



“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.”

Luke 17:14-16

Dear Friends in Christ,

Gratitude is a virtue that comes to us pretty naturally. We are pretty comfortable saying Thank You, Your Welcome, or we just respond with the warm smile. Gratitude is a vital essence of our everyday life, but do we really live it to its potential? I found this quote from Thomas Merton: “There is something in the depths of our being that hungers for wholeness and finality. Because we are made for eternal life, we are made for an act that gathers up all the powers and capacities of our being and offers them simultaneously and forever to God.” That is what gratitude does for us and in us, as long as it is sincere.

10 lepers, outcasts of the society, are looking for some handouts to support their life. They approach Jesus who simply sends them off to the priests. He does not give them what the world suggests but gives them what their whole being longs for – new hope, restores their dignity, reconciles them with the world and with themselves.

The Gospel does not tell us what has happened to the other nine, but we can presume that they probably went on to celebrate, to visit their old friends and relatives. We can presume that they were grateful too, as they shared the happy news of being healed. Jesus, however, is pointing to something more. True gratitude finds a reason for not only saying quick Thank you, or does not just call for a happy smile. True gratitude helps us to change our life, way we think and how we use the newfound gift of wholesome healing.

As the Samaritan returns to Jesus, he embraces two cultures, which for many reasons have been at odds with each other. He is not afraid to return and say Thank you to the one who is different, who at first seemed to be indifferent to him, and yet who has changed his life.

One of the ways we can say thank you for the great gifts God has blessed us with, is the goodness we share with each other. In the next few weeks, we will be preparing to celebrate our parish Fall Festival fundraiser. We will also share a time at the turkey dinner. These are great opportunities to reflect on our response to God and our neighbor, as we recognize many blessings in our life. I invite you to consider ways you can and are willing to sacrifice and to share the good things in our parish. Your generosity is amazing, and your kindness made real through your sacrifice is a visible way we give thanks to God for His mercy and blessings. Keep up the good work and give thanks to God – see you at the Fall Festival on November 01-02, 2025 – Feast of All Saints and The Faithful Departed.

Fr. Andrzej.

LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Tuesday-Friday 8 AM

*The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM prior to Daily Mass

**First Friday Devotion following Mass on first Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

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HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
following 11 AM Mass

We need treaters & TRUNKERS! ★ ★

Please decorate a TRUNK.
Pass out candy/treats to the kids of the parish.
Sign up to host a trunk or come the day of!

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Fall Festival & Turkey Dinner

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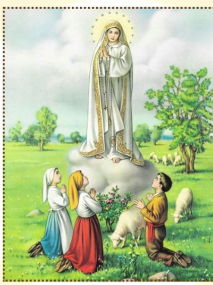
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Saturday, 11/1, 6-7 PM
Sunday, 11/2, 9-1 PM

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Fatima Night!

Wednesday, October 15 at 5:15pm

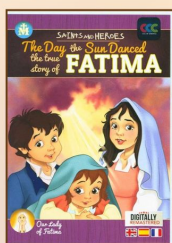


All ages invited!

Come for an evening of prayer, fellowship, movies, popcorn,
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5:15pm - rosary
5:45pm - movie/craft

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In St. Michael's Classroom off of the St. Joseph's Hall Kitchen

PRACTICE STARTS OCTOBER 8th!



Revelation

The Kingdom Yet to Come

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Sundays during Faith Formation

at 9:30-10:45 AM

in St. Joseph's Hall



EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY

Mondays
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7:30-8:30 AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Shawna Hanson

Wednesdays
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4:30-5:45 PM



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Book of Revelation
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

****Father Andrzej is at the Priest Retreat. All Mass intentions will be prayed there. There will not be daily Mass or Confessions, October 13th-17th.****

Monday, October 13
*Office Closed
7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study
7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, October 14
Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr
Mass intention for the wellbeing of the hostages of Israel

Wednesday, October 15
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Mass intention for all souls in Purgatory
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
5:15-7:15 PM FATIMA NIGHT come and enjoy crafts, movies, and more!

Thursday, October 16
Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Mass intention for the repose of Steve Van Asma
9 AM "Just Men" Bible study
9 AM Women's Study of the Book of Revelation
5:30 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting

Friday, October 17
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Mass intention for the wellbeing of Bill Matthews
8:30 PM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for the wellbeing of September Kirby

Saturday, October 18
SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST
7 AM Men's Cursillo
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for the repose of Rachel Coats
Wine & Cheese Night

Sunday, October 19
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 AM Mass for the community 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 Dawson Rhodes

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

10/18 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Ethan Heisinger (lead) Jonathon and Luke
Lectors: Todd Curtis (1st) Benjamin Funk (2nd)
Hospitality: Tracy and Kim Cook
Sacristan: Todd and Jenny Curtis
Eucharistic Minister: Samantha Hough

10/19 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Freddy Weishaar (lead) Eli Harming
Lectors: Lori Caouette (1st) Joshua Weaver (2nd)
Hospitality: Bernadette and John Usera
Sacristan: Jeremy Thompson
Eucharistic Minister: Jeremy Thompson

10/19 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Cole Litzen (lead) Leo and Talia Lectors: Cathleen Denekamp (1st) Emmett Edwards (2nd)
Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts
Sacristan: Kelli Siemieniak
Eucharistic Minister: Lee Ann Den Otter

**October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to all weekend Masses to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.*



WATER INTO WINE WITH FRIENDS

Aquam in Vinum Amicus

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

OCTOBER 18TH
FOLLOWING 5 PM MASS

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above." Jas 1:17

October 4-5, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	50	104
Sunday Collection	3,654	3,983	7,637
Building Fund	42	25	67
Priest Retirement	-	-	25
Mass Intention	-	-	-
Parish Meal	-	-	49
Total Contributions	3,749	4,058	7,881.31

Did you know that 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 journey of faith. Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions at olbh.org/donate.



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- 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.
- COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND** 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 at 605-787-5168.
- 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.

Intentions of the Holy Father for October
Pope's Intention: For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
- Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Luke 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Luke 11:42-46
- Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Luke 11:47-54
- Friday: Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7
- Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Luke 10:1-9
- Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

OLBH NECROLOGY

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and for the clergy that have served the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

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| October 13 | Msgr. William J. Connaughton (1954); Gladys M. Doyle (2009); Charles Kevin Desmond (2015) |
| October 14 | Rev. Peter Rosen (1906); Rev. Godfrey J. Nau (1953) Rev. Bernard E. Shanley (2013) |
| October 16 | Rev. Aloysius Menne, S.J. (1920); Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B. (1940); Rev. Joseph F. O'Connell (1955); Rev. William Renn, S.J. (1982) |
| October 17 | Rev. James Gleeson, C.S.C. (1907); Elda M. Carlson (2016) |
| October 18 | Decon Reno J. Richards, Sr. (1997); James Michael Thomson (1972); Mark Allen James (1972); Patrick I. Neely (1990); Harry August Herchert (2021) |

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 Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (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 REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL & HOMEBOUND call to add a name to the prayer list. These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Thomas Eimers (father of Kim Harming), Lynn Gerving, Jean Schacher, Edwin & Omel Weaver, Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, Adrienne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Sheila Keeler, Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Karen Bestgen, Mary Ann Pulaski, Tony Corbine, Jud Schumacher, Patricia Cariveau, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Rebecca Boylan, Kodi Carlin, Angie Oberle, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Klare Schroeder, Richard, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Deacon John Osnes

FOR THE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED
Mike Scharn

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED
We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Kasmer 'Capp' Holzer

October 31-
November 2,
2025

St. Paul Seminary
Come and See Weekend

Experience Life in the Seminary

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SEMINARY

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

November 14 - 17, 2025

PLACES

- Visit Cathedral of St. Joseph
- Visit Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Participate in community fun and recreation

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October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17 | 2 Tim 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

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

After his healing in the Jordan river, Naaman returns to Elisha. It's clear from their ensuing conversation that his miraculous healing had led to him recognizing the God of Israel as the one who had healed him. In thanksgiving, he desires to offer sacrifice, and pledges that he "will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except the Lord." In the Gospel, we see the Samaritan returning to Jesus after his healing, falling at the Lord's feet and "glorifying God in a loud voice." It's clear from both Scriptures that when we recognize what God has done for us, our first response is to worship. That's why our central act of worship as a Christian community is called *Eucharist* - from the Greek word for thanksgiving. When we come to worship God, what is it that we're grateful for? If gratitude is the heart of worship, it's a fruitful practice to intentionally spend some time considering God's providence in our lives over the past week so we come to the liturgy prepared to offer thanks.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Something that has always struck me about today's Gospel is that Jesus heals all ten of the lepers, not only the one who returned to offer thanks. While we, as humans, can be tempted to withhold love when we know it will not be acknowledged or appreciated, Jesus heals all ten. God is good to us, even when we're ungrateful. As Paul says, "If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself." God can do only one thing: love. How powerful would it be if we worked to imitate the kind of gratuitous love we see in today's Gospel? Think about opportunities to practice this kind of love. What a witness this would be to the world if we were to imitate God's way of loving. As the Persian poet Hafiz wrote: "Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky."

REFLECT

Take some time before Mass each Sunday to do an examine-style prayer, reflecting on where you've seen God's action in your life during the week. How has God provided for your needs? How has God accompanied you through challenges? How has the Spirit of God brought consolation and strength? Make a list of all the places you've experienced God's presence and grace and prepare to offer thanks to God for these gifts at Mass.

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