



## A note from Fr. Mark McCormick

One more thing keep praying those Memorares — 20 seminarians by 2025 .

### 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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Deacon Greg Sass

Deacon Phillip Thompson

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The first part of September, I presided at a wedding at Terra Sancta, and I always ask couples their plan of how to keep their marriage alive. This couple spoke about the importance of keeping joy and laughter in their marriage. “We will keep this marriage alive by having fun with one another and keeping each other laughing. Laughter is the cure all of the soul and through this we can laugh through the good and the bad and know that God has a plan for us regardless of if we can see it or not.”

I added my own suggestions of how to keep their marriage alive in my preaching. Being faithful to Sunday Eucharist, a habit of reading and sharing Scripture with one another, spending time and in adoration, entrust your hearts to Our Mother Mary, monthly date nights, and of course inviting the priest over for dinner. This line brought some joy and laughter to the assembly.

As a priest it is a gift and a treat to be invited over to a parishioner’s house for a meal to enjoy conversation and prayer, and yes there is usually joy and laughter as part of the evening too. As a priest I cherish these moments of grace and blessings. Such evenings help to keep my priesthood alive.

I encourage you to continue to pray for the priests in the Diocese of Rapid City. The past week in the West River Catholic Newspaper came out. I wrote an article on Priest as shepherd, warrior and healer. As you prepare for Priesthood Sunday at Our Lady of the Black Hills take the time to read the article and listen to the homily by Bishop Barron that calls us to pray for our priests to become shepherds, warriors and healers of God’s people.

This is the 20th year in which we have been celebrating priesthood Sunday. It started in 2003, with the USA Council of Serra International, whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life. They felt there was a great need to honor and pray in a special way those who are called to be priests. I know that your prayers and support keep my priesthood alive.

*Here are some ways to express your appreciation from Serra International:*

- Give your priest a spiritual bouquet. You can write something like, “Father please accept this spiritual bouquet as a thank you for all you do for our parish. I will say the rosary once a month for one year for all of your special intentions.”

-Send him a note detailing a time when he helped you or had a positive impact on your life.

-Send him a flowering plant or a small tree that he can plant. Let him know that as the tree grows and thrives, that’s a reflection of how he’s helping his parishioners grow in love for God.

-Give him a biography of a popular priest, saint, or pope. (The Mustard Seed in Rapid City would have some great suggestions for you.)

-Remember, priests are regular people with hobbies and interests outside the church. Get him something related to his interests, whether it’s golf, traveling, cooking, or art. If you aren’t sure try calling the parish office and speak to his office staff.

-Make a gift basket of baked goods, chocolates, coffee and beverages, etc.

Mark Wahlberg’s Recent Video in Support of Priests is Beyond Inspiring!

“...I want my children and the future generation to have good priests in their lives just like I had. My Catholic faith is the anchor...” – Mark Wahlberg

Source: <https://catholic-link.org/mark-wahlberg-support-priests-vocations/>

Sincerely, Fr. Mark McCormick

Vocations Director, Diocese of Rapid City

**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](mailto:thequeenbeep@hotmail.com) by 10/21.



**OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS  
SILENT AUCTION**

**Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner  
Saturday, 11/4 & Sunday, 11/5**

**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.

**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](http://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.*



**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

**Country Store**

Please consider donating items to the Country Store for the fall festival. Crafts, jellies, gifts and more are sold to benefit the parish. Contact Gloria at 605-791-2303.

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!

**Jail Ministry Needs Postage Stamps**

One meaningful Advent tradition is to provide a Christmas Card for each inmate to send to a loved one. As you can imagine, this gesture is most appreciated by the men and women we serve. A card may be the only item they can gift to a spouse, parent, or child this year. Our ministry members are from all parishes in Rapid City. We ask you for a donation of postage stamps for these cards. The jail population is around 650 people, so any number of stamps donated is helpful. Please leave them with your church office in an envelope marked "Jail Ministry" or mail them directly to us:

c/o Blessed Sacrament Church  
4500 Jackson Blvd  
Rapid City SD 57702

Thank you so very much. You can also drop stamps off in the OLBH office. We wish you a blessed Advent!

**"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.



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

## Monday, September 25

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

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

## Tuesday, September 26

**Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

**8 AM Mass** for Bob Weaver

6 PM Cor ad Cor

## Wednesday, September 27

**Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

**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**

**6:30 PM The Holy Spirit & Discernment –**

**Wisdom Wednesday**

## Thursday, September 28

**Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence**

**Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Lawrence Walz

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

9 AM Women's Scripture Study

## Friday, September 29

**SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

**8 AM Mass** for

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School**

for the repose of Nancy Winters

## Saturday, September 30

**Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

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

**5 PM Mass** for the repose of Morris and Janice Koters

## Sunday, October 1

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 AM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for Life

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

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

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/30 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED (lead)

Eloise Harwood

Lectors: Jan Evans (1<sup>st</sup>)

Dave Allardyce (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Tracy and Kimberly Cook

Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

10/1 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)

Marty Reeve and Isaac Hoiten

Lectors: Diane Clarke (1<sup>st</sup>)

Lori Caouette (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Carlin Family

Sacristan: Brad Blauvelt

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

10/1 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (Lead)

Esperanza & Yazmin Escobar

Lectors: Cathleen Denekamp(1<sup>st</sup>)

Kim Wynn (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Cathy and Richard Long

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

## STEWARDSHIP

| "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17) |           |        |          |
|---|-----------|--------|----------|
| September 16-17, 2023   |           |        |          |
|   | Automatic | Basket | Total    |
| Adopt a Seminarian  | 54        | -      | 54       |
| Sunday Collection   | 3,263     | 4,760  | 7,543    |
| Building Fund   | 44        | 215    | 259      |
| Mass Intentions   | -         | -      | 40       |
| Priest Retirement   | 2         | 265    | 267      |
| Votives   |           |        | 19       |
| <b>Total Contribution</b>   | 3,364     | 5,240  | 8,182.25 |

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 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:

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|--------------|--|
| September 25 | Deacon Theodore Knife (2010)<br>Tammy Hopfinger (1973)<br>Lloyd G. Sorlie (2003) |
| September 28 | Blakely Anne Scherr (2013)   |
| September 29 | Rev. Francis R. Bell (1967)  |
| October 1    | Daniel Kona (1963)<br>Bruce E. Johnson (2016)                                    |

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

## 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



RACHEL’S CORNER

For many women and men, the pain that follows an abortion is too much to handle. Many turn to drugs, alcohol and promiscuity hoping to find a temporary numbness to the pain. If you or someone you know is suffering from the pain of a past abortion, we can help. The next retreat in South Dakota is Oct. 6-8 and Fargo ND on Oct. 27-29. For information, visit the national office at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Contact Carol Kling for information about local retreats a 605-374-5639 or [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com).

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES** —Married in 1973? The West River Catholic would like to run your photo, a wedding or 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](mailto:bberreth@diorc.org). Deadline, Friday, Oct. 20.

SOUTH DAKOTA’S  
EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis warns us about political efforts that threaten the lives of preborn children: “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.” (Par. 213) We have a responsibility, as a community that cherishes all human life, to become informed on this proposal that threatens the lives of South Dakota’s preborn children, and to educate our fellow citizens. 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/)

# 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



<https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/rally23/>

# YADA, YADA, YADA

## THE HEART OF IT ALL

### 2023 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

SUN, OCTOBER 8, 2023 | TERRA SANCTA RETREAT CENTER

# 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

For registration link, please email [cgswesternsdak@gmail.com](mailto:cgswesternsdak@gmail.com)

Friday, October 6  
6PM - 9PM

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September 24, 2023

Written by  
THE  
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## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward – whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

**PRAY** The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

*Celebrate!*

# **PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**September 24th**



***Thank You,  
Fr. Andrzej!!!***

*Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate!*

**There are many ways to celebrate Priesthood Sunday. Feel free to bring a card this weekend or next and drop them off in the office or in the designated basket in the narthex. Be sure to address your envelope for your intended recipient. Our parish family is blessed to have Fr. Andrzej as our pastor and Monsignor Woster, Fr. Gary, Fr. Dan, and Fr. Mike as kind neighbors.**

**Here are some ideas you and your family can do:**

- **Create a spiritual bouquet (cards below)**
- **Make a Thank You card**
- **Color a picture of your favorite saint to share with the priests**
- **Draw a picture to share with the priests**



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