



Our Lady of the
Black Hills



“I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

John 4:26

Recently, we noticed our kitchen sink was draining slowly. Initially, while I found it annoying, I mostly just ignored it. As it continued to drain slower, I eventually cleaned out the things under the sink, took apart the trap, and tried to fix it. I dragged out a garden hose, attached a “water bladder”, then fed it into the pipe as far as I could get it. With the water turned on, a series of “sounds” emanated from the pipes in the walls. When the sounds changed, being pretty sure I was successful, the water was turned off. However, as the “bladder” returned to its original size, I was showered with a backwash of dark, unpleasant drainage.

Frustrated but cautiously confident that the problem was at least partially resolved, I reassembled everything, and it appeared the drain was once again working. But soon, there was water standing in the sink. And while I continued to try to resolve the issue myself, I eventually had to call an expert to fully resolve the issue.

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear about Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. In this well-known passage, Jesus shows the woman He already knows the full story of her life. It is apparent this is not the life the woman would have desired. But after her encounter with Jesus, it changed her. She returned to the town, telling everyone she met all about Jesus. She appeared to have been freed from the shame and sin that had bound her.

When we take the time to examine our own lives, particularly the sins in our lives, we might find some parallel to the slow drain. Consider some examples that may feel familiar: “I cursed out another driver,” but nobody knows about it because it was just me in my car. “I only have a \$20 bill so I’ll skip putting something in the collection plate this week and will next week” — but never do. “I am so tired today, God will understand if I skip Mass just this one Sunday.” These start out as little things which are easy to ignore, but they continue to grow. Our white baptismal garment may be turning gray — or in some cases, covered in dark spots of grime that we’ve been too busy or too proud to address.

But Jesus still loves us. He wants to “fix” the “dark spots” in our lives. In John 20:23, Jesus tells His disciples, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” This is the Sacrament of Confession. It is an opportunity for us to encounter Jesus through the priest in persona Christi (in the person of Christ). It truly is Jesus telling us, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

OLBH Lenten Penance Liturgy
Tuesday, 3/10, 6-7:30 PM

Serviam,
Deacon Greg

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Third Sunday in Lent (A) - March 7-8, 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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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



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

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS - PIEDMONT

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!

Lenten Penance Liturgy

Tuesday, 3/10 6-7:30 PM

Chair SoulCore
Rosary Prayer + Movement

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Our Lady of the Black Hills

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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!

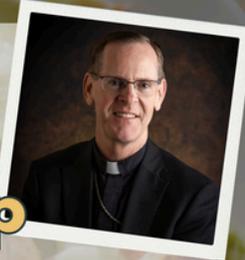


Save the date!

Groups
EGYPT
Joseph's Journey
from prison to palace

VBS @ OLBH 2026 | JUNE 9-12TH

Evening Prayer and Dinner With the Bishop



An Evening of Faith, Fraternity and Food

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

for young men in high school

Wednesday, April 8, 2026



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



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



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Pope Leo XIV
has designated 2026

the Jubilee Year of

St. Francis of Assisi

1226-2026



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

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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

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

Monday, 3/9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

5:15 PM Lenten SOULCORE Movement and Prayer

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 3/10

8 AM Mass for the repose of Jean Schacher

6-7:30 PM Lenten Penance Liturgy

Wednesday, 3/11

8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Wilson

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, 3/12

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

9 AM "Just Men Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, 3/13

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Bill Matthews

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, 3/14

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, 3/15

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Wanda Moranti



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

3/14 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean Bestgen (lead) Otto and Oliver

Lector: Jean Hohm (1st) Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

3/15 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Justin C. (lead) Alexandria and Elaina

Lector: Joyce Williamson (1st) Jay Hammerquist (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

3/15 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) Talia and Leo E.

Lectors: Emmet Edwards (1st) Tony Berendse (2nd)

Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba

Sacristan: Matthew, Mary, and Brad Blauvelt

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

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 28 - March 1, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	525	579
Sunday Collection	3,654	6,960	10,614
Building Fund	42	1,165	1,207
Votives	-		15
Steubenville			100
Sister Parish			3,800
Total Contributions	3,749	8,650	16,314.31

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, Adrianne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescena 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 9: Rev. Francis B. Vallo (1992)

Mar 11: Most Rev. John J. Lawler (1948); Rev. Benedict Detterman, T.O.R. (1965)

Mar 12: Mary Jane Rolph Coleman (1997); Dennis Dean Schumacher, Jr. (2021)

Mar 13: Robert Lee Varilek (2021)

Mar 14: Msgr. Wenzel A. Sobolewski (1975); Rev. Glendon Welshons, S.J. (2003)

Mar 15: Rosella Hirchert (2012)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Mon: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab, Lk 18:9-14

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.



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.

Fides QUAERENS Intellectum

Faith seeking understanding in the life of the pastoral leader



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



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.



Jesus, I trust in You!



March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, Moses heard their cries and recognized their deeper need, not simply for water, but for hope. And so Moses calls upon the Lord, who gives them water in the desert, revealing his trustworthiness. In the big and little ways that we ask the same question – “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” – our loving and generous Father reminds us that he has not abandoned us and that his goodness will ultimately prevail. It’s easy to become disgruntled like the Israelites when there is great pain and suffering around us. But through the ways that we care for one another and the peace that we find in prayer, the Father reminds us that he stands with us, granting us sustenance and grace.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Christ told the woman at the well that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, she thought he was offering literal water. Christ was instead revealing his own identity as the Son of God. This woman, who hears the words of Christ and knows God’s promise of a Messiah, is filled with hope as she comes to recognize that the Lord indeed was in her midst. And I find it interesting that when she told people in town of her encounter with Christ, she told them of how he saw the mistakes of her past. Jesus loved her, and called her to step into the fullness of who she could be by turning away from the past that she clung to. We live in a world where we have very real physical needs, like the Israelites who thirsted, and the need to be seen in love, like the Samaritan woman. Ultimately, at the core of both of these needs is the desire for the hope that only God can give. When we serve our neighbors and look upon others with love, we can also be the vessel through which the presence of God is made known.

WITNESS

In our world, people are constantly asking the question, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Reflect on one way that you can share the Good News of the Gospel through word or action to make the presence of God known to those in your community.

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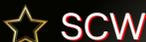
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