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Black Hills



“If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.” Romans 8:11

If a true "friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17), why did Jesus delay in coming to Lazarus' home when he knew that his friend was gravely ill? Jesus certainly loved Lazarus and his two sisters and he often stayed in their home at Bethany. But to the surprise of his friends and disciples, Jesus did not go right away to Bethany when he was called. Jesus explained that Lazarus' sickness would bring glory to God. The glory which Jesus had in mind, however, was connected with suffering and the cross. He saw the cross as his supreme glory and the way to glory in the kingdom of God. For Jesus there was no other way to glory except through the cross.

The explanation which Jesus gave to his disciples was simple and challenging at the same time. "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" In so many words he said: "There are enough hours in the day to do what one must do." A day can neither be rushed nor extended. In God's economy we each have our "day" whether it be short or long. While time is limited, there is enough for us to accomplish what God intends. We can either waste it or use it to the utmost for God's glory. Jesus did not let circumstances or pressure dictate what he would do. Nor did he permit others to dictate his actions or timetable. He took action of his own initiative and in his time.

The name Lazarus means "God is my help". Jesus' parable of the poor man Lazarus who died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31), ends with a warning: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." Through Lazarus' sickness and subsequent death, God brought glory through Jesus his only begotten Son, who raised his friend from the dead in anticipation of his own death and resurrection.

What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you"

Our participation in the Lord's Supper in the Eucharist already gives us a foretaste of Jesus' transfiguration of our bodies. Irenaeus, a second century church father states: "Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly: so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection" (Adv. Haeres. 4,18).

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Fifth Sunday in Lent (A) - March 21-22, 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  
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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

## 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

Moved to Wednesday, 3/25

Wear: Comfortable Clothes

Bring: Exercise Mat

Why: Do something different  
this Lent-pray the Rosary!

Contact Jenny Scherr  
j.scherr@hotmail.com

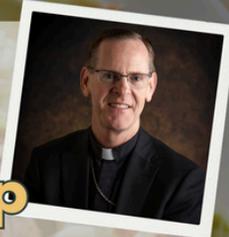
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for those who are able

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## 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](http://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

## HOLY WEEK 2026



HOLY THURSDAY  
LITURGY  
4/2 at 6 PM



GOOD FRIDAY  
LITURGY  
4/3 at 6 PM



EASTER VIGIL MASS  
4/4 at 8:15 PM



EASTER SUNDAY  
MASSES  
4/5 at 8 & 11 AM

Easter Egg Hunt  
3/5 following 8 AM Mass

## Area Penance Liturgies

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

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

# 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 I

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

*Monday, 3/23*

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

*Tuesday, 3/24*

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Joe Creek

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

*Wednesday, 3/25*

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**8 AM Mass** for a special intention

**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

6:15 PM Lenten SOULCORE Movement and Prayer in St. Joseph's Hall

*Thursday, 3/26*

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Bernie Gerving

9 AM "Just Men Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

*Friday, 3/27*

**8 AM Mass** for all souls in Purgatory

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**School** for the wellbeing of Cody Cassen

5 PM Confessions

6 PM Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

*Saturday, 3/28*

7 AM Men's Cursillo

**3:30-4:30 PM Confessions**

**5 PM Mass** for the repose of Ben Schatz

*Sunday, 3/29*

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Rita Matthews

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

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

12 noon-2 PM CSS PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE RAMKOTA



## UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

3/28 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Ethan H. (lead) Jonathon and Luke

Lector: Angie Oberle (1<sup>st</sup>) Dave Allardyce (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Teresa Thompson (Voice) Dcn Phillip Thompson (Narrator)

Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell

Sacristan: Todd and Jenny Curtis

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

3/29 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Fred W. (lead) Eli and William

Lector: Brenda Flottmeyer (1<sup>st</sup>) Lynelle Sazama (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Joshua Weaver (Voice) Dcn Greg Sass (Narrator)

Hospitality: Jack and Debra Jensen

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

3/29 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Tom Collings (lead) Thomas Jr and James W.

Lectors: Joni Osnes (1<sup>st</sup>) Kim Wynn (2<sup>nd</sup>) Laura

Varilek (Voice) Dcn John Osnes (Narrator)

Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

### *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 14-15, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	500	554
Sunday Collection	3,654	5,697	9,351
Building Fund	42	1,055	1,097
Votives	-		35
Priest Retirement			285
Liturgical Needs			2,000
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>7,252</b>	<b>13,321.31</b>

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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

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# 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 24: Rev. Thomas G. Gorman (1987); Joseph E. Creek (2015); Edwin G. Miller (2018)

Mar 25: Rev. Alban R. Reid (1972)

Mar 26: Marlene Carol Maxwell (2018)

Mar 27: Rev. Philip J. O'Connell (1964); Rev. Thomas I. Downey, S.P. (1966); Leo James Crawford (2015)

Mar 29: Delmar Walz (1994)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Mon: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tues: Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

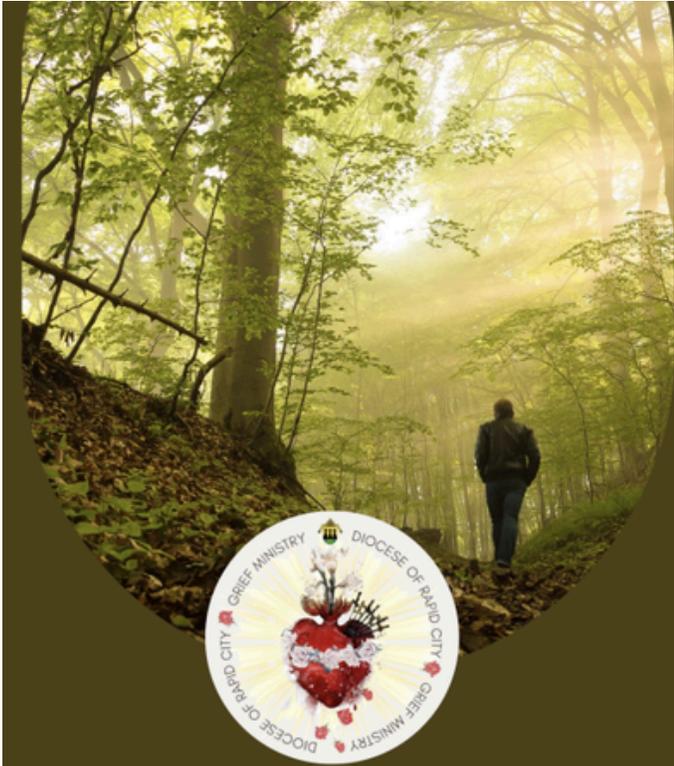
Thurs: Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

## 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](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org).



# JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

SUPPORT GROUP  
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED  
THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

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TUESDAYS  
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ROOTED IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION,  
BUT ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



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## 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](mailto: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/>

# BEHOLD YOUR *Child*



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**APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> | 3 PM**

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retreat to honor the  
life of your child  
with a guest speaker,  
group discussion,  
and time with our  
Lord in Adoration.

**PREGNANCY LOSS RETREAT**

March 22, 2026

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

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

The raising of Lazarus marks an irreversible turning point in Jesus' ministry. It's impossible to publicly raise someone from the dead and continue to fly beneath the radar. It's no surprise that the next time we meet Jesus, he'll be greeted with Hosannas and palm branches as the promised Son of David. But we also know that by raising Lazarus, Jesus attracts the attention of his enemies and sets himself on a course that ultimately leads to the cross. In our own life of discipleship, there may be times when we will have to step up and make a decisive and public choice for our faith or our values. Standing up for what's right may bring praise and admiration, or lead to misunderstanding or even persecution. We can draw strength in these decisive moments from the knowledge that the One we follow is the resurrection and the life. Any risk we take in following him is worth it in the end.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel passage features the shortest and perhaps one of the most profound verses in all of Scripture: "And Jesus wept." This text reveals that before he restored his friend to life, we have a God who weeps with us over the losses and tragedies of our lives. Likewise, before we can announce the Good News of the Gospel, we must learn the "art of accompaniment," as Pope Francis reminded us in *Evangelii Gaudium*. (169) This requires that we offer "our closeness and our compassionate gaze" to all those we seek to evangelize. When our first action consists of compassion, empathy, and entering into the joys and sorrows of others, our efforts at evangelization will bear much fruit.

### INVITATION

St. Paul tells us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." (Rom 12:15) As we enter the final week of Lent and prepare for Holy Week, spend some time thinking about who in your life is experiencing a particular moment of joy or sorrow at this time. Consider one concrete action you can take to be present to them: it could be dropping off a meal to someone who recently had surgery, sitting with someone who lost a loved one and listening as they share stories of their lives together, or bringing a special treat to celebrate a friend's recent accomplishment. Then - do it.



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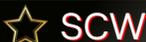
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