



Our Lady of the
Black Hills



“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.” 1 Peter 20:21-22

Dear Friends,

This weekend the Church invites to focus and reflect on the gift of vocation. Our vocation comes to us in many forms and is inspired by many expected and unexpected moments. We are encouraged to choose our vocation by our family, sometimes by our interests and sometimes, because we want to serve God. We decide to enter into a sacramental marriage, to pursue a particular work, live a single life or perhaps to live our baptismal grace as priests or religious. Whatever the vocation in our life is, we find it a bit hard to figure it out. Because it involves our very life, we want to make sure we make the best decision. Once we have an idea, we become stewards of our vocation.

Jesus calls us as his disciples to a new way of life – the Christian way of life – of which stewardship is a part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls individually, by name. Each of us - clergy, religious, layperson, married, single, adult, child – has a personal vocation. God intends each of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge then, is to understand our role – our vocation – and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God. Stewards of God’s gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. So how do we know our vocation? It is a part of our Catholic Way of Life, to prepare our hearts to receive the wisdom and grace of God, through which we continue to discover our vocation. Quite often, our vocation will change, and we will be called to a new task. As active stewards of God’s grace in our life, we will be called to a new task in the Lord’s vineyard.

As May approaches, we are invited to journey with Mary and are encouraged to use Rosary as a way of praying for vocations. The Rosary has five decades. Therefore, pray the first decade that you may grow in holiness in your vocation, pray the second decade for all those called to a marriage, pray the third decade for those called to the permanent diaconate, pray the fourth decade for all those called to the religious life, pray the fifth decade for all those called to the priesthood. At any time of the day, pray that you are open to God’s call in your life, even include here the intercessions of your favorite saints. Be not discouraged when you do not hear the voice of God right away, He will show it to you when you are ready for the answer. Thank you all for every prayer you say for me and for new vocations. May God, in His generosity answer every prayer, you place before him and at the foot of His cross.

Alleluia. Fr. Andrzej
St. Joseph, Pray for us.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25-26, 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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retired
Deacon John Osnes
Deacon Greg Sass
Deacon Phillip Thompson

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OUR LADIES
Tea Party
"MOTHERS' DAY" BRUNCH
— — — — —
Saturday, May 9 at 9:30am
Our Lady of the Black Hills - Main Hall
12365 Sturgis Rd., Piedmont SD 57769
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PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 1
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FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES



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[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/A06789](https://vbspro.events/p/A06789)



Congratulations, High School graduates!
There will be a special blessing and gift for
you at all Masses the weekend of **May 9 & 10**.
Please RSVP if you are able to attend by
contacting the church office at 605-787-
5168 or emailing angela.howard@olbh.org

New or Visiting?



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

Pray for our First Communicants

Declan M.
Oliver B.
Viola G.
Finn K.
Corbin K.
Farrah L.
William V.
Charles W.



Maverick W.
Oaklynn V.
Gillian H.
Avery J.
Micah K.
Raelah V.
Elizabeth H.

First Communion is
May 3rd at 8 and 11 AM

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

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 IV

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

Monday, 4/27

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

Tuesday, 4/28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

Wednesday, 4/29

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Alice Schatz
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation
5:30-6:30 PM Confession
6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation
6:30-7:30 PM Catholic Game Night in the Parish Hall, all are welcome

Thursday, 4/30

Saint Pius V, Pope
8 AM Mass for the repose of J. Conway Keeler
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness
9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, 5/1

Saint Joseph the Worker
8 AM Mass for the deceased priests
First Friday Devotion
8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the repose of Colleen Jones

Saturday, 5/2

SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
7 AM Men's Cursillo
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
7:30 AM Confessions
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Ryan Tate
8:30-9:30 AM Adoration & Rosary
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, 5/3

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
***First Holy Communion at both Masses**
8 AM Mass for the First Communicants
11 AM Mass for the communities of OLBH and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

5/2 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: NOT FILLED (lead) NOT FILLED
Lector: Steve Colgan (1st) Sue Colgan (2nd)
Hospitality: Bernie and John Usera
Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher
Eucharistic Minister: Brad Blauvelt

5/3 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Marty R. (lead) Reese S. and Otto B.
Lector: Joyce Williamson (1st) Brenda Flottmeyer (2nd)
Hospitality: Jack and Debra Jensen
Sacristan: NOT FILLED
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

5/3 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) Alex A.
Lectors: Joni Osnes (1st) Sheila Keeler (2nd)
Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristan: Kelli Siemieniak
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon 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 18-19, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	4,003	7,657
Building Fund	42	45	87
Lynn's Dakota Mart	-		200
Priest Retirement			385
Reimbursement			450
Total Contributions	3,749	4,048	8,832.56

Please prayerfully consider automatic donations at 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, Kevin Michael, Ann Langlois, Adrienne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Mary Ann Pulaski, 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, 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, David Noble, Violet Davis, Joan Russell-Sharp and Fr. Michael Oli



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.

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 27: Rev. Thomas A. Carrol (1960); Rev. Robert A. Ehrenbold (1977)
- Apr 28: Rev. Ricahrd Pates, S.J.; Dcn. George Schenk (1995)
- Apr 29: Msgr. John F. Boyle (1924)
- Apr 30: Rev. Anthony O'Hora (1940); Marcella Kraft (2014)
- May 1: Rev. William A. Sullivan (1951)
- May 2: Bernard J. Wiehl (2024)
- May 3: Rev. Andrew Gerard Morvay (2008); Bette Shreve (1998); Timothy Robert Sheely (2014)

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

- Sun: 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6; 1Pet 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
- Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tues: Acts 11:19-26; PS 87:1b-3, 4-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thurs: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

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.



18th Annual Event
Mother's Day 5K
Sunday, May 10, 2026
Race. Run. Walk. Stroll.

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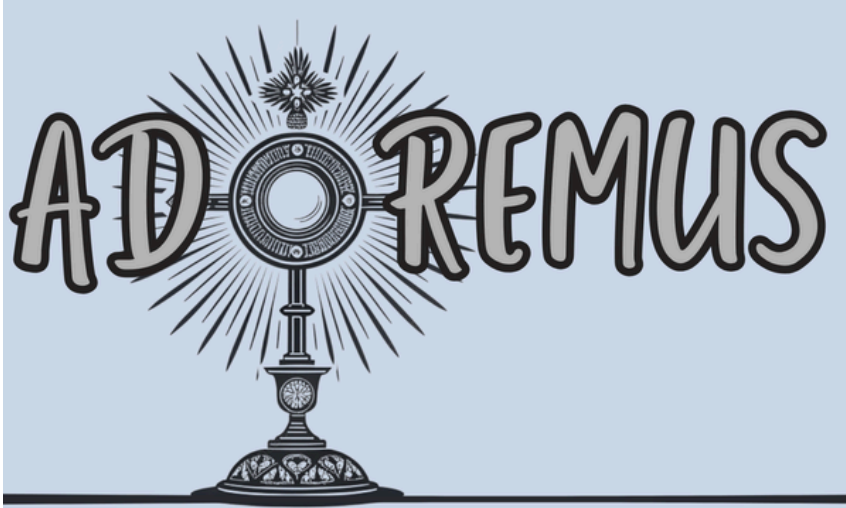
Race day registration begins - noon at St Joseph Catholic Church
 Run/walk begins at 1:00pm

This event is a place to gather the people that we love and participate together in memory of the ones that we are missing. It is a place to celebrate motherhood in its fullness of love, joy, gratitude and sorrow. We invite bereaved mothers to have their children included on our list of children remembered and their names will be listed on the back of our event t-shirt.

Registration is now open!
 Adults: \$30
 Kids 12 and under: \$15


Early-Bird Registration is due by April 25th, to take advantage of the lowest price and to be sure your event t-shirt is guaranteed!





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!

COME, LET US **ADORE** HIM!





GIRLS' CAMP: JUNE 9-12
H.S. Leadership Camp: June 8-12

BOYS' CAMP: JULY 14-17
H.S. Leadership Camp: July 12-17

Totus Tuus Summer Camp is an overnight camp offering middle school and high school youth an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Black Hills, spend time with other Catholic youth, and build relationships with consecrated sisters and brothers, our seminarians, and priests! High school students come a day early and learn more about being Catholic leaders. The time at camp includes games, times of prayer, talks, testimonies, rock climbing, swimming, and more!

Info and registration




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