



Our Lady of the  
Black Hills



**“You will show me the path to life,  
abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.”  
(Ps 16:11)**

St. Luke is truly a masterful storyteller. In this Sunday’s Gospel, the story that he crafts makes the appearance of the Risen Christ to two, unsung disciples on the road to Emmaus come to life in our minds and in our hearts. Two disciples shuffling along the dusty road to Emmaus—dejected and disappointed by recent events—feeling lost and abandoned—uncertain of the meaning of an empty tomb and distrustful of the visions of others. This feeling of uncertainty and emptiness is the first step on the journey to a personal, intimate encounter with the Risen Christ—our only true and lasting source of hope and fulfillment.

The losses in our lives—jobs, health, family, fortune—cause us to ask the ultimate question: “What is the meaning of life?” Is this all there is? Even when we are mindlessly drifting along between the demands of home and work and community—chasing kids and grandkids—pursuing upward mobility—doing good despite the weariness—you and I have to ask, “Isn’t there more to life than this?” Contemplating these questions opens us to something more—to someone more—the eternal in the midst of the passing.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we may not recognize the Risen One in this first step along our spiritual journey, but he approaches us and walks with us—ready to reveal his suffering and his glory. Take note of the next step on the road to Emmaus: “Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures” (Lk 24:27)—and the impact that breaking open the scriptures had on them: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:32).

The revelation of the Risen One is so accessible to us—but we may be hesitant to take the next step on our spiritual journey. The Holy Scriptures reveal God’s plan for our happiness—from creation to fall to redemption to salvation. However, for a myriad of reasons, you and I may hesitate to enter deeply into the inspired word of God. On your spiritual journey, let me encourage you to read and study and pray with Sacred Scripture every day—Old Testament as well New Testament. As St. Jerome said, “Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

As you discover the presence of Christ in scripture, you will discover his living, risen presence accompanying you on your spiritual journey. Like the Emmaus disciples, you will plead with him, “Stay with us” (Lk 24:29). Stay with us... stay with me... and show me the true meaning of life. Show me there is more to life than this world offers. Show me God’s plan for eternal happiness. This plea to stay with us—this hunger for the presence of the Risen Christ—is what draws us into a community of believers that encourages us and sustains us on our spiritual journey.

The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ—accompanying you and me through the sufferings and losses—restoring you and me when the busyness of daily life drains us. Through the Church, the Risen Christ stays with us—and in the breaking of the bread, the Church opens our eyes to behold him and opens our hearts to receive his Real Presence—until we reach the end of our journey.

Keep the Faith! Deacon John

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Third Sunday of Easter - April 18-19, 2026

## WELCOME TO OLBH!

### Mass

Saturday 5 PM  
Sunday 8 & 11 AM  
Tues.-Fri. 8 AM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

### Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM  
Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

### First Friday Devotion

Follows 8 AM Mass

### First Saturday Devotion

7:30 AM Reconciliation  
8 AM Mass  
8:30-9:30 AM Adoration

### CLERGY

Pastor Andrzej Wyrostek  
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Deacon Greg Sass  
Deacon Phillip Thompson

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## New or Visiting? — ♥ —

We look forward to meeting you. Please join us again! To become a registered member of our parish, we invite you to stop by the office or visit [olbh.org](http://olbh.org). You can also pick up a welcome packet from the counter on the back wall of the gathering space. Please visit often!



Please pray for those about to receive  
the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in  
Confirmation.

Cassy A.

Burke B.

Alexandria C.

Esperanza E.

Gianna H.

Finley J.

Owen J.

Cady K.T.

Matthew L.

Kylee P.

Ian S.

Mathew S.

Aubrey W.

Lulu W.

Liam W.

### Save the Dates

#### Confirmation Mass

Wednesday, 4/22, Mass at 6 PM with Bishop Bullock  
No Faith Formation

#### Last day of Faith Formation

Sunday, 4/26 & Wednesday, 4/29

#### First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, 5/3, Mass at 8 AM & 11 AM

Join us for a "Mother's Day" Brunch

## Our Ladies Tea

Saturday, May 9 at 9:30-11:30am

Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont SD



Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 29 to the church office  
at 605-787-5168 or email [angela.howard@olbh.org](mailto:angela.howard@olbh.org)

Hats and gloves welcome but not required

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## WINE & CHEESE APRIL 18



We are excited to share all the  
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Congratulations, High School graduates!  
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you at all Masses the weekend of **May 9 & 10**.  
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contacting the church office at 605-787-  
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## DON'T GET ALL "WOUND UP!" VOLUNTEERING IS EASY!

JUNE 9-12TH

REGISTER HERE >



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
FOR VBS OLBH 2026!**

## First Saturday Devotion

CONFESSION: 7:30 AM

MASS: 8 AM

ADORATION: 8:30-9:30 AM

8:30 AM Rosary

9 AM Silent Prayer

9:30 AM Benediction



**First Saturdays are a rich tradition and a principal request  
from Our Lady during her apparitions at Fatima.**

## First Friday Devotion

in reparation to the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus

8 AM Mass

8:30 AM Prayers and  
Devotion



Share your wisdom at the final 'Wisdom Wednesday' night.

## Catholic Game Night

Close out the Faith Formation year with an  
evening of faith, fun, and fellowship!

Share your wisdom in Catholic Jeopardy,  
join a scavenger hunt, or play a variety of  
table games including Catholic Spot-it!,  
Bibleopoly, or Council at Daybreak!

All are welcome!

Snacks and apps provided. BYOB\* (\*brains)

**Wednesday, April 29  
at 6:15 PM**

Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont (St. Joseph's Hall / upstairs)

WE WANT TO  
HEAR FROM YOU



# **2026 PARISH SURVEY**

**[olbh.org/2026-parish-survey](https://olbh.org/2026-parish-survey)**

The Our Lady of the Black Hills Pastoral Council and staff are diligently working to grow and improve our parish. We need your help! We are asking for anonymous feedback in determining the Pastoral Priorities from now until 2030. We want to hear from you regarding how we can best accommodate and accompany you on your faith journey.

**RESPOND BY 5/10/2026**

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss III

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

*Monday, 4/20*

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study  
7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

*Tuesday, 4/21*

**Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Bernard J. Knauer  
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

*Wednesday, 4/22*

**8 AM Mass** for a special intention  
**8:30-4:30 PM Adoration**

**No Faith Formation**

**No Confession**

**6 PM Confirmation Mass with Bishop Bullock** for the Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors

*Thursday, 4/23*

**Saint George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

**8 AM Mass** for all souls in Purgatory  
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness  
9 AM Women's Bible Study

*Friday, 4/24*

**Saint Fidelis of Sigmarigen, Priest and Martyr**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Bernie Gerving  
**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School** for the repose of Cecile Tays

*Saturday, 4/25*

**SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST**

7 AM Men's Cursillo  
**3:30-4:30 PM Confessions**  
**5 PM Mass** for the repose of Jean Schacher

*Sunday, 4/26*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8 AM Mass** for the communities of OLBH and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin

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

**11 AM Mass** for the repose of Bernie Gerving



## UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4/25 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Ethan Heisinger (lead) Eloise H.  
Lector: Jonathan Allen (1<sup>st</sup>) Sue Colgan (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Hospitality: Ken and Pam Freeman  
Sacristan: NOT FILLED  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

4/26 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Keeana P. (lead) Thomas Jr. and Kyah  
Lector: Lori Caouette (1<sup>st</sup>) Jay Hammerquist (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt  
Sacristan: Cindy Creager  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

4/26 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) James W.  
Lectors: Kim Wynn (1<sup>st</sup>) Laura Varilek (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba  
Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek  
Eucharistic Minister: Dcn John Osnes

Pope's Intention for April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

April 11-12, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	325	379
Sunday Collection	3,654	5,149	8,803
Building Fund	42	25	67
Steubenville	-		3,136
Mass Intentions			50
Coffee & Rolls			53
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>5,499</b>	<b>12,487.31</b>

Please prayerfully consider automatic donations at [olbh.org/donate](http://olbh.org/donate).

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 faith journey.



# PRAYER MINISTRIES

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE ILL & HOMEBOUND

call to add a name. These individuals are in special need of our prayers. We pray for Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Thomas Eimers (father of Kim Harming), Lynn Gerving, Omel Weaver, Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, Adrienne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Mary Ann Pulaski, Judy Schumacher, Coleen Short, Kodi Carlin, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Mel Flottmeyer, Cathy Luedtke, Derrick Siemieniak, Karen Bestgen, Cathy Long, Alma Gamroth, Grant Albrecht, Holly Gunderson, Nicole Devlin

## FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the recently deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, Joan Russell-Sharp and Fr. Michael

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**PRAYER CHAIN** To add an intention to the private 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 BLANKET MINISTRY** To obtain a prayer blanket, contact the office at 605-787-5168.

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION** 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.

**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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tues: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thurs: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sat: 1 Pet 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

## OLBH NECROLOGY

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in this parish; and for the clergy that have served in the Diocese of Rapid City, we pray for:

Apr 20: Rev. John Vogel (1953)

Apr 21: Rev. John Shea, C.S.C. (1921)

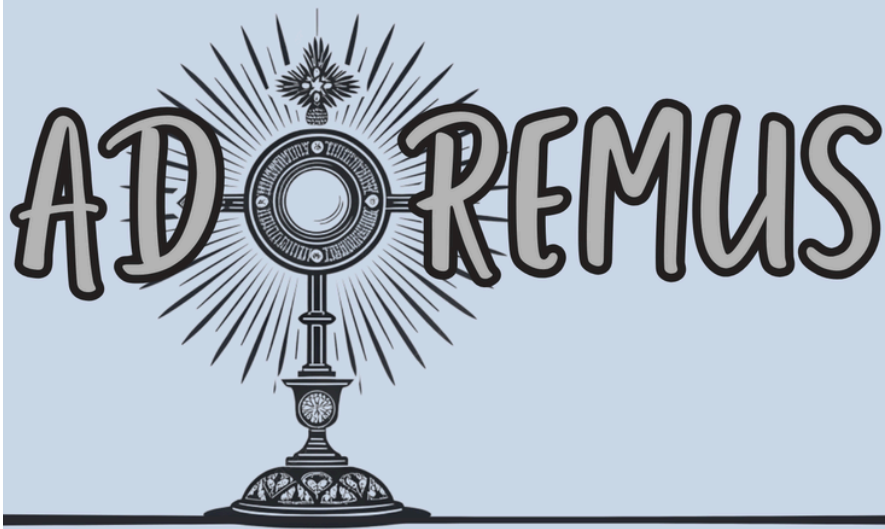
Apr 23: Rev. Joseph P. Zuercher, S.J. (1957)

Apr 25: Rev. Hugh Mullen (1920); Marie Honerkamp (2018)

Apr 26: Rev. Thomas A. Carroll (1960); Rev. Robert Ehrenbold (1977)

## A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

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 Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 605.209.3418 (cell). 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, young people, and vulnerable adults by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at [www.rapidcitydiocese.org](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org).



**WHEN:** MAY 6 FROM 6-8PM

**WHERE:** TERRA SANCTA

**WHO:** ALL 8TH -12TH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE RAPID CITY AREA ARE WELCOME!

**WHAT:** MISSION TALK, TESTIMONY, PRAISE AND WORSHIP EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, GAMES, AND SNACKS!



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**COME, LET US ADORE HIM!**

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Retreat date is April 24-26, 2026, Healing Abortion Trauma through Compassion and God's Merciful Love. The spring Rachel's Vineyard Retreat has room for you!! Come receive healing from your abortion and restoration for your emotional and spiritual life! Contact Carol at 605-374-5639 or cklings@sdplains.com for help, information, and encouragement.



### Bishop's Fishing Tournament

Monday, June 8, Oahe Downstream Recreation Area. Register to fish or attend the dinner and Mass by visiting <https://wsdcf.org/bishops-fishing-tournament/>; the tournament and prime rib dinner will be held in collaboration with the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The tournament proceeds benefit seminarian education.

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