What Is the Purpose of All Souls Day?

All Souls Day, celebrated on November 2, is set aside in the Roman Catholic Church to pray for the souls in purgatory (Eastern Catholics celebrate five All Souls Saturdays, which occur before and during Lent, and on the Saturday before Pentecost). The Church teaches that purgatory is a temporary state of purification for those who have died in God's grace but still carry the effects of venial sins (forgiven and unforgiven) and forgiven mortal sins. The faithful on earth are called to offer prayers, sacrifices, and Masses to help these souls attain the beatific vision, eternal life with God in heaven. This day emphasizes the doctrine that the souls of the faithful departed need our prayers as they complete their purification.

While All Souls Day is primarily a Roman Catholic observance (by Eastern Catholics, as noted above) its traditions extend to other Christians, including some Anglican and Lutheran denominations. However, it is rooted in Catholic doctrine, especially the belief in purgatory and the efficacy of praying for the dead. Catholic teaching encourages the faithful on earth to intercede for the dead, as it is seen as a charitable act of mercy. All Souls Day is entirely dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed. It is a day when Catholics believe that the Church Militant (the faithful on earth) can assist the Church Suffering (souls in purgatory) through prayer, sacrifices, and offering Masses on their behalf. It is a day to remember our deceased loved ones, pray for their repose, and reflect on our mortality. Those prayers can also include asking for the intercession of the Church Triumphant (the saints in heaven).

Purgatory, in which is rooted the commemoration of All Souls Day, is often a big stumbling for Protestant Christians. They argue it's contrary to the biblical teaching that Jesus' one sacrifice of Calvary is sufficient for atoning for our sins (see, e.g., Heb. 9:12; 10:14; 1 Pet. 3:18). However, they fail to distinguish between the objective work of Christ's sacrifice of Calvary and our subjective appropriation of his redemptive work, which requires our initial and ongoing free-will response. Indeed, Jesus says we must be baptized to become his disciples (Matt. 28:18-20; see 1 Pet. 3:21; Acts 22:16); and that we also need to have forgiven the sins we commit after we're baptized, with the apostles and their successors specially designated to forgive or retain the sins of the faithful (John 20:21-23). In other words, salvation is a process. Part of that process can include purgation after we die. Jesus atones for the eternal punishment of our sins, as only he as God can, but he calls us to unite with him in remitting the temporal punishment, which can include fully detaching from our attachment to the bad habits we've cultivated while living on earth.

Real love is a two-way street, and thus calls for a response in kind. Jesus wants to truly rehabilitate us by enabling us to love as he does—unconditionally and sacrificially—and Jesus helps us do so through our self-denying and redemptive cooperation with him.

The Bible gives various evidence for purgatory, including in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and Luke 12:41-48, 57-59 (see Matt. 12:32). We also know from Scripture that all the faithful are united in the Mystical Body of Christ and thus concerned for one another (1 Cor. 12:12-26). And so we pray for our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. And if the prayer of a righteousness man on earth has much power (Jas. 5:16), how much more do those of the saints in heaven have? (Rev. 5:8; see Heb. 12:23). Through All Souls Day, the Church continues this biblical tradition by calling for prayers for those who have died. For more scriptural support on Purgatory, read our related tract.

While the Bible does not explicitly mention "All Souls Day," the practice of praying for the dead has other biblical roots. In 2 Maccabees 12:46, Judas Maccabeus prays for the fallen soldiers who had died with sin. This passage is one of the key scriptural bases for the doctrine that the souls of the dead benefit from our prayers. In addition, in 2 Timothy 1:16-18, Paul prays for the soul of Onesiphorus, which also affirms that the dead can profit from our prayerful intercessions. Thus, the Church encourages this commemoration as a practice consistent with biblical faith. (you can find more at Catholic Answers at: Catholic.org)

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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New or Visiting?

We look forward to meeting you. To register in the parish, we invite you to stop by the office or visit olbh.org. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter on the back wall of the gathering space. Join us again and visit often!

The Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed

[All Souls Day]

Monday, 11/2
Mass at 8 AM

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,
Thank you for the many beautiful expressions of Gospel love that you shared with me on the 25th anniversary of my ordination. It has been a great privilege to accompany you in times of joy and sorrow for so many years. I often say that my OLBH family has blessed me and my family far more than I can ever bless you as a Servant of Christ.
Keep the Faith! Deacon John

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

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

Monday, 11/2
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)
7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study
8 AM MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY for the repose of Elliott Pochant
7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 11/3
THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8 AM Mass for the friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, 11/4
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Larry Williamson
Coffee & Desserts
8:30 AM-7:30 PM Adoration
5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, 11/5
8 AM MASS for for the repose of the Keller & Holzer Grandparents
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study & Witness
9 AM Women's Bible Study
7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, 11/6
8 AM MASS for the repose of Loren Kasuske
First Friday Devotion
8:30 AM Mass at Saint Elizabeth Seton School for the wellbeing of Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

Saturday, 11/7
7 AM Men's Cursillo
First Saturday Devotion
7:30 AM Confessions
8 AM Mass for Catholic Daughters who have died
8:30-9:30 AM Adoration
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life
Country Store & Silent Auction Open 6-7 PM

Sunday, 11/8
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 AM Mass for the repose of Betty Lou Williamson
Country Store & Silent Auction Open 9-1:30 PM
11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of Kenel, Bullhead, and McLaughlin
11-1:30 PM Turkey Dinner & Carnival Games

UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

11/7 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Benjamin Funk (lead) Amelia F.
Lector: John Usera (1st) Bernadette Usera (2nd)
Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan
Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher
Eucharistic Minister Body: Deacon Phillip Thompson

11/8 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Justin Carlin (lead) Elaina and Farrah
Lector: Bob Weaver (1st) Joyce Williamson (2nd)
Hospitality: Jusin and Kodi Carlin
Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman
Eucharistic Minister Body: Larry Williamson

11/8 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Bernie Keeler (lead) Hannah
Lectors: Carisa Gerving (1st) Sheila Keeler (2nd)
Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba
Sacristan: Stacy Tate
Eucharistic Minister Body: Lee Ann Den Otter

Pope's Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

October 24-25

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,756	4,415	8,171
Building Fund	59	200	259
Mass Intentions	-		10
Scheels Emp Donation			500
Parish Dinner			100
Total Contributions	3,869	4,615	9,093.82

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, Ann Langlois, Adrianne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), John Gerving, Mary Ann Pulaski, Coleen Short, Ryan Wilson, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Mel Flottmeyer, Derrick Siemieniak, Grant Albrecht, Nicole Devlin, Carol Waliser, Jerry Werdel, Cathy Long, Karen Lau, Janet Murphy, Alma Gamroth, Noah Harrison, Sue Stokes, Joanne Harmon, Judy Roemich

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. Liam Cox

PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to the private OLBH prayer chain, text Shanesa Rhodes at 605-786-4240.

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention 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:

Nov 1: Deacon Lawrence Kocer (2005); Charles Panek (1965); Cora Coad (1965); Elizabeth "Betty" Walz (2017)
Nov 2: Francis E. Basler (1991)
Nov 4: Msgr. Francis J. Guessen (1955); Evelyn Sargent (1998)
Nov 6: Donald Lee Higgins (2017)
Nov 7: Rev. James E. Keller (1958); Joyce Joann Kaubisch (2022); Bertha Elizabeth Shinnick (2022)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Mon: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Tues: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wed: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thurs: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Fri: Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

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 Karen Hendricks. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-499-8459 (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.

Our Lady of the Black Hills First Quarter Financial Report

FY 26/27 - 1ST QTR.

BALANCE SHEET	
Checking & Savings	138,496.52
Contingency Building Insurance	118,000.00
Contingency Building Savings	449,588.44
Contingency Savings	101,876.56
Land	66,376.00
Land Improvements	91,456.62
Religious Articles	19,148.03
Buildings & Improvements	694,890.83
Furniture & Equipment	271,511.85
TOTAL ASSESTS	**1,951,344.85**
Amounts held for others	3,041.52
St. Vincent	0.00
Dioceasan Donations	7,085.07
Fund Balance account	1,941,218.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	**1,951,344.85**

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT	
Income:	
Collections	126,437.11
Merchandise Donations	0.00
Memorials	0.00
PPP Loan Forgiveness	0.00
*New Building Funds	5,927.14
Subtotal Contributions	**132,364.25**
Parish Activities	1,298.76
Fall Festival	1,000.00
Subtotal Parish Income	**2,298.76**
Reimbursements	0.00
Interest & Dividends	4,233.18
Misc./Facility Income	240.00
Miscellaneous Income	**4,473.18**
TOTAL INCOME	**$139,136.19**

Expenses:	
Salaries	55,053.02
Employee Benefits	23,506.44
Continuing Education	1,770.00
Subtotal Salary/Benefits Expense	**80,329.46**
Office Supplies	505.43
Computer Supplies/IT Support	131.05
Postage	234.00
Office Expenses	1,422.13
Subscriptions/Dues	637.76
Subtotal Office Expenses	**2,930.37**
Worship Aids	2,278.30
Liturgical Supplies	2,509.14
Choir Expenses	455.40
Special Events	550.64
Service to Parishioners	519.09
Subtotal	**6,312.57**
Household/Table Expenses	2,724.81
Travel Expenses	1,886.62
Subtotal Household Expenses	**4,611.43**
Utilities	8,450.75
Equipment & Building	10,124.28
Assessments/Donations	24,915.78
Subtotal Parish Expenses	**43,490.81**
Grade School Religious Ed	1,680.39
Vacation Bible School/VBS	1,489.61
Atrium/Catecist Good Shepherd	748.72
Middle/High School Ed	1,276.75
Adult Ed	2,453.59
Parish Education	2,847.29
Subtotal Faith Form. Expenses	**10,496.35**
Parish Activities	1,593.23
Assistance/Gifts /Misc.	0.00
Interest Loan	0.00
Capital Improvements	450.00
Subtotal Misc. Expenses	**2,043.23**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$150,214.22**
Building Savings Deposit	
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	**-$11,078.03**

Online giving helps us to better project our budget and manage our finances. To DONATE to the parish and to the ministries we support, scan the QR code. Contributions can also be made by using the envelopes in the pews or by placing a check in the basket. All gifts are credited to your name.

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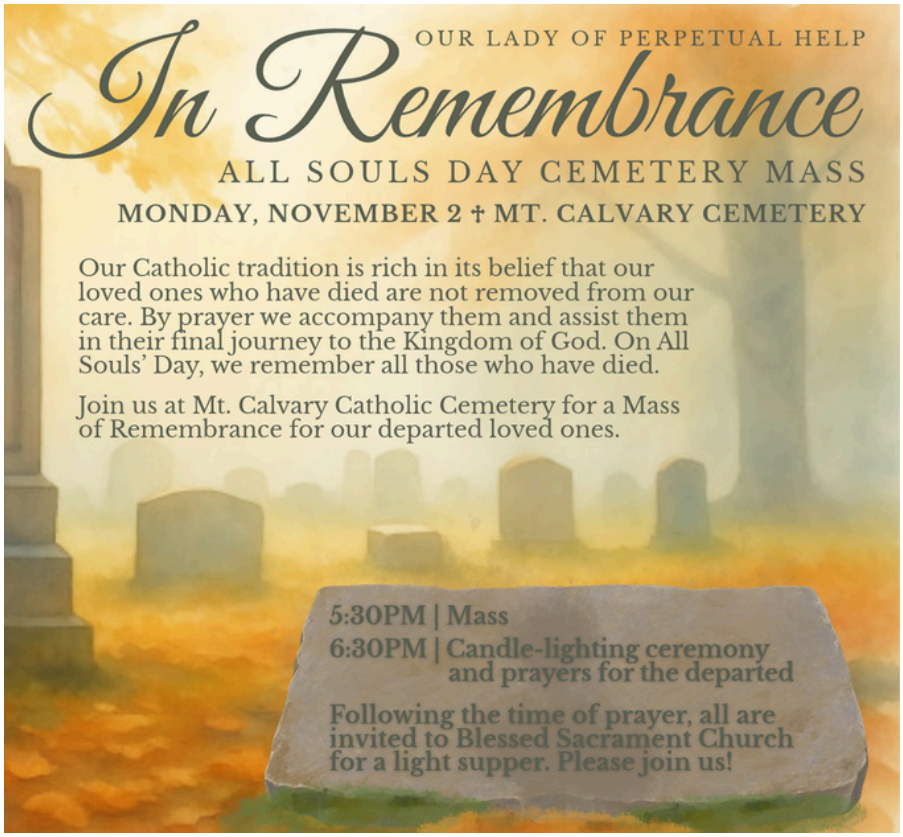

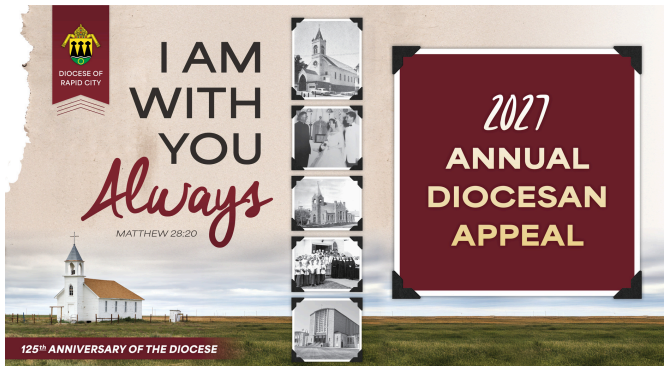

On November 8th & 9th everyone will be asked to prayerfully consider a charitable contribution in supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal. In the coming weeks, the information and forms will be provided during Mass 11/14-15 for the 2027 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

We are challenged to reach a parish participation goal of 498 families and a contribution goal of $140,000.

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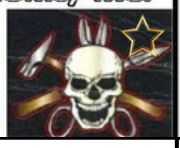

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