



Our Lady of the
Black Hills



“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mt 17:4)

On Tuesday, of this week in the Gospel reading we heard of the apostles asking Jesus to teach them to pray. What Jesus gave them is the very simple and a very powerful prayer – the “Our Father.” We can look at this prayer in so many ways, but perhaps the easiest one is to remember that the first part speaks of the praise and glory of God – “Our Father, who art in Heaven”. The second part is focusing on us and our needs – “give us our daily bread.” The third part is focusing on others – “forgive us as we forgive others”. These three aspects are present in today’s Gospel readings as well – in the story of Transfiguration.

We are also a people of faith looking forward to greater things, greater than this world can offer. One of those great things we find in this week’s Gospel where we read of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of his disciples. What a great privilege James, John and Peter received when they were invited to participate in the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus made Himself known to the Apostles as the Son of God who lives in the presence of His Father and in the presence of great prophets from the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah. The three disciples were invited to participate in the Transfiguration, so that they could personally witness the greatness of the life to come, life with God in the Heavenly Kingdom. James, John, and Peter were privileged to not only experience Jesus in His humanity but in His divinity as well. We learn about the Apostles and find them pretty human but that is not what God had in mind for them. We remember them today because of the great things they were part of. We remember them weak but at the same time very strong with grace of God.

Today we continue the Lenten journey in the desert, to see how dusty and dry we can sometimes become. We are called to look at our actions and see how deep we sometimes sink into the “mud” of our sins. It might be easy then to say, “it is too late for me, I am so bad.” Or one might just pretend nothing has happened and that they are “good” in order to feel better about themselves. In the Transfiguration, God wants us to see that things can happen when we least expect them, that good can come from places seemingly dry and without hope. Every one of us can be changed by God in ways we do not expect. Let this season be a time not only of our desert but also a time of transformation from lifeless to life-giving, from a life of sinking to a life of joy, stability and purpose. From day-to-day responsibilities to a life with a mission to accomplish. This Lent, we reflect on what is our mission as a Church, what is our mission as a diocese, what is our mission as Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish, as families and what is my mission as a beloved of Christ?

Lent calls us to our own change through prayer, fasting and charity – also present and modeled on the Lord’s Prayer. Prayer – recognizing that God is at the center of who we are. Fasting – praying for “daily bread” is nothing more than fasting from the things that give us false sense of fulfillment, and charity – “forgive us as we forgive others” as we reach out to others.

Have a great Lent and do not forget Prayer, Fasting, and Acts of Charity.

See you at the Stations of the Cross on Friday, followed by an awesome Fish Fry prepared by the Knights in the shiny armor of God’s grace,
Fr. Andrzej

LENTE FRIDAYS

5 PM CONFESSIONS 6 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 PM K OF C FISH FRY

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Second Sunday in Lent (A) - February 28-March 1, 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

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Pastor Andrzej Wyrostek
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retired
Deacon John Osnes
Deacon Greg Sass
Deacon Phillip Thompson

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Our Lady of the Black Hills – Piedmont

Join us Fridays in Lent!

2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

Confessions 5 PM | Stations of the Cross 6 PM
FISH FRY 6:30 PM

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5 PM CONFESSIONS



6 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS



6:30 PM K OF C FISH FRY



Coffee & Desserts

The first Wednesday
of the month, following 8 AM Mass.
Bring a treat to share!
March 4



Parish Dinner

Lenten Meal

March 4

5:30-6:30 PM

The first Wednesday of the month.



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. You can also pick up a welcome packet from the counter on the back wall of the gathering space. Please visit often!



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First Friday of each month
Following 8:00am Mass

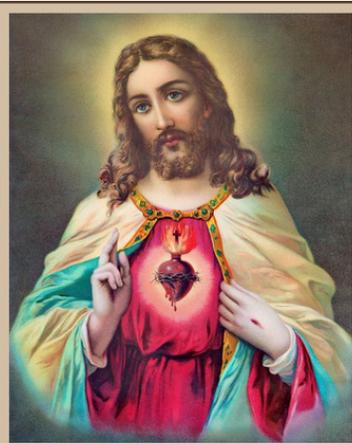
- Wear:** Comfortable Clothes
- Bring:** Exercise Mat
- Why:** A wonderful way to pray the Rosary!



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Prayers for Reparation to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus.

March 6th
following Mass



for all kids under 18
the second full weekend of their
birthday month at all Masses

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.
Saturday, March 7

Save the date!

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SOULCORE LENTEN PRAYER

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Mondays during Lent at 5:15pm

Wear: Comfortable Clothes
Bring: Exercise Mat
Why: Do something different this Lent-pray the Rosary!

Contact Jenny Scherr
j.scherr@hotmail.com
Follow us on Facebook: SoulCore 605

Suggested donation \$10/session for those who are able

Thank you to the hosts of coffee and rolls on Sunday morning. Please be sure to thank them for their ministry.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

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

Monday, 3/2

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

5:15 PM Lenten SOULCORE Movement and Prayer

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 3/3

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8 AM Mass for the repose of Deacon Joe Witte

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, 3/4

Saint Casimir

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Pamela Weaver

8:30 AM Coffee and Desserts

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation

5:30-6:30 PM Confession

5:30-6:30 PM PARISH MEAL

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, 3/5

8 AM Mass for the repose of Eddie Hohm

9 AM "Just Men Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, 3/6

8 AM Mass for the friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage

8:30 AM First Friday Devotion

5 PM Confessions

6 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saturday, 3/7

7 AM Men's Cursillo

First Saturday Devotion

7:30 AM Confessions

8 AM Mass for the repose of Jan

Wyrostek

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, 3/8

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM Mass for a special intention

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

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



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

3/7 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Meaghan A. (lead) Amelia and Eloise

Lector: Jan Evans (1st) Benjamin Funk (2nd)

Hospitality: Benjamin and Heather Funk

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Clarke

3/8 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Fred W. (lead) Kyah and Keeana

Lector: Marty Quinn (1st) Dorothy Edwards (2nd)

Hospitality: Robert and Suzanne Thompson

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

3/8 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) James Wynn

Lectors: Laura Varilek (1st) Cathleen Denekamp (2nd)

Hospitality: John and Bernie Usera

Sacristan: Kelli Siemieniak

Eucharistic Minister: Bernie Keeler

Intentions of the Holy Father for March:

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

February 21-22

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	6,457	10,110
Building Fund	42	46	88
Votives	-		45
Steubenville			20
Wine & Cheese			200
Total Contributions	3,749	6,503	10,516.84

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 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, Crescencia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), 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, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Mel Flottmeyer, Cathy Luedtke, Derrick Siemieniak, Karen Bestgen, Cathy Long, Alma Gamroth, Grant Albrecht, Holly Gunderson

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, Duke Schneller

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:

Mar 2: Jill Suzanne Gallant (2004)

Mar 3: Delores Miller (2019); Mary Louise Hummel (2020)

Mar 4: Dale Spencer (1994)

Mar 5: Rev. Reuben Valades (2013); Gordon Sorlie (1995)

Mar 6: Rev. John DeRaff (1966)

Mar 7: Rev. James Sheehan (1991); Alyce Lenore Mariner (2016)

Mar 8: Rev. George F. Heup (1965); Heather A. Oerlline-Whealy; Allen C. Erhart (2003)

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.

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.



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: Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Mon: Dan 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Fri: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Fiat Retreat

This retreat, directed by our Sisters, is for young women between the ages of 16 and 35 interested in learning more about Religious Life in our Institute.



The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary are offering a vocations retreat **March 20-22**. Meet the Rapid City sisters and hear how the Lord called them to give themselves totally to Him in love and in service of humanity, like Our Lady. This retreat will include Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, and talks by the SCTJM sisters. The Fiat Retreat is open to women ages 16-35. For questions, please contact Sr. Alexia, SCTJM at 786-585-4202 or sralexia@piercedhearts.org or Sr. Christine, SCTJM at chernandez@diorc.org.

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PASTORAL MINISTRY DAYS

For Leaders of the Faith

Pastoral Ministry Days welcomes Dr. Zena Hitz, tutor in the Great Books program at Saint John's College in Annapolis, MD, and author of *A Philosopher Looks at the Religious Life* and the acclaimed *Lost in Thought*. **March 15-17**, at Terra Sancta. She covers the joys of learning and the search for understanding. Come, experience renewal for your ministry. Register at rapidcitydiocese.org/pmd26/, please call the parish office if you would like us to register for you.

MEET OUR PRESENTER



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March 23-25

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH



Fr. Mark Baron, MIC is a priest of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, residing at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. He has given many missions on the Divine Mercy and Devotions and is proficient in the areas of healing and deliverance. He is the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. He served as a chaplain to the Pentagon.

Check the blessedsacramentchurch.org website or scan for details.



Jesus, I trust in You!



March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4a | 2 Tim 1:8b-10 | Mt 17:1-9

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

What struck me when I first read this passage from the Book of Genesis, in which the Lord speaks to Abraham, is God's proclamation that it is through *his will* and *his work* that the blessings and goodness of Abraham's future will come about. It is not a vague statement, in which the subject is omitted. God clearly says, "I will make your name great." Abraham was a faithful servant of God and sought to obey God's will, but that is not what made his name memorable. It is due to God's will and generosity that Abraham's blessings came about. I sometimes struggle with giving up credit for the good things in my life. I want to believe that *my work*, *my talents*, and *my dedication* have brought about these good things. But the reality is that all of who I am and the skills that I have is a gift. I was created by God and formed by others to hone certain dispositions and talents that have led to my accomplishments. When we come to realize that all we have is a gift, we are able to offer our lives back to be transfigured and glorified by God, who creates and gives all things.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Many scholars identify this moment of the Transfiguration as the climax of the narrative arc of the Gospels, after which Christ's actions lead to his suffering and death. In his passion, Christ demonstrates the ultimate submission to the will of God, taking on the weight of human sin in order to redeem us. In this moment of Transfiguration on the mountain, we glimpse the beauty of the glorification that will result from this perfect obedience to God's will. We, too, are called to surrender ourselves fully to God. Following Jesus' model of humble submission to the Father's will does not involve false humility, in which we are self-deprecating or overly critical of ourselves. Instead, we are called to acknowledge and celebrate our gifts and accomplishments, while also recognizing that who we are and the gifts that we have come from our generous and loving God.

REFLECT

Reflect on the gifts and talents you have been given, as well as the accomplishments that have come about because of these gifts. Take a moment to thank God for all that he has given to you, and ask him to reveal how you can be a witness to his goodness through the prudent use and celebration of these gifts.

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