

"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:19-20

# 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

# **CONNECT**

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# **CLERGY**

Pastor Andrzej Wyrostek

# **Permanent Deacons:**

Deacon Walt Wilson, Retired Deacon John Osnes Deacon Greg Sass Deacon Phillip Thompson

# **STAFF**

Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek –
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High School, and Adults
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This weekend our parish celebrates our Feast Day, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In many ways as we reflect on the life of our Blessed Mather, we can rejoice for heaving such a great witness to God's work in her life. It was not always an easy mission, yet it certainly was a life full of God's glory, a glory that was made known through the generous heart of a mother. In her life, we are reminded that a joyful disciples and generous stewards are attractive. When others see joyful disciples, they say "we want to have what you have." And I need to say, as I reflect on the life of our parish that we certainly have a great community. I am blessed to be here with you.

Our parish vision is to "Build with the Mercy of the Father." We want to build the faith in families by making our parish a school of prayer. We build with mercy as we welcome new families, reach to the needy (Piedmont Valley Food Pantry, located in our church, special collections for those affected by disasters, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Annual Diocesan Appeal, ....), and as we share the Gospel with the unchurched (RCIA, Adult Faith Formation...) And we need to remember that the vision requires stewards who serve and give generously.

Throughout the year, we have an opportunity to respond to the call for the good of our parish family. With the parish employees, I am doing my best to care for your talents, and for every donation you make to the Church. We do what we can to maintain the parish in the best way we can. As a stewardship parish, we strive to cover the needs of the day-to-day operations and to provide for the needs of the programs available at the parish. This includes Children and Adult Faith Formation Programs, Sacraments and Outreach. As we look into the future, we address the needs of the parish for today and for tomorrow as they arrive. We continue to cover the costs through your generous giving to weekly collections. A full Annual Parish Report is available to you in the gathering area and on our website. Please, pray and be generous. With your help, we can improve our parish, update the necessary repairs and if you will, we can maybe even save some resources for the future. Please, help so that we truly can be grateful to God for His many gifts and blessings He shares with us. And Please, we need Altar servers. Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, and Sacristans.

I am grateful to God for every one of you, in Christ, Fr. Andrzej

# See you at Parish Feast Day!

Saturday, 9/9 3 PM Rosary & Pie 5 PM Mass Sunday, 9/10 8 AM Mass

9 AM Adoration, Stewardship Fair, Faith Formation Open House

12 Noon - Lunch potluck with Brisket & Pulled Pork by the KofC, Bounce House, Train Rides, Street Dance w/ DJ, Stewardship Fair, and Faith Formation Open House

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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 SILENT AUCTION

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.



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.

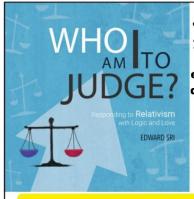


# **Early Bird Bible Study**

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!

### **Well Read Mom Book Group**

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics enable growth, friendship, & conversations to explore the human condition and to seek what is good, beautiful, & true. We read one book per month and meet once a month for discussion. Our theme this year is "seeking" with excellent authors including Brothers Lawrence, T.S. Eliot, and Natalie Merrill among others. The WRM membership is \$49.95 and includes materials with scholarships available. Visit wellreadmom.com to register or contact Maggie at 701-388-8328. We will meet in the Narthex at OLBH on Tuesdays, our first meeting will be 9/19 at 7:30 PM.

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS III

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

# Monday, September 11

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study 11 AM Feeding SD Food Truck

# Tuesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8 AM Mass for Matthew & Maria Schmidt

# Wednesday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for T.C. Waits

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

6:30-7:30 First Communion Parent Meeting

# Thursday, September 14

# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**8 AM Mass** for all souls in Purgatory

9 AM 'Just' Men Bible Study & Witness

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

# Friday, September 15

**Our Lady of Sorrows** 

8 AM Mass for Jean Hohm

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School

for Catholic Extension

# Saturday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

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 Kene

# 6:15 PM Wine & Cheese -

# parish hall

# Sunday, September 17

# TWENTIY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**8 AM Mass** for the graces needed for Vocation to the Priesthood and for the beatification of Nicholas Black Elk

# 9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for Luke VonBank and Family

# WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

# 9/16 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead)

Alexa and Leighton Scherr

Lectors: John Usera (1st)

Bernie Usera (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: James and Connie Johns

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister: Duane Riedlinger

# 9/17 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Brianne Katzenstein (lead)

Hannah and Leslie Katzenstein

Lectors: Lori Caouette (1st)

Joyce Williamson (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Lisa Katzenstein

Sacristan: Barb and Gary Erickson Eucharistic Minister: Gary Erickson

# 9/17 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (Lead)

Robby Thompson

Lectors: NOT FILLED (1st)

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

Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman Eucharistic Minister: Dennis Fischer

# **STEWARDSHIP**

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17			
September 2-3, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,263	7,385	10,528
Building Fund	44	120	164
Mass Intentions	-	-	50
Priest Retirement	2		2
Votives			8
Total Contribution	3,364	7,505	10,806.10

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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 11 Rev. John W. Hanton (1936)
Eugene "Gene" Kraft (2009)
September 12 Rev. Robert D. Baden (2018)
September 13 Mavis L. Smith (1984)
September 14 Most Rev. William T. McCarty, C.SS.R. (1972)

September 15 Donald Leslie Norman (2009)

September 16 Rev. Hugo Eichenhofer

(1966)

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Col1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

# 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 Jr., 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, Ravola Anderson, Patty Creek, Steve Ramsdell, Irene Katzenstein, Bishop Peter Muhich, Scotty Hudson, Diane Clarke, Gary Sexton

**FOR THE DECEASED** We pray for Pat Bartholow

# **RACHEL'S CORNER**

"Words cannot express the load lifted and the burdens gone! I feel closer to God and I feel his desire for me to be complete!"

Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**. 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.

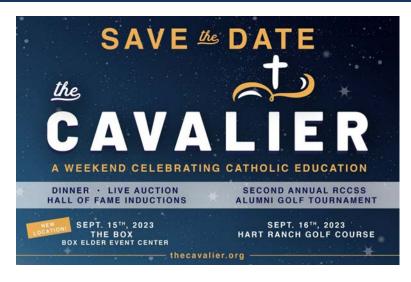
### **COR AD COR**

The Cor ad Cor Spirituality Year is a weekly small group gathering of all men or all women to learn more about the spiritual life, to grow in relationship and conversation with the Lord, and to share faith and the work of the Lord with others. Cor ad Cor is a retreat, which begins with the Oremus program from Ascension Press (8 weeks), and then moves into the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola according to the 19th annotation (additional 22 weeks). Small groups of about six people meet weekly with a trained leader for these 30 weeks. Learn more on our website: <a href="https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor">www.rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor</a>

# 'THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE'

Saturday, **September 9**, the That Man is You program will begin a speaker series, "The Vision of Man Fully Alive," at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City. Eight dynamic presenters will speak on issues including spiritual freedom, the beauty of the Eucharist, abundant relationships, the four Gospels and more. Sessions begin with breakfast at 6:15 a.m., followed by presentations, small group discussions and dismissal at 7:45 a.m. Contact Tim Henderson at 605-381-2833 or Adman Kirsch 605-390-0996 for more information.





### **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. visit Serra Club's please the website: serraus.org/priesthood-Sunday/

# COME AND SEE – CATHOLIC YOUTH OUTDOOR EXPLORER MOVEMENT – SEPT 12

You're invited to learn more about this outdoor Catholic youth movement: Federation of North American Explorers (FNE)! FNE is open to boys and girls ages 6-24. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm at Cathedral OLPH. Our FNE group offers a faith-based traditional character formation program designed for boys or girls to enjoy the outdoors by creating and playing their own Exploring Adventures! Bring your child on September 12th at 6:30pm to the Cathedral Hall and learn more about this exciting outdoor youth movement! Contact Jacques at jdaniel@diorc.org or visit www.RCFNE.com for any questions.

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.

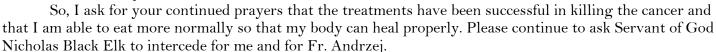
# THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Let me begin by thanking you for all the prayers and support you have given me since my diagnosis. As you may remember, the doctors discovered a cancerous tumor in my lower esophagus and have been treating it with radiation and chemotherapy.

I completed the course of treatments in mid-August and am now in a recovery phase. Both treatments took a toll on the body and I am still weak. Another side effect is that swallowing solid food is still a challenge, so I have been mostly on a liquid and soft diet. I will be slowly reintroducing more solids as time goes on.

Because of the radiation treatments a new PET scan cannot be done until mid-November. The reason for this is that the effects of the radiation treatments would lead to "false positives" if the test was done too soon.



I am offering the trials of this sickness for a deep and fruitful revival of Eucharistic faith in our diocese. I have constantly felt the Lord's presence with me in these days of illness and uncertainty. God is good and will bring many graces out of this time of illness if we are open to receiving them.

+Bishop Peter Muhich



My dear friends,

Thank you all for the continuing prayers for me and Bishop Peter. The journey continues and for how long only God knows. At the present time I am working through kidney issues. I had a surgery on my right kidney in early August, and things seem to be working out. I am recovering. In September I am scheduled to have surgery on my left kidney. We will go from there, after recovery is done and learn what the next steps will be required.

Thank you for all of the prayers and support. I will update you as the time goes on. Please continue to pray and ask for the intercession of Nicholas Black Elk on behalf of Bishop Peter and myself for healing and guidance for our care givers. Please be sure to thank the priests visiting during my absences.

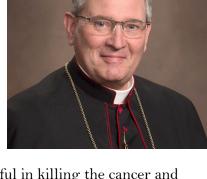
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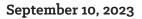
# Pray for the healing of Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek and Bishop Peter Muhich

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit! Behold Us who stand before you singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Native American people. We humbly ask you to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession.

Dear Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk, hear our petition in favor of your devoted servants Father Andrzej
Wyrostek and Bishop Peter Muhich who are seriously ill and entreat your intercession on their
behalf. Carry to our Heavenly Father the prayer of the faithful for the healing of their bodies and spirits.

Amen.





# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20



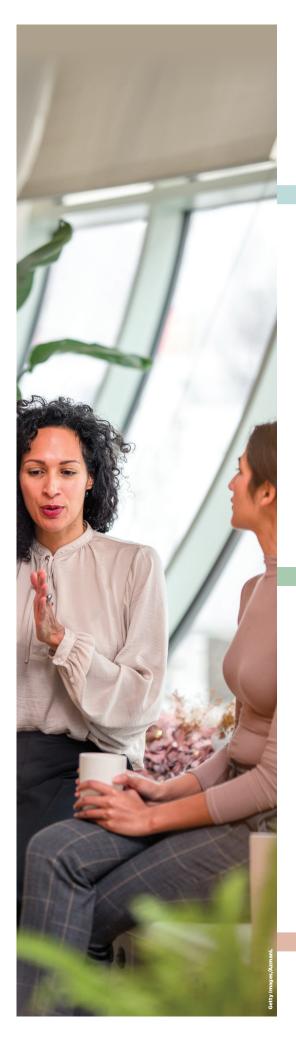
Years ago, I was asked to take in a hound dog and I was happy to do so, but it wasn't until I brought the dog home that I discovered how adamantly opposed my husband was to the idea. When asked, he had never said "no," but he thought I should just know he didn't want the dog. Obviously, we needed to work on our communication skills! Proper communication and what it means to love in relationship are what come to mind when I hear the start of today's Gospel. Jesus is instructing us on what to do when another angers, hurts, or offends us. Not surprisingly, it doesn't include calling our sister or best friend to vent, or posting about it on social media, regardless of how vaguely we word the situation. Instead we are to go to that person directly and "tell him his fault between you and him alone." If they listen, we have won them over. How many times have others hurt us but we never bother to tell them? How often do we simply assume the other person knows they have done us wrong? We owe it to one another to be honest and upfront - to give the other person a chance to apologize and us a chance to extend forgiveness. We also owe it to one another to be willing to receive them in charity, open-hearted, when they come to us to speak of our faults.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

## PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the same way that the Gospel addresses speaking truth to another and "winning them over," the prophet Ezekiel recounts the Lord's instruction to him that he has a duty to "speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way." This, of course, was the role and mission of the prophets. To make known the word and law of God and call the people to respond. A prophet warned, counseled, taught, and encouraged. They called the people to obedience to God, denouncing idolatry, injustice, and empty rituals. Jesus himself came as priest, prophet, and king and by our baptism, "the whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them." (CCC 783) Through the centuries, people have tried to do this in various ways – from passing laws to standing on street corners with signs. But let's remember that even as we are meant to "speak out," we are also meant to listen. We too must be re-converted to the truth when we sin; we too must be dissuaded from our wicked ways. This is how we best fulfill our prophetic mission.

**PRAY** Witnessing to Christ in today's world sometimes feels overwhelming or hopeless. Spend some concerted time in prayer with the words from today's psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."







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