



“On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.”

Luke 14:1

Dear Friends in Christ,

In my early years of priesthood as I was learning the ins and outs of the priesthood, I was mesmerized by a few things I observed. I was observing the people's attachment to their special seats in the church. How comfortable they are in one spot and how challenging it is for them to move somewhere else, especially when their seat is taken. But this situation was answered by another incident I observed. From time to time in the collection basket, there was a check with the annotation "pew rent." I was not familiar with this term so I asked for the explanation. It was then I found out that at some point in the life of the local church there was a pew rent collection. Parishioners were asked to help with the expanses by paying for the pew they were sitting in. I now understand how and why some people are so attached to their particular place in the church. They simply have bought the rights for this place. Unknowingly to them and the pastors, this pew rent has created a bit of unfriendly behavior. A behavior that usually was used towards strangers who without the local knowledge of the parish, would sometimes sit in the church in someone's seat. The local parishioners have paid for it so they thought they had rights to it as well. I am sure you have experienced in your lifetime the stern look from someone when you were visiting other churches. Maybe you were just new to them, or perhaps you just took their seat.

Jesus is using this "pew rent" idea to make a point in today's Gospel. He is entering a society where things seemed to be well established and laid out. But that is the local practice. Jesus could be nice and asked for a tutorial before he entered this home, but we know Jesus likes to make waves. He comes and breaks the status quo and invites himself to a Pharisee's house for a dinner. Very quickly Jesus is reminded that is not how the things work locally. But Jesus' response is that perhaps this local way of life is not the best one. It might work for the locals, but what about the visitor, the stranger and others? The Gospel and the teachings of Jesus constantly remind us of the need in our life to be open for new horizons.

New possibilities open up before us in sometimes least expected moments. The Holy Spirit whom we have received at the Baptism and Confirmation is constantly at work. And, yes, sometimes we may find ourselves just comfortable in our own "pew" that we think we have rented from God. But Jesus reminds us, that we still only are renting it and the owner – God – could come at any time and show us another use for it. Therefore, let's keep in mind and make a resolution to be constantly on the lookout for the new possibilities in our journey of Faith and the way God would make Himself known to us.

In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

Note: Thank you for your generosity and support you share with the parish, in the ways you volunteer and in financial support. Look out for Annual Parish Report in your mailboxes. And buy your tickets to Cavalier – our Catholic School Dinner and Fundraiser – details inside of the bulletin or contact Fr. Andrzej.

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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OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS PARISH FEAST DAY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3 PM ROSARY & PIE

5 PM MASS

**6 PM POTLUCK, KNIGHTS WILL
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**6 PM+ STREET DANCE, BOUNCE
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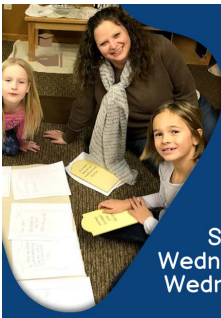
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8 AM MASS

9-10 AM ADORATION

11 AM MASS

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Sundays | 9:30-10:45 AM
Wednesdays Early | 4:30-5:45 PM
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*if your child is entering 2nd grade or higher and has not attended Faith Formation, please call the office.

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Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM

PARENT MEETING 9/10 @ 6:15 PM

Faith Formation Grades 8-12

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:30 PM



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*Grades 8-12 YDisciple small groups meet in host homes



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.

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



OCIA

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.

Baptized Catholic, or received First Communion but not Confirmation? Looking to learn more? This is also for you.

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, and Sydney Berra.



We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

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 II

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

Monday, September 1

Office closed

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, September 2

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Don Kramer

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8 AM Mass for the repose of Gregory Miller

Coffee & Desserts

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, September 4

8 AM Mass for a special intention

9 AM "Just Men" Bible study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, September 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Aubrie Hohm

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for the repose of Susan Oleson

First Friday Devotion

Saturday, September 6

BVM

7 AM Men's Cursillo

8 AM First Saturday Mass

8:30 AM First Saturday Adoration:

8:30 Rosary, 9 Silent Prayer, 9:20 Benediction

3 PM PARISH FEAST DAY ROSARY & PIE-bring a pie

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

6 PM PARISH FEAST DAY MEAL, bring a side or dessert

6:30 PM PARISH FEAST DAY PARTY, street dance, bounce house, train rides

Sunday, September 7

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the community of OLBH and the parish families of Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

ADORATION FOR PARISH FEAST DAY

11 AM Mass for the repose of Brehanna Anderson

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/6 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead) Jonathon and Luke

Lectors: Duane Riedlinger (1st) Joni Osnes (2nd)

Hospitality: Sue and Steve Colgan

Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

9/7 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Bri Katzenstein (lead) Thomas Jr and Eli H.

Lectors: Joyce Williamson (1st) Lori Caouette (2nd)

Hospitality: Lisa Katzenstein

Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

9/7 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Cole (lead) Cash and Alex

Lectors: Laura Varilek (1st) Cathy Long (2nd)

Hospitality: John and Bernie Usera

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

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.

Parent Meetings:

Wed. 9/10 Confirmation 6-7 PM


Wed. 9/10 First Communion 7-7:45 PM

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

August 23-24, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	100	154
Sunday Collection	3,654	5,039	8,692
Building Fund	42	-	42
Votive	-		14
Mass Intention			80
Total Contributions	3,749	5,139	8,981.36

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 September

Pope's Intention: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
- Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52:10, 11; Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Luke 5:1-11
- Friday: Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Luke 6:1-5
- Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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:

- September 1 Dennis R. Grenstiner (1982); Tony L. Grenstiner (1982); Emmit J. Prestjohn (1989)
- September 2 Doyle Dayton Roseland (2013)
- September 4 Rev. John (Jack) Birdsall (2019)
- September 5 Rev. James J. Butler (1970); Heather May Reindl (1986)
- September 7 Rev. James Sweeney (1952)

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 Wyrstek, 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, Jud Schumacher, Patricia Cariveau, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Rebecca Boylan, Kodi Carlin, Angie Oberle, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Klare Schroeder, Richard

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. Jerry Rhodes


A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly 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 1-605-209-3418 (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.

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September 20, 2025

5:00 PM

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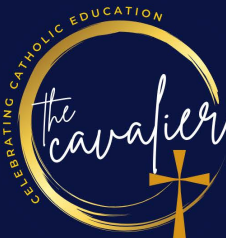
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Black Hills Pregnancy Center invites you:

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Thursday, September 18th

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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.



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Collection dates: September 6-7, 2025

August 13, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On August 12, 2025, I received a communication from Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, inviting all the bishops of the United States to join in a nationwide special collection of solidarity to seek to alleviate the profound suffering that currently afflicts our sisters and brothers in Gaza. Their human needs transcend any political considerations and cry out for our response of mercy! As the Lord himself commanded us, we are to feed the hungry, slake the thirsty, and care for the least among us. In doing so, we feed the Lord's hunger and thirst that his children be satisfied!

With a sense of solidarity in the humanity that we share with the people of Gaza, I invite our parishes and people to a **special collection on the weekend of September 6 & 7, 2025**. Please **make contributions payable to your parish and place them in the weekend collection**.

The funds will be provided to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services, both of which are already on the ground in Gaza.

May the prayers of Mary, Mother of Peace, move hearts to end this senseless war and the humanitarian tragedy it has produced and, at the same time, bring divine consolation into the profound suffering of the people of Gaza.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Scott E. Bullock'.

Most Rev. Scott E. Bullock, JCL
Bishop of Rapid City

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