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The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent we are called to rejoice as we anticipate the joy that awaits us at the end of our Lenten journey. The themes of our readings today center around sight and light.

In our Gospel, the blind man is given sight but seeing can be difficult for us. In our first reading the Lord said to Samuel, “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” Notice, how the blind man’s vision increases while those who oppose or don’t believe in Christ grow blinder. The cured man describes his healer as, “The man called Jesus,” then when he is asked about him again, he says, “He is a prophet,” and finally when Jesus reveals himself the cured man professes, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worships him. The Pharisees on the other hand begin by admitting the miracle took place as they asked how he was able to see. Then it was denied that he had been blind in the first place and in the end, they threw the cured man out of the synagogue. The blind man in his humbleness continues to turn toward the light while the Pharisee’s in their pride turn away.

Jesus told the cured man, “I came into this world for judgement, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.” Jesus is teaching that those who in their humility recognize their lack of spiritual understanding and who are open to his teachings and grace, may come to see the truth and receive spiritual light. While those who in their pride believe they already possess full knowledge or righteousness are blind to the truth of Jesus’ message and the need for God’s grace.

In this season Lent God calls us out of darkness and sin into light and life. I pray that your Lenten journey has been and is a time of conversion and spiritual growth especially for the catechumens and candidates who are preparing to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and eucharist at the upcoming Easter Vigil.

In our prayer after communion today, we pray, “O, God who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, to illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.”

–Deacon Phillip

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Fourth Sunday in Lent (A) - March 14-15, 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

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Deacon Greg Sass
Deacon Phillip Thompson

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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

LENTEN FRIDAYS

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

5 PM CONFESSIONS



6 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS



6:30 PM K OF C FISH FRY



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!

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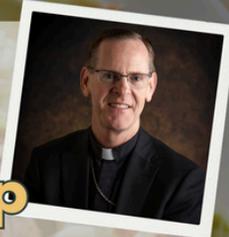
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for those who are able

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!

Evening Prayer and Dinner With the Bishop



An Evening of Faith, Fraternity and Food

Vocation Stories from:
Bishop Scott Bullock
Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Pastor



www.tinyurl.com/Bishops-Dinner
Register by March 25!

for young men in high school
Wednesday, April 8, 2026



6:00 pm (during YDisciple) in the Rectory
Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish



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Coffee & Desserts

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

April 1

Area Penance Liturgies

St. Francis - Sturgis, 3/15 at 3 PM

Blessed Sacrament - Rapid City, 3/24 from 4-6 PM

St. Therese - Rapid City, 3/26 from 5-7 PM

HOLY WEEK 2026



HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY
3/2 at 6 PM



GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY
3/3 at 6 PM



EASTER VIGIL MASS
3/4 at 8:15 PM



EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
3/5 at 8 & 11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt
3/5 following 8 AM Mass

First Friday Devotion First Saturday Devotion



For the First Friday and First Saturday Devotions during Holy Week please pray privately. Confessions are provided earlier in the week. The Eucharist will be available on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil to receive on First Friday and/or on First Saturday.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss IV

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

Monday, 3/16

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

**OFFICE CLOSED for Pastoral Ministry Days*

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

5:15 PM Lenten SOULCORE Movement and Prayer

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 3/17

**OFFICE CLOSED for Pastoral Ministry Days*

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Adam Hohm

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, 3/18

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of the Weber family

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

Thursday, 3/19

8 AM Mass for the repose of Greg Overholt

9 AM "Just Men Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

5:30 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting

Friday, 3/20

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Deacon Walt Wilson

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the repose of Christine Norman

5 PM Confessions

6 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saturday, 3/21

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the communities of OLBH and our sister parishes of Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

Sunday, 3/22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Bob and Susan Thompson

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the repose of Margaret E. Knauer



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

3/21 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead) Julia and Stella

Lector: Teresa Thompson (1st) Diane Clarke (2nd)

Hospitality: Kimberly and Tracy Cook

Sacristan: Cindy Creager

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

3/22 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Tom C. (lead) Thomas Jr. and Reese

Lector: Marty Quinn (1st) Lynelle Sazama (2nd)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

3/22 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) NOT FILLED

Lectors: Laura Kelso (1st) Craig Kelso (2nd)

Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

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.

March 7-8, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	385	439
Sunday Collection	3,654	6,454	10,108
Building Fund	42	50	92
Votives	-		85
St. Vincent de Paul			250
Parish Dinner			121
Total Contributions	3,749	6,889	11,093.81

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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, Adrianne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia 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, Raymond Weber, Loren Kususke

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.

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 16: Msgr. Arthur Doyle (1994); Rev. PAul G. Dahms (2014)
Mar 17: Rev. Francis X. Parisian (1955)
Mar 20: Jennie C. Murphy (1992); Delores "Peggy" Volin (2019)
Mar 21: V. Rev. James T. Tunnissen (1977); Terrence Kirkland (1986)
Mar 22: Rev. Emil Perrig, S.J. (1909)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Mon: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Tues: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thurs: 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12

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.

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THE HEALING POWER OF DIVINE MERCY

LENTEN MISSION
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.



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 ckling@sdplains.com for help, information, and encouragement.

Spring Vita Christi Retreat

Who is the Holy Spirit and what part does He have in our lives? Does He animate us, give us life, fill us with joy and peace? How do we open our hearts to more fully receive the Spirit and all the graces He wants to bestow on us? How do we let Him transform us and give us a new heart? This retreat weekend will answer these questions and many more. On April 24-26, 2026 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. More information and registration details are available on the diocesan website. The retreat will be directed by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Register at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/vitaspring26/>

The OLBH office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, 3/16-17, for the staff to attend Pastoral Ministry Days.

BEYOND SUNDAY

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GUEST SPEAKER
ADAM MINIHAN
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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

1 Sm 16:1b 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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

There has been much commentary over the centuries about Jesus' use of saliva and mud to heal the man born blind. One of the most profound interpretations I have read reminds us that in Genesis, God made man out of "the dust of the ground." (Gen 2:7) Jesus' use of mud in the Gospel suggests that he is re-creating the blind man before him. The man receives a whole new life, such that even those who see him after his healing question whether he is the same person as before: "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" ... "No, he just looks like him." Through this Gospel, I've come to believe that Jesus is inviting us to see that every time he touches us in the sacraments, we are inwardly re-created, inwardly renewed. As we come to this midway point in Lent, let's open our eyes to the ways God is waiting to meet us with his healing love in the sacraments, and avail ourselves of this amazing grace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading offers a powerful reminder that although humans see what's on the outside, God looks at our hearts. While the prophet Samuel thought surely God's hand was on Jesse's oldest son, God chooses David, the youngest, who was out tending the sheep. In the Gospel, the Pharisees look at the man born blind and think he is a sinner, born from sinners. But underneath is a man whom Jesus sends (the name of the pool that Jesus instructs him to go wash in means "Sent") to bear witness to all that God has done for him. God often chooses the unlikeliest (in our eyes) persons to be the messengers of his Gospel. At times we may wonder why God has chosen us or feel ourselves lacking in the qualities needed to lead others to the Lord. In those moments, let's trust that through our baptism and confirmation, the Lord has put his Spirit in us and has equipped us for the work of sharing the Gospel.

REFLECT

The lyrics "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see," from the hymn "Amazing Grace" is based in part on today's Gospel reading. The man born blind says, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." Locate a favorite rendition of this song and use it in your prayer time this week, reflecting on the ways God has brought you greater spiritual vision and inner renewal this Lent.

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