



Covered in mud, how much is a gold bar worth?

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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Recently, I was listening to Bishop Bullock's Book Club podcast. In that episode, they were discussing meaning. Fr. Dillon remarked that our meaning is not static. We can choose to find new meaning as the seasons in our lives change.

It reminded me of the state of mind that I was in when I was 34 years old and had a stroke. I confused my worth, with my life's meaning. What I consider to be one of my biggest gifts from God now, was a particularly low place for me as I was going through it. Like the reading today says, "At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it." HB 12:5-7

Not all days can be happy. But perhaps they can all have meaning, and meaning is an active choice. If you are going through a challenging time, until you discern its meaning, I would like to share with you some of the things that have helped me navigate the in-between.

1. Think about others around the world who may be experiencing similar circumstances. And then pray for them. They are your community. You are not alone.
2. Consider that the LORD imagined you, and then He created you, and then He willed you into existence, and He RIGHT NOW maintains a thought of you which sustains your existence!
3. "Worry is a misuse of imagination"-Unknown. To combat anxiousness, I attempt to imitate the Creator. Do you cook, build, draw, garden, paint? We can cooperate with God to bring something into existence. Go make something!
4. "You have already lived through 100% of your worst days".

Fr. Andrzej has reminded me that the stars and their beauty are only visible when it is night. God shares these marvels with us, and we are made aware of how generous God is, and how much He loves us.

1 Peter 2:9 talks to us when it says, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

At times in my life, I have felt worth--less during challenges. But in hindsight, they were actually times when I was discerning my purpose. "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

In a newsletter from Chris Stefanick, he says "your true "net worth" is God the Son, who gave Himself for you. Amazingly, not even your sins and mistakes can diminish that worth.

A \$25,000 gold brick covered in mud is still worth \$25,000! Wipe it off. Repent. Go to confession. Move on. Then rinse and repeat without ever losing heart. The God who paid for you with His blood isn't giving up on you. Don't give up on yourself."

Peace, Elizabeth Siemieniak

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS PARISH FEAST DAY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3 PM ROSARY & PIE

5 PM MASS

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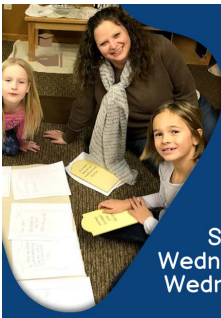
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8 AM MASS

9-10 AM ADORATION

11 AM MASS

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First Saturday Devotion

begins Sat, Sept. 6

Confession 7:30 AM
Mass 8 AM
Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM
8:30 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Silent Prayer
9:30 AM Benediction

First Saturdays are a tradition and request of Our Lady of Fatima.

Bishop Bullock's Book Club - August Selection:

'OF MICE AND MEN'
BY JOHN STEINBECK



OLBH summer book club will meet to listen to Bishop Bullock's podcast on 'Of Mice and Men' and to discuss the book. All are welcome!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 6 PM IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, OLBH

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becoming Catholic & returning to the Church

Classes meet **Sundays** beginning September 14th from **9:15-10:45 AM** in St. Joseph's Hall.

Registration is open, visit olbh.org/OCIA or call 605-787-5168.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, OCIA, is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her beliefs.

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Lastly it is for those who have been away from the Church for any length of time who would like to delve deeper into the richness of the Catholic faith. Classes are led by Larry and Joyce Williamson.




We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont



Visit: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/bookclub for Bishop Bullock's introduction to August's book: *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck



Adult Bible Study

led by Shawna Hanson

all are welcome!

starts Sept 17

Wednesdays

4:30-5:45 PM

Study the upcoming weekend's readings, Bible history, and Jewish culture.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

Monday, August 25

Saint Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, August 26

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Bob Weaver

Wednesday, August 27

ST. MONICA

8 AM Mass for the repose of Bernie Gerving

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, August 28

SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8 AM Mass for the repose of Mike Waits

9 AM "Just Men" Bible study

Friday, August 29

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Robert Weaver

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for the repose of Josephine Depreska

6 PM Book Night: "Of Mice and Men" Bishop's Book Club

Saturday, August 30

BVM

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the communities of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes at Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

Sunday, August 31

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Mel Flottmeyer

11 AM Mass for the repose of Eddie Hohm

**August Anniversary Blessing at All Masses*

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/30 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen (lead) Julia and Stella

Lectors: Jonathan Allen (1st) Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)

Hospitality: Connie and James Johns

Sacristan: Todd and Jenny Curtis

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

8/31 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean O'Connor (lead) Winter and RJ

Lectors: Christine Pulaski (1st) Diane Clarke (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

8/31 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (lead) Kaleb Arellano

Lectors: Sheila Keeler (1st) Angie Oberle (2nd)

Hospitality: Lisa Katzenstein

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

Thank you to Lynn's Dakotamart for an additional \$200! Every 10,000 in receipts earns OLBH \$100. Place your receipts in the wooden box on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs.

Piedmont Valley Food Pantry

Wednesdays & Saturdays

9-12 Noon

Items of most need:

BOXED CEREAL!	Canned Chicken	Jello mix	Syrup
Canned Fruit	Baking mixes (cakes, muffins)	Pudding Mix	Chef Boyardee type meals
Jelly	Bottled Water	Drinks (juice, dried milk, gatorade)	Canned Tomatoes
PANCAKE MIX			

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Serving Piedmont, Summerset, and Black Hawk

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above." Jas 1:17

August 16-17, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	20	74
Sunday Collection	3,654	4,646	8,300
Building Fund	42	125	167
Votive	-		14
Mass Intention			13
Assumption			1,240
Total Contributions	3,749	4,791	9,807.33

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 at olbh.org/donate.



PRAYER MINISTRIES

- 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.
- 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 August

Pope's Intention: For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political religious or ideological reasons.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
- Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Matthew 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6; Matthew 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Matthew 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mark 6:17-29
- Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30
- Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

OLBH NECROLOGY

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

- August 25Rev. Cecil R. Folkins (1972)
Mary Jo Spencer (2005)
- August 29Msgr. William J. O'Connell (2015)
Grace V. Aronson (1985)
- August 30Msgr. Michael P. Thompson (1970)
- August 31Rev. John N. Fitzgerald (1939)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL & HOMEBOUND call to add a name to the prayer list. These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Thomas Eimers (father of Kim Harming), Lynn Gerving, Jean Schacher, Edwin & Omel Weaver, Cap & Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, Adrienne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Sheila Keeler, Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Karen Bestgen, Mary Ann Pulaski, Tony Corbine, Billy Hudson, Jud Schumacher, Patricia Cariveau, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Rebecca Boylan, Theresa Neiger, Kodi Carlin, Jerry Rhodes, Angie Oberle, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Klare Schroeder

FOR THE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED
Mike Scharn

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED
We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Greg Overholt, Judy Wilson

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. The **REGISTRATION** form is at rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor/.

MEN will meet at OLBH on Sundays at 4 PM, they will be led by Fr. Andrzej.

WOMEN will meet at OLBH on Sundays at 4 PM, led by Samantha Hough, or at OLBH on Thursdays at 6 PM led by Cathleen Denekamp.



2025 Annual Gathering

Honoring Those Who Serve

Celebrating this year's Msgr. William O'Connell Founder's Award recipient

Jim Kinyon

Order of Saint Benedict Medal Award recipients:

Colleen Lecy
Maynard Konechne
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, September 30, 2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conf. Center

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November 6th
HARLAN COUNTY, USA (PG)

September 4th
CITY LIGHTS (G)

December 4th
SAFETY LAST (NR)

October 16th
THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE (NR)

Location:
ST. JOSEPH HALL CATHEDRAL OLPH

Time:
6:30 PM


More Info:
DIOCESAN WEBSITE

* The film festival is open to people of all ages. Some films, however, contain mature content or language; parents should familiarize themselves with the content of each film before deciding to bring their children.



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Monday, August 25th

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Celebrate Priesthood Sunday – 9/28

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday, a day dedicated to honoring the priesthood and promoting vocations. Take a moment to let Fr. Andrzej know you appreciate his ministry — through a thoughtful note, a phone call, a home-cooked meal, or another surprise. And don't forget about our retired priests. This celebration is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation. For more ideas on how to recognize and support our priests, visit the Serra Club's website: <https://serraspark.org/tools-new/priesthood-sunday/>

Black Hills Pregnancy Center invites you:

Life Dinner

Thursday, September 18th

Guest Speaker: Kyle Mann

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center
2111 N. LaCrosse St. | Rapid City, SD 57701

Welcome Reception 6:15 PM

Dinner & Program 7 PM

Dinner is complimentary. Adults only, please.

Seating is limited, registration is required.

An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be provided.



To Register:

Visit BHPCpartners.org

Access the QR code above

Call Black Hills Pregnancy Center Office: 605-341-4477

EventsBHPC@gmail.com

First Saturday Devotion

begins Saturday, September 6, 2025

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.



On the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, the Devotion consists of:

1. **Going to Confession** (8 days prior or after is acceptable if offered as an act of Reparation to Our Lady's Most Immaculate Heart).
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say 5 decades of the Rosary.
4. Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

Offer all these prayers and your intentions as an act of reparation for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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