



“Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.” (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b)

To achieve something and realize our ambitions, we try various methods. Sometimes we make use of other people – who may, consciously or not, help us attain our own goals. This is a form of manipulation, and hardly the best way to conduct oneself. Yet, it suits us; in our work and interpersonal dealings during the week, we are Hydes, while on Sunday and holidays, we are Dr. Jekylls. And whether we like it or not, this dual nature of ours has manifested itself since the dawn of time. However, we have Someone who cares for us and looks after us – sometimes against our wishes, and at other times at our request. It is our Father, who guides us so that we may be happy and safe but also filled with love and gratitude for His works. How? This is precisely what is explained to us in a passage from the Letter to the Thessalonians, in which Saint Paul – together with his co-workers Silvanus and his beloved disciple Timothy – instructs us: “ We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father”(1 Thess 1:2-3)

The Gospel scene illustrating the duplicity of the Pharisees reveals this other side of the nature. When we ask a question, we often already know the answer we will receive; we know that any response – weather affirmative or negative – will serve as a pretext for dismissal, ridicule, or the justification of our conscience. Yet, this is not the case in the Gospel account. The Pharisees did not acknowledge God’s supremacy over Cesar, for in their view, Cesar held absolute power. They regarded a refusal to pay taxes as rebellion against established authority. Jesus, possessing both a human and divine nature, refused to be drawn into a political scheme. His answer is clear: Render to Cesar what belongs to Cesar and to God what belongs to God” (Mt 22:21)

And so, prayer—prayer and prayer again—filled with gratitude for the Son of God, Jesus Christ, for salvation, for redemption, for the Word, and for the Holy Spirit. It is through Him that we possess saving knowledge and the awareness of eternal life. What task does today’s Gospel set before us? We must work more diligently on ourselves to acquire the ability to distinguish between what is worldly and what is Divine. This is no easy task, yet only by gaining this ability can we speak of an inner freedom—one that gives rise to total surrender to God and independence from material things. Let us cast off religious schizophrenia; let us not be Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde rolled into one. Let us be children of the one God.

QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY, we ask you to help us open our hearts and minds to the Light of the Holy Spirit, so that we may know how to render to God what is Divine and become independent of material things.

Fr. Andrzej

October is the month of the Rosary
A Rosary will be prayed
before each Mass in October.

We will honor our Mother, Mary, with Marian hymns.

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - October 17-18, 2026

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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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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!

ALL SAINTS DAY TRUNK OR TREAT!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
following 11 AM Mass

We need treaters & TRUNKERS!

Please decorate a TRUNK.
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Sign up to host a trunk or come the day of!

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November 7th & 8th following all Masses

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Support the parish with donations of gift baskets,
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Sign ups for dinner and carnival game help coming soon!

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WE NEED YOU

To host **Coffee & Rolls** following 8 AM Mass. The sign up sheet and instructions are hung outside of the Parish Hall Kitchen, call the office for details, 605-787-5168.

25 years of DEACON JOHN & JONI

Please wish them well and say a prayer of thanksgiving for Deacon John and Joni's twenty-five year Diaconate vocation.

HELP US CELEBRATE WITH THEM FOLLOWING 11 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, 10/25.

25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

A photograph of an elderly couple, Deacon John and Joni, smiling. They are standing in front of a gold background. Above them is a curved banner that reads "25 years of DEACON JOHN & JONI". In the bottom right corner, there is a gold laurel wreath with a star at the top and the text "25 YEARS ANNIVERSARY" inside.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss IV

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

Monday, 10/19

SAINTS JOHN DE BREBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 10/20

Saint Paul of the Cross

8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, 10/21

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

8:30 AM-7:30 PM Adoration

4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, 10/22

Saint John Paul II, Pope

8 AM MASS for the repose of Deacon Joe Witte

9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study & Witness

9 AM Women's Bible Study

6 PM Finance Council Meeting

Friday, 10/23

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8 AM MASS for the repose of Loren Kasuske

Saturday, 10/24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for repose of Kamil Golab

Sunday, 10/25

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes of Kenel, Bullhead, and McLaughlin

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Priscilla Noble

UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

10/24 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dustin H. (lead) Luke and Elizabeth

Lector: Jean Hohm (1st) Duane Riedlinger (2nd)

Hospitality: Benjamin and Heather Funk

Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister Body: Lisa Katzenstein

10/25 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Tom Collings (lead) Thomas and Marty

Lector: Joshua Weaver (1st) Bob Weaver (2nd)

Hospitality: Jack and Debra Jensen

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister Body: Marty Quinn

10/25 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Alex Acebo (lead) Hannah K and Will B.

Lectors: Laura Kelso (1st) NOT FILLED (2nd)

Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

Pope's Intention for October: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

October 10-11

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	265	319
Sunday Collection	3,654	3,766	7,420
Building Fund	42	-	42
Mass Intentions	-		10
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Parish Dinner			100
Total Contributions	3,749	4,031	8,390.31

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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.

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, Adrienne 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

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

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:

Oct 19: Georgia L. Witt (1993)
 Oct 20: Rev. Robert Demeyer, S.J. (1982)
 Oct 21: Rev. John Edgeworth (1929)
 Oct 23: Rev. Paul J. Kinney (1942)
 Oct 24: Rev. Charles Goergen (1917); Rev. George Stroh, S.J. (1975); Norma L. Dirkson (1983); William Honerkamp (2017)
 Oct 25: Benno Frank Roller (2008); Gertrude A. Besse (2013)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b
 Mon: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
 Tues: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 12:35-38
 Wed: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48
 Thur: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
 Fri: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
 Sat: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

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.

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Vita Christi Retreat | Oct 23-25

At Battle Ready, we will explore the reality of spiritual battle, discover the "weapons" God has given us, and learn how to use them to grow in holiness, resist what pulls us away from Christ, and live boldly as His disciples. Come discover what it means to be equipped, strengthened, and ready to stand firm in Christ.

The retreat will be directed by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The retreat will begin at 5pm on Friday, October 23. The retreat will conclude after lunch on Sunday, October 25. Register at www.rapidcitydiocese.org/vitafall26.

Trinity Family Services and Adoption

Trinity Family Services and Adoption (a program of Catholic Social Services) recently celebrated the joy of a new adoption. Trinity is seeking additional families who may feel called to welcome a child through adoption. Whether you're ready to begin the journey or curious to learn more contact Tristan Marchant at Trinity — visit www.cssrapidcity.com/what-we-offer/trinity or call (605) 348-6086.

St. Joseph's Spearfish

Traditional Turkey Dinner on Sunday, 10/25, 11:30-1:30 PM with raffle prizes, a silent auction, and kids activities.

St. Therese Arts and Crafts Fair

Join us Saturday, 11/14, from 8-2 PM.

CINEMA with the Shepherd 2026

BISHOP BULLOCK'S ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

This year's film features will be the "Vatican 45 Notable Films."

The Pontifical Council for Social Communications released a list of 45 films in 1995 to mark the centennial of Auguste and Louis Lumiere's display of their films. These 45 films were divided into the categories of religion, values, and art. This list was released under the title "Some Important Films." President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications John Patrick Foley, president of the Vatican Film Library, Enrique Planas, and twelve experts on film, movie librarians, and academics compiled the list. Pope St. John Paul II recommended that these films be watched.

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October 18, 2026

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

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

A mentor once told me that there is no sweeter sound than that of one's own name. It communicates that one is seen, known, and cared for. We read in Isaiah today that God has chosen Cyrus and has called him by name. In the Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul and his followers "give thanks to God always" for all in the community, knowing that each brother and sister is "loved by God" and "chosen." And although these words are written about Cyrus and the Thessalonians, we trust that God speaks these words to us as well. We have each been chosen. Our Father calls each of us by name. It is sometimes difficult to believe that God desires *me* and chooses *me* individually. It is a love that I often fail to reciprocate, despite my desire to do so. But that does not diminish the love God has for me. I am not lost in the crowd of history and humanity. Each of us was created with love and rejoiced over by our heavenly Father.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus is asked in today's Gospel about the taxes due to Caesar, he does not falter with his response. We must live the truth of our faith in the world, but ultimately, what the world asks of us is not the same as what our Creator desires. Taxes are paid out of obligation, but God asks for our love. In using the talents God has given us in caring for our brothers and sisters, we acknowledge the fullness of the majesty and wonder of our Creator. We do not have to isolate ourselves from this world, but we must remember that we were not created for this world. We have already been chosen and claimed by our loving Father. And it is to him that we offer the gift of our heart, which is infinitely more valuable than coins.

REFLECT

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ also says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (6:21) In light of today's Gospel, we must also consider whether our participation in society in any way prevents us from offering ourselves totally to God. Spend some time reflecting on what it is that you truly treasure. Do you reserve the offering of your heart for God? Or are you giving to the world what should be reserved for God?

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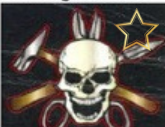
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