



# Respect Life Month

## 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 John Osnes

Deacon Greg Sass

Deacon Phillip Thompson

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**Our Christian Identity:** To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son." [1] We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

**Our Mission as Christians:** The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others. Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

**Missionary Discipleship:** This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization." [2] The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love. When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

**Identity Crisis:** As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth. But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

**Our Response:** When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs. When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

**A Culture of Life:** This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love. When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them. Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

[1] John Paul II, Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.

[2] USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Copyright © 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner

# SILENT auction



## OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

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

Item donations are due 10/21.

If you have an item you would like to donate please contact Sheila at thequeenbeep@hotmail.com by 10/21.

Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner



# The Country Store

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

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Following all Masses November 4-5

Contact Gloria to donate items to the Country Store 605-791-2303.

### 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.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 7PM**

### EXTREME UNCTION: WHAT IS THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?



Join us at our first Theology on Tap of the year for a presentation about the Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick by Fr. Matt Fallgren.

Young adults 21-39ish welcome.  
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## FALL FESTIVAL & TURKEY DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Our Lady of the Black Hills - 12365 Sturgis Road

**TURKEY DINNER & CARNIVAL GAMES**  
**11-1:30 PM**

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

**SILENT AUCTION & COUNTRY STORE**  
**SATURDAY 6 PM, SUNDAY, 9-1 PM**

## ALL ARE WELCOME





# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

## Monday, October 2

### THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

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

## Tuesday, October 3

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Cheryl Rohl

6 PM Cor ad Cor

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

## Wednesday, October 4

### SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**

**Coffee and Desserts**

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, October 5

**Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed**

**Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

**8 AM Mass** for Fr. Andrzej Wyrstek

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

9 AM Women's Scripture Study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

## Friday, October 6

**St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose**

**Durocher, Virgin**

**8 AM Mass** Joe George

**First Friday Devotion**

## Saturday, October 7

### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

9-12 Noon Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Open

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

**5 PM Mass** for the repose of Joy Reading

## Sunday, October 8

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

**NO 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

10/7 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead)

Stella Curtis

Lectors: Deacon Walt Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>)

Jan Evans (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Cindy Creager

Eucharistic Minister: Jean Hohm

10/8 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Freddy Weishaar (lead)

Lucy Marich and Luke Hoiten

Lectors: Brenda Flottmeyer (1<sup>st</sup>)

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

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle

Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

10/8 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Cole Litzen (Lead)

Cash Litzen

Lectors: Laura Varilek (1<sup>st</sup>)

Tony Berendse (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Brad Blauvelt

## STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
September 23-24, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,263	3,234	6,497
Building Fund	44	-	44
Mass Intentions	-	-	40
Priest Retirement	2	265	267
BH Pregnancy Center			363
Stations of the Cross			5,000
<b>Total Contribution</b>	3,364	3,499	12,265.75

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:

- October 5 Daniel Melvin (1999)
- October 6 Rev. Peter J. Kelly (1973)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and 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

**A note from Fr. Andrzej:** The **Pastoral Council** is a vital and important piece of the life and the good of the parish. The Pastoral Council acts as a consultative body for the pastor, discerns current and future parish needs according to Canon Law, and promotes the best interests of the parish through recommendations for its management and development. As your pastor, I would like to have your advice. I am looking for **five additional members** for the council. Ideally the members would be between **ages of 20-50** to reflect the young families in our parish and community. These members should exhibit a passion for the life of the Church and a desire to grow our local community. If you desire to help me in directing the life of our parish both in spiritual and temporal needs, please reach out. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 12, at 6 PM. All are welcome to attend. To learn more or to express your interest please reach out to me or to Katie in the office.



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## 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@dioc.org](mailto:bberreth@dioc.org). Deadline, Friday, Oct. 20.



**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: What is the name of the proposed amendment on abortion?

The Attorney General of South Dakota, who is required by law to summarize citizen-initiated ballot measures, has prepared the following title: "An Initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion in the State Constitution." The amendment would write into South Dakota's state constitution a sweeping right to obtain an abortion at any time up until the moment of birth. The Attorney General states the amendment "would override existing laws and regulations concerning abortion." 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/)

## FEEDING SD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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Dates:

**Monday, October 2**  
**Monday, November 6**  
**Monday, December 4**

## 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 [cpwester@nsdsk@gmail.com](mailto:cpwester@nsdsk@gmail.com)

Friday,  
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