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LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday, 5 PM Sunday, 8 & 11 AM Daily Liturgy: Tuesday-Friday, 8 AM Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM Reconciliation: Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM First Friday Devotion: Following Daily Mass on First Fridays

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The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM is livestreamed on the Our Lady of the Black Hills Facebook page and then posted on olbh.org.

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'

He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down.'"(Luke 13:6-9)

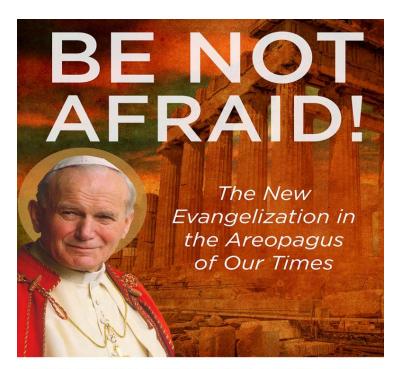
Just imagine, you have been driving and not paying attention to the traffic and suddenly you see the flashing lights behind you. All you can suddenly think of is "what did I do, or how can I get myself out of consequence of my lack of attention? In either case we wait patiently for the law officer to visit with us. And what a relief it is when all we get is a visit and a reminder that we need to be more diligent and careful while driving. We can even think to ourselves that we are just lucky or clever. Or perhaps we can think for a moment of a faithful friend who is always by our side. The one that we do not always appreciate, or have time to visit with, the one who is always treating us as if we just done something awesome together. Not easy to find one like that. Not easy to remember a friend like that, and yet these are the ones that will stand up for us and with us when things go wrong, when we are about to be "cut down."

Lent is a beautiful time for us to rediscover our true friendships. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we help to form our conscience and to clean our heart. In our spiritual practices, we are making more room for our true friend and benefactor. Yes, we make more room, not just making a room, but we make more room. Our true friend is already with us and in our life, we just need to be reminded of his importance. The Gospel speaks of the fig tree (me and you?) that does not bear fruit and it is about to be cut down. The gardener (Jesus), objects to the idea, as he knows and sees the potential. Listening to the Gospel, we may feel like the tree sometimes, but our true friend is by our side – Jesus Christ. Seeing in us the potential for improvements, for change, simply, he sees in us the face of God. Can we get lucky enough and produce the fruit? Yes. We can always produce the fruit, because of the hope and compassion of Christ.

Our Lenten journey invites us not only to look good for the time of visitation, but to be able to bear fruit – as we learn to discover it through our conscience. That is why it is important to look at Lenten practice not as a time of forty days, but as a new springtime in our friendship with God. As we reflect Christ in our Lenten journey, we prepare ourselves to bear fruit beyond Easter, thus becoming a fruit bearing trees in God's orchard. Be not discouraged if you are not doing the best, if you need to re-evaluate some of your Lenten practices, to form anew your conscience. Pray and invite the Gardener to stop by and help you. Maybe you need a little trimming (Sacrament of Reconciliation), maybe you need some nourishment (Eucharist and prayer). With time and patient care of Jesus (our gardener), we can produce fruit that will be pleasing to many.

Happy and prayerful Lent. In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

Note: In the pews, there are holders with white envelopes in them. There is a note on the envelopes to explain their purpose. We are nowhere close to starting any major projects in our parish, but with our Piedmont Valley growing, we need to begin to address the needs of our parish on a bigger scale. We could run an expensive capital campaign, or we can also start saving today in a way that is reasonable for all. I encourage everyone to consider donating to our building fund. With your kind and generous support, we may be able to avoid running a capital campaign.



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Form Your Conscience

I invite you this week to work on the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1691-1715. Please read, reflect, and pray with these paragraphs. We will continue on toward forming the conscience next week.

-Fr. Andrzei

Confessions, Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry



Confessions 5-6 PM, Stations of the Come Fridays during Lent for FRIDAY Cross 6-6:30 PM, Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 6:30 PM. The

Knights will have to-go options and eat in options.

Communal Lenten Penance Liturgies:

Rapid City, Blessed Sacrament, March 24, 4-7 p.m. Lead, St. Patrick, March 27 — 3:30 p.m.

PIEDMONT, OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS, MARCH 28 - 6-7:30 PM

Rapid City, St. Therese, March 31, 6-8 p.m. Sturgis, St. Francis, March 20 — 3 p.m.

First Communion

The First Communion retreat is **April 9** from 1:30-4:45 PM. Please check your email for details. First Communion will be on Sunday, May 1, at 8 or 11 AM Mass. Please contact Rhonda in the office to sign up at 605-787-5168.

Graduates

We are planning a graduation Mass. If you have a graduating senior this year, please contact Rhonda in the office so we can include you and your student in the festivities. Rhonda can be reached rhonda.gehlsen@olbh.org or at 605-787-5168.



Packing Hope at Our Rapid City Catholic Schools

The Packing Hope event out packed all previous years. They were able to pack 131,544 meals for malnourished children in Honduras. Thank you for your generous support in making this happen.

Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap gathering will be on Monday, April 4th, from 7:15-9:15 PM at the OLBH Rectory. Brendan Cleary will present on An Exploration of Meaning: a discussion of the foundations of happiness, meaning, and fulfillment. All in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Snacks are provided, byob. Call Amy in the office with questions at 605-787-5168.

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service. www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17					
March 12-13, 2022					
	Automatic	Basket	Total		
Adopt a Seminarian	54	280	334		
Sunday Collection	2,542	8,448	10,990		
Rectory	42		-		
St. Vincent de Paul	-				
Building Fund	-	-			
Priest Retirement		-			
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 21

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study **No Mass**

Tuesday, March 22

8 AM Mass for the repose of Raymond Sass 6:30 PM Teaching Tuesday – Turn Everything to Love

Wednesday, March 23

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe Creek

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, March 24

8 AM Mass for the repose of Fr. Collins Jordan

9 AM "Just Men" Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School

for the repose of Janice Aberle

5-6 PM Confessions

6 PM Stations of the Cross followed by the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saturday, March 26

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 Confessions

5 PM Mass for the community of OLBH and for our Sister Parishes

Sunday, March 27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM Mass for the repose of Linda Weishaar 9:30 AM RCIA Class

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for Brandi O'Callahan and Family

Intentions of the Holy Father for March:

Pope's Intention: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, contact Sue at 605-431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

To sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 605-791-2303.

Prayers for the Deployed Member of our Parish Chris Hunt • Quenten Johnson

Prayers for the Deceased of our Parish Randy Blauvelt (brother of Brad) Les Weishaar

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

These individuals are in special need of your prayers. To have someone placed on the prayer list, contact Katie in the office.

Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver)

Blanche Rieth | Jean Schacher | Bernard Wiehl

Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski | Marjorie Lee Lowell Amiotte | Randy Oberle | Tracy Rudnick

Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held) | Ana Maria Killion

Vickie Crowley | Cap Holzer | Linda Schacher Doug Wermers | George Bradstream

Marek Kopec | Brett Whealy | Jennifer Kinney

Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long)

Tony Corbine | Wayne Gamroth | Lillian Halverson Tim Curns | Dean Antonsen | Billy Hudson

Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)

Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)

Troye Rhodes (great nephew of Wade)

John Mangen (brother-in-law of Diane Gittings)

Jim & Vonnie O'Dea (parents of Holly Phillips)

Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher)

Joyce DePaulo | John Mizenko Sr. (father of Jeff)

Norbert Liebig | The Nalley Family | Jean Scheope

Ruth O'Neil (mother of Lisa Katzenstein)

Jasper Wermers (grandson of Peggy and Doug)

Tim Keller (son-in-law of Cap and Arlene Holzer)

Craig Lindemann (Uncle of Maggie Whiteside)

Derek Dowdy (grandson of the Gittings)

Hudson Henry (great grandson/nephew of the

Collings and Denekamps) | Kit Soyland

Frank Weyrich (brother-in-law of Marcia Senn)

Kevin & Julie Spors | Barb Coyle

Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko)

| 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 the Diocese of Rapid City.

March 21 V. Rev. James T. Tunnissen (1977)

Terence Kirkland (1986)

March 22 Rev. Emil Perrig, S.J. (1909)

March 24 Rev. Thomas G. Gorman (1987)

Edwin G. Miller (2018)

March 25 Rev. Alban R. Reid (1972)
March 26 Marlene Carol Maxwell (2020)
March 27 Rev. Philip J. O'Connell (1964)

Rev. Thomas I. Downey, S.P. (1966)

Leo James Crawford (2015)

Welcome Visitors!

We hope you have enjoyed sharing in the celebration of the Mass with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, coming to visit, or returning after a long break, welcome to our parish family. Please come again! We have opportunities for all ages and stages of faith. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter in the gathering space. If you are passing through, we hope you will call our parish your "home away from home" and visit again soon!

Liturgical Ministry

If you would like to serve our parish as a lector, minister of Holy Communion, hospitality minister, or Altar server, please call the office at 605-787-5168.

Ministry Schedule

Mass Times	Saturday 3/19 5 PM	Sunday 3/20 8 AM	Sunday 3/20 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
Altar Server	Mya Lyon - Lead	Dustin Hoiten - Lead	Andrew Denekamp -
	Dakota Lyon	Dominic Hoiten	Lead
			Matthew Denekamp
			Hamish Haakenson
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Deacon John Osnes	Deacon John Osnes	Deacon John Osnes
Hospitality	Pam Freeman	Melissa Hood	Aaron Denekamp
	Ken Freeman		Cathleen Denekamp
Lector	Joyce Kinney - 1st Reader	Joyce Williamson - 1st	Craig Kelso - 1st Reader
	Teresa Thompson - 2nd	Reader	Laura Kelso - 2nd Reader
	Reader	Diane Clarke - 2nd Reader	
Sacristan	Joe Schacher	Barbara Erickson	Stacy Tate
		Gary Erickson	-

Daily Readings

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 **Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The weekly readings are found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: Weekly Readings

Birthright is having a Baby Jesus Shower

We uphold that any pregnant girl or woman has the right to whatever help she may need to carry her child to term and to foster respect for human life at all stages of development.

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Place the items you would like to donate in the box in the Narthex. To learn more about

Birthright visit https://birthright.org/rapidcity/ or call 605-348-1732.

40 Days for Life prayer services in Rapid City

Blessed Sacrament Church, prayer services will be led by various clergy every Saturday morning March 5 - 26 and April 2 - 9. Meet by the Memorial to the Unborn near the west parking lot. Schedule: 7:50 a.m. silent prayer; 8 a.m. clergy will lead corporate prayer for the unborn, pregnant mothers, those who work with abortions, the nation, leaders, and to honor the Lord's will; 8:15 a.m. silent prayer; service concludes at 8:20 a.m. Sponsored by Rapid City Right to Life.



RESTORED Men's retreat

Guest Speaker: Richard Meloche, PH.D.

'The role of man in restoring a Catholic culture in his home, parish and in the world.'

Saturday, March 26, 2022 | Terra Sancta Retreat Center Cost \$40 includes conference, breakfast, and lunch.

The Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture seeks to cultivate in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma forgotten, and often forbidden realities – such as virtue, chivalry, valor, self-denial, a fondness for things of the past, and the mirth found in friendship in order that truth, goodness, and beauty may prevail. In doing so we hope to become a bastion for authentic Catholic culture.



Join us for a Contemplative Journey

Terra Sancta Retreat Center will have an indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth available for all who would like to take a contemplative journey with the Lord during Holy Week. The Christian Prayer Labyrinth will be open April 8-14 daily from 8am-6pm. Prayers and information for using the labyrinth to take a quiet walk with the Lord will be available. All are welcome. An outdoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth is available year-round – just up the hill from the Mt of Beatitudes Amphitheater. Questions? Contact us at 605-716-0925 or email stay@terrasancta.org.



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