrong”? Is what’s right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In “Who am I to Judge?” Dr. Edward Sri tackles these challenging questions in an 8-week, small-group format.

**Sundays at 9:30-10:45am in Bethlehem Cave (downstairs)
Starts September 17 - All are welcome!**



Starting on September 21!

**Women’s Scripture Study: Thursdays
at 9 AM** in the parish hall (downstairs).

All women are welcome to join us as we delve into the rich history of the Catholic faith through studying the **Gospel of John** with the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (copies provided). The study is led by Barb Landers, Laura Kelso, and Pamela Weaver.

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Thanks you
for celebrating Parish Feast Day!

Special thanks to the Knights
of Columbus for the
awesome meal and clean up!

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss IV

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

Monday, September 18

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

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

Tuesday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

8 AM Mass for Rita Matthews

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:30 PM Well Read Mom

Wednesday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe and Rose Weber

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

Thursday, September 21

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8 AM Mass for the repose of Darvin Weiger

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

9 AM Women's Scripture Study

Friday, September 22

8 AM Mass for Smrecek Family

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for September Kirby

Saturday, September 23

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of Judy Nelson

Sunday, September 24

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the Community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and the parishes of McLaughlin, Bullhead, and Kenel

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for Luke VonBank and Family

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/23 5 PM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead)

Stella Curtis

Lectors: Joni Osnes (1st)

DeWayne Yantes (2nd)

Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell

Sacristan: Cindy Creager

Eucharistic Minister: Duane Riedlinger

9/24 8 AM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Freddy Weishaar (lead)

Lucy Marich

Lectors: Marty Quinn (1st)

Jeremy Thompson (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle

Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Flottmeyer

9/24 11 AM Mass with Msgr. Woster

Altar Servers: Cole Litzen (Lead)

James Wynn and Cash Litzen

Lectors: Sheila Keeler (1st)

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Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: David Edwards

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
September 9-10, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	463	517
Sunday Collection	3,263	4,835	8,078
Building Fund	44	20	64
Mass Intentions	-	-	50
Priest Retirement	2		2
Votives			40
Total Contribution	3,364	5,318	8,751.35

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 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 SEPTEMBER

Pope’s Intention: For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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:

September 19	Laudie C. Urbanec (2001)
September 20	Rev. Michael J. Kelly (1947) John F. Vigneron (1957)
September 21	Rev. Austin H. Bonner (1949) Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. (1954) Rev. Vincent Carty (1987) Judith Marie Nelson (2017)
September 22	Deacon Francis H. Chin (1997)
September 23	Msgr. Henry H. Kipp (1951) Margaret M. Preuss (2013)
September 24	Robert William Phillips (2020)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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 Morris Kosters

Wisdom Wednesday Speaker Series

Holy Spirit and Discernment



Sr. Jacque Schroeder, O.S.F.
September 27 @ 6:30 p.m.
Our Lady of the Black Hills
12365 Sturgis Rd., Piedmont SD

All are welcome!

RACHEL'S CORNER

If you are hurting from an abortion, Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and become whole again. The next retreat in the Rapid City Diocese is Oct. 6-8. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats a 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD
AND THE EUCHARISTIC PRESENCE**

an evening discussing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd presentation of the Good Shepherd from Level I to Level III

Free Event!

For registration link, please email cgswesternsdak@gmail.com

Friday,
October 6
6PM - 9PM

Terra Sancta Retreat Center
2101 City Springs Road
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HEAL YOUR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, Sept. 25, an eight-week support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Hours 6-8 p.m. To be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Coordinators George Wallace 605-721-3811 & Dee Pickarts 605-343-2038.

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!

Sunday, **September 24**, Priesthood Sunday is a day set aside to honor priesthood in order to raise awareness to vocations to priesthood. This is a time, like Father's Day, that we can make our priests, our Spiritual Fathers, feel special and appreciated. Let Fr. Andrzej know how much you appreciate his time and energy in his ministry in our parish with a card, a phone call, or a meal at your house! Don't forget about retired priests and past priests of your parish. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation. For more ideas on how to celebrate Priesthood Sunday in your parish, please visit the Serra Club's website: serraus.org/priesthood-Sunday/

Open House

Date: Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023
5:30 - 7 p.m.



Location: The Diocese of Rapid City
Chancery Building
225 Main St., Suite 100
Rapid City, SD 57701

Agenda: Taste the catering options from
Terra Sancta Retreat Center
Tour the Chancery
Meet the Staff
Prayer with Bishop Peter Muhich

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES —Married in 1973?

The West River Catholic would like to run your photo — either a wedding or a current photo in the November issue. Please send a photo, wedding date, and current parish in by email or mail to: WRC Attn: Becky Berreth 225 Main St., Suite 100, Rapid City, SD 57701 or bberreth@diorc.org. Deadline, Friday, Oct. 20.

**SOUTH DAKOTA'S
EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT**

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, a 1973 Supreme Court ruling that created a national entitlement to abortion and led to the deaths of approximately 64 million preborn children. This was a tremendous pro-life victory. The *Dobbs* decision gives states the freedom to adopt laws that protect preborn girls and boys from abortion – and we have done so in South Dakota. Alarming, an effort is underway to overturn South Dakota's pro-life laws. A citizen-initiated proposal seeks to amend the state constitution to create a nearly unlimited right to abortion. Stay tuned for further information about the abortion amendment.

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Thank you for aiding us in supporting life.



September 17, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

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

Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple *concept*, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ..." *As we forgive others.* Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing cryptic about them: forgive *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister *from your heart*. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Bishop Robert Barron, in his *Word on Fire Bible* on the Gospels, has four suggestions related to this Gospel on how to become "a better forgiver." The one that stood out to me immediately is "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your psyche." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. Bishop Barron's other suggestions are: Pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

PRAY Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach:

*Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.*

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