



“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.”

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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In ancient Mediterranean culture, the cross took on a symbol of shame. This meaning permeated the biblical accounts describing the saving work of Jesus Christ. Not everyone "deserved" the cross. Even if they did deserve death, other methods of execution were used. Among Christians, we also know of cases of beheading, such as St. John, who died at the hands of Herod, or St. Paul, who was—as he himself described himself—a Roman citizen. Thus, death by crucifixion meant more than just torture and a long, agonizing agony. Nor did the "exposure" of the dying to public spitting and insults constitute the greatest tragedy for the condemned. The cross itself—a sign of shame—sufficed for the most grievous humiliation. After all, it wasn't so much those condemned to death who were hanged on the cross, but rather those excluded from the group of people deserving of a dignified death. It was a double punishment. It wasn't just physical pain that mattered, but also psychological grief and bitterness. Christ was stripped of his human dignity. He stood "on the other side of the margin." The one who broke social conventions to show that all people are equal was himself considered an outcast. Indeed, he became one to the delight of his political and religious opponents.

Paradoxically, the cross, in the person of Jesus Christ, transformed into a sign of victory. In his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul portrays the Savior as "emptying himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." The Apostle further notes that the source of exaltation, as a consequence of the Son of God's earlier humility, was his obedience unto death, and—as he emphasizes—this death was on a cross.

For the Christian, the cross is no longer a sign of shame. Although, due to the natural striving of every human being for happiness, no one is obliged to seek humiliation or suffering, much less death, the cross will always remain a challenge for every human being, and this is the moment it appears.

In the history of Christianity, one can encounter many attitudes that have distorted the meaning of Christ's message of the cross. Some wanted to treat the means as the end. They sought suffering, mortified themselves—sometimes to the limits of human endurance.

“The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross prompts reflection on the role of suffering in human life. Perhaps no one doubts that after Christ's death, one can incorporate one's individual sufferings into His saving mission and, together with Christ, hang them on the wood of the cross. No one has to seek suffering, but if one is subject to one's daily life's inconveniences, one can always seek a way to make sense of them. There is perhaps no better way to find meaning in suffering than by trying to connect it with what Christ accomplished”. (Fr. Jan Dzielny)

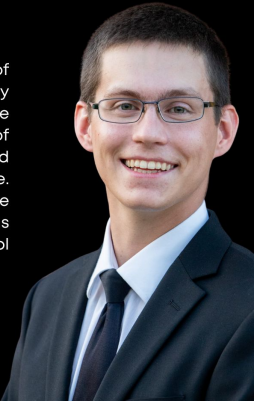
When considering the truth about Christ's suffering and perfect sacrifice, we must not lose sight of His words: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Christ is counting on you – Fr. Andrzej

BLASE GEBES

As I am writing this note, I am beginning my first official day of school at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Please know of my great appreciation of all of the support and encouragement I have received from the many generous and kindhearted parishioners of OLBH over the summer. In particular, prayers for my vocation and my continued growth toward the Lord are of immense value to me. Thank you all so much for an amazing summer assignment. Please continue to pray for me and I will keep all of you in my prayers as well. Some have asked for my address and here below is my school address which is good through April.

Yours in Christ,
Blase Gebes, Seminarian
700 Terrace Heights #408
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Join us for the first 'Wisdom Wednesday' presentation of the year.

Couponing and Stewardship

with Katie Hoiten

All are welcome for a presentation on how to coupon and how the practice can help your household and your community!

Wednesday, September 24 at 6:15 PM

Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont (St. Joseph's Hall, upstairs)

OCIA

becoming Catholic & returning to the Church

Classes meet **Sundays** beginning September 21st from **9:15-10:45 AM** in St. Joseph's Hall.

Registration is open, visit olbh.org/OCIA or call 605-787-5168.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, OCIA, is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her beliefs. Baptized Catholic, or received First Communion but not Confirmation? Looking to learn more? This is also for you.

Lastly it is for those who have been away from the Church for any length of time who would like to delve deeper into the richness of the Catholic faith. Classes are led by Larry and Joyce Williamson, and Sydney Berra.


We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont



ROSARY AND CUPCAKES FOR POPE LEO XIV'S BIRTHDAY

Sunday, September 14 at 12pm
(downstairs after the 11am Mass)



Cor ad Cor
The Cor ad Cor Spirituality Year is a weekly small group gathering of all men or all women to learn about spiritual life, to grow in relationship and conversation with the Lord, and to share faith and with others. The **REGISTRATION** form is at rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor/. **WOMEN** will meet at OLBH on Sundays at 4 PM, led by Samantha Hough, or at OLBH on Thursdays at 6 PM led by Cathleen Denekamp.

Aquam in Vinum Amicus

WATER INTO WINE WITH FRIENDS

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 20TH FOLLOWING 5 PM MASS

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Adult Bible Study

led by Shawna Hanson

all are welcome!

starts Sept 17

Wednesdays

4:30-5:45 PM

Study the upcoming weekend's readings, Bible history, and culture.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Feast Day celebrations! Mark your calendars for 9/5-6/2026. Thank you to those who made pies and side dishes, swept, wiped tables, and more! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for smoking meat and the Catholic Daughters for serving.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS II

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

- Monday, September 15

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library
- Tuesday, September 16

SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Jean Hohm

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Wednesday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for the repose of Greg Overholt

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation
- Thursday, September 18

8 AM Mass in thanksgiving for His blessings

9 AM "Just Men" Bible study
- Friday, September 19

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Rita Matthews
- Saturday, September 20

SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, AND PUAL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS MARTYRS

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the community of OLBH and the parish families of Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

6 PM Wine & Cheese
- Sunday, September 21

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 AM Mass for the repose of Darvin Weiger

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Jerry White

- # WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE
- 9/20 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dustin Hoiten (lead) Dominic and Luke

Lectors: David Allardyce (1st) Tony Berendse (2nd)

Hospitality: Tracy and Kimberly Cook

Sacristan: Cindy Creager

Eucharistic Minister: Samantha Hough
- 9/21 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Reese Sazama (lead) Oliver and Otto

Lectors: Jay Hammerquist (1st) Lynelle Sazama (2nd)

Hospitality: NOTILLED

Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister: Brad Blauvelt
- 9/21 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Emmett Edwards (lead) Leo and Talia

Lectors: Angie Oberle (1st) Carisa Gerving (2nd)

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts

Sacristan: Blauvelt Family

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

PARISH MEAL

October 1, 2025

5:30-6:30 PM

Parish Hall

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

September 6-7, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	1,000	1,054
Sunday Collection	3,654	9,463	13,117
Building Fund	42	1,080	1,122
Votive	-		38
Mass Intention			40
Assumption			50
Total Contributions	3,749	11,543	15,420.71

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.



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.
- 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 September
Pope's Intention: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
- Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9; John 19:25-27
- Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Luke 8:1-3
- Friday: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15
- Saturday: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15
- Sunday: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

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:
- September 15 Donald Leslie Norman (2009)
- September 16 Rev. Hugo Eichenhofer (1966)
- September 17
- September 18
- September 19 Laudie C. Urbanec (2001)
- September 20 Rev. Michael J. Kelly (1947); Rev. John F. Vigneron (1957)
- September 21 Rev. Austin H. Bonner (1949); Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. (1954); Rev. Vincent Carly (1987); Judith Marie Nelson (2017)

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, Cap & 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

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.
Jerry Rhodes

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SD Right to Life Convention

Sept. 26-27, 2025

Pierre Area Right to Life is excited to host the 54th Annual SD Right to Life State Convention Sept. 26 - 27 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pierre.

Keynote Speakers



Peter Northcott
Director for State Strategies
National Right to Life



Joelle Maryn
Actress, Speaker, TV Host



Ian Furry
SD Governor's Advocate to the Unborn

Friday, Sept. 26
Open and Free to the Public
6 pm - Doors open
(Registration, refreshments, exhibit hall browsing)
7 - 8:30 pm - Program
(Keynote Speakers, introduction of SD Elected Officials)

Saturday, Sept. 27
Open to Registered Convention Guests
8 am - Doors open
(Registration, breakfast, exhibit hall browsing)
9 am - 4 pm - Program
(Keynote Speakers, lunch, youth breakout session)

Youth Breakout Session - Saturday
Leader: Olivia Hanson
Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10:45 am - 1:45 pm
Hear from our keynote speakers, pizza, and more!

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Each year, young people across our diocese step into one of the most formative chapters of their lives—college. For many, it's the first time away from home, family, and parish life. In the midst of new pressures and questions, they are searching for meaning, purpose, and belonging. At the St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Student Center at South Dakota Mines and the Newman Center at Black Hills State University, students find a home away from home. Here, they encounter Christ, grow in faith, and discover mentors who walk with them as they discern their vocations. This ministry is only possible through your prayerful financial support. Join us in the Newman Center Partnership Appeal. Giving envelopes are behind the sofa in the Narthex. Invest in the future of our Church and ensure every student in our diocese has a place to be strengthened in Christ. Thank you for your generosity .

St. Anne's Aging Services

Catholic Social Services is looking for volunteers to be trained to assist with light housework, meal prep and driving to appointments. They are also preparing a Home-Sharing Program for Seniors ages 62 and up. They would screen and match renters who would receive reduced rent in exchange for light housework. Contact cssrapidcity.com/st-annes or phone 605-348-6086.

Black Hills Pregnancy Center invites you:

Life Dinner

Thursday, September 18th

Guest Speaker: Kyle Mann

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center
2111 N. LaCrosse St. | Rapid City, SD 57701

Welcome Reception 6:15 PM

Dinner & Program 7 PM

Dinner is complimentary. Adults only, please.

Seating is limited, registration is required.

An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be provided.



To Register:

Visit BHPCpartners.org

Access the **QR code** above

Call Black Hills Pregnancy Center Office: **605-341-4477**


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You are Cordially Invited

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5:00 PM
The BOX Event Center

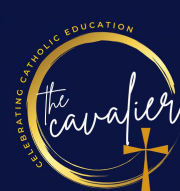
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THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE (NR)

November 6th
HARLAN COUNTY, USA (PG)

December 4th
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