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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 1:30 PM (en español)

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 11:00 AM-Noon Saturday: 2:30-3:30 PM

Our Bonds Loosed: Scott Hahn Reflects on Second Sunday of Lent

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12,16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the

mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (Sirach 48:9–10; Malachi 3:1, 23–24).

And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3).

His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to off er ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.

Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.



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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

† stands for deceased | W stands for wellbeing

Monday, February 26 - No Mass

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 AM † Fredrick & Chestine Dwyer

8:00 AM Good Sam's – Masses for Life

12:10 PM † Alex Imberi

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 AM W Ed & Glenda Dwyer

8:00 AM W Good Sam's – Jim Anderson

12:10 PM W Justine Keough

Thursday, February 29

7:00 AM W Rose Mary Shali

8:00 AM † **GS** – Roxanne Basham

12:10 PM † Paul Seifert, Sr.

Friday, March 1

7:00 AM Masses for Life

8:00 AM W GS - Our Retired Priests

12:10 PM † Theresa Bieber

Saturday, March 2

8:30 AM † Scott Boland

4:00 PM † Theresa Bieber

Sunday, March 3

7:00 AM W Parishioners with cancer

9:00 AM † Beverly & Breen Kennelly

10:30 AM W **GS** – All Priests and Bishops

11:00 AM W Parishioners

1:30 PM † Bishop Peter Muhich

To have a Mass said for friend, family member, or deceased loved one, email Rose at rose@blessedsacramentchurch.org, or visit her in the office.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL SCOREBOARD

Weekly Budgeted Expense	\$22,373.27
Weekend of	. February 17–18, 2024
Collection	\$18,336.42
Difference	\$-(4,036.85)



Prayer Intentions & Pastoral Needs

Our Newly Baptized: We pray for all of our newly baptized, especially Mia Kessenich and Iris Ohlmacher.

Our Ill and Homebound: We pray for April Fees, Mary Pat Crown, Dennis Amburn, Nicole Rippentrop, Vivian Acuna, John Pachl, Wilma Fielding, Peter Pelayic, Jen Evans, Mary Collins, Evelyn Farrar, Cindy Horning, Jerry Wright, Rosemary Hogan, Marlene Heisterkamp, Brad Moriarty, and those who are ill, homebound, or in assisted living.

Our Deceased: We pray for Dolores "Tish" Evans, and we extend our prayers to her family and friends. May her souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our Military: We pray for Richard Hovland and for all military members, veterans, and their families.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HOMEBOUND OR IN LONG-TERM CARE?

If you or someone you know are at home for an extended period of time or in a care facility and would like to receive Communion, pray the Rosary, or receive a visit from a priest, please contact Dianne Aultmann at 605.787.5637 (call or text) 605.431.8125 if in a long-term care facility or Joan Brost at (call or text) 605.381.4478 if homebound. You can also email the parish at homebound@blessedsacramentchurch.org. Please let us know if we can minister to you in any way.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily readings can also be found at bible.usccb.org.

MONDAY DN 9:4B-10; PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13; JN 6:63C, 68C; LK 6:36-38

TUESDAY IS 1:10, 16-20; PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23; EZ 18:31; MT 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY JER 18:18-20; PS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; JN 8:12; MT 20:17-28

THURSDAY JER 17:5-10; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6; LK 8:15; LK 16:19-31

FRIDAY GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A; PS 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; JN 3:16; MT 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY MI 7:14-15, 18-20; PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; LK 15:18; LK 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY EX 17:3-7; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:42, 15; JN 4:5-42

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Monday, February 26		
8:45 AM	Room 107	Mothers Bible Study
6:00 PM	Room 21	Bereavement Support Group
6:30 PM	Room 107	Young Women's Discipleship Study
7:00 PM	Room 24	AA Meeting
7:00 PM	Room 29	Men's Cor ad Cor
Tuesday, February 27		
6:30 AM	Church	Rosary
7:45 AM	Chapel	Flame of Love Rosary
7:45 AM	Room 29	Martha & Mary Prayer Group
8:00 AM	Chapel	Eucharistic Adoration
10:30 AM	Room 29	Women's Cor ad Cor
12:45 PM	Room 107	Tuesday Women's Cursillo
3:00 PM	Chapel	Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00 PM	Theater	OCIA Class
6:00 PM	Room 16	Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30 PM	Chapel	Flame of Love en español
7:30 PM	Chapel	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:00 PM	Chapel	Chanted Night Prayer & Benediction
Wednesday, February 28		
6:30 AM	Church	Rosary
7:30 AM	Room 107	BSC Prayer Group
3:45 PM	Atriums	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
5:00 PM	Parish Hall	Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 PM	Atriums	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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6:00 PM	Parish Basement	Word of Life EDGE Life Teen
Thursday, February 29		
6:30 AM	Church	Rosary
7:30 AM	Church	Dusting Angels
8:00 AM	Room 6	Quilters Group
9:00 AM	Room 107	Thursday Women's Cursillo
10:30 AM	Room 29	Spanish Bible Study
4:00 PM	Church	Mercy Night
6:00 PM	Theater	Acts of the Apostles Study
6:00 PM	Room 107	No Greater Love Lenten Study
Friday, March 1		
6:30 AM	Church	Rosary
11:00 AM	Church	Reconciliation
4:45 PM	Room 107	Spanish Choir Practice
5:00 PM	Church	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Church	Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM	Church	Reconciliation en español
6:00 PM	Parish Hall	Soup Supper
6:30 PM	Room 29	Cursillo Book Study
Saturday, March 2		
7:15 AM	Room 107	St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers
2:30 PM	Church	Reconciliation
Sunday, March 3		
10:30 AM	Theater	First Year Sacramental Prep Meeting
12:30 PM	Parish Office	Liturgy Committee Meeting

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SOUTH DAKOTA'S EXTREME ABORTION AMENDMENT

"How should Catholics respond to the radical abortion amendment? To answer that question, it's useful to recall the adage: 'politics is downstream from culture.'

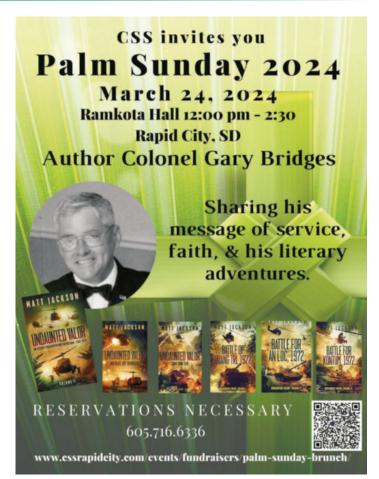
"We must work to build a pro-life culture if we are to sustain South Dakota's pro-life laws. When the *Dobbs* decision was handed down on June 24, 2022, South Dakota was permitted to immediately begin enforcing a law passed in 2005 that protects preborn children and their mothers from abortion. Today in South Dakota, abortion is not permitted except for the very rare cases when a pregnancy endangers the life of the mother. As South Dakota's bishops said when *Dobbs* was handed down, '...today we have taken a giant leap forward toward the ultimate goal of protecting each and every life from the beginning of its existence."

(Excerpt from *Life Hangs in the Balance*, by Michael Pauley, Executive Director of the South Dakota Catholic Conference).

Stay tuned for further information about the abortion amendment.

DECLINE TO SIGN SOUTH DAKOTA'S RADICAL ABORTION PETITION.







Regional Days of Prayer and Reflection Blessed Sacrament, Rapid City | March 16, 2024 | 8:30am - 4pm

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The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest |

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

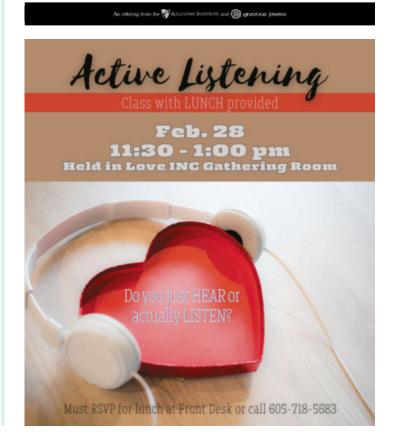


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How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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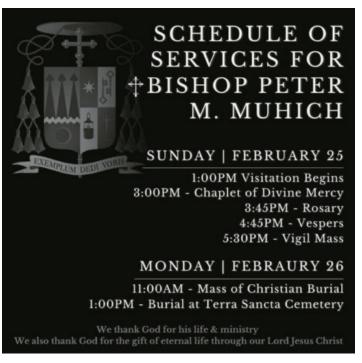
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STANDING BEFORE THE JUST JUDGE

Jesus told us through St. Faustina: "Before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy" (Diary, 83). St. Faustina, however, already experienced what it means to stand before the just Judge. In 1926 she wrote: "Once I was summoned to the judgment [seat] of God. I stood alone before the Lord. Jesus appeared such as we know Him during His Passion. After a moment, His wounds disappeared except for five, those in His hands, His feet and His side. Suddenly I saw the complete condition of my soul as God sees it. I could clearly see all that is displeasing to God. I did not know that even the smallest transgressions will have to be accounted for" (36). Pope Pius XII lamented, "The sin of the century is the loss of the sense of sin." Remembering that our smallest transgressions offend God, let us make an in-depth examination of conscience. And then, let us seek mercy from the King of Mercy and purify our souls in the sacrament of Reconciliation.









OCIA SCRUTINY READINGS AT 9:00

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, the Mass readings for the 9am will be specific to the OCIA Scrutiny. If you would like to follow along, you can find the readings online at bible.usccb.org/bible/reading-s/022816-third-sunday-lent-scrutinies.cfm, or google "Year A Scrutiny Readings, USCCB."



2024 Lenten Mercy Nights

Blessed Sacrament Church (Rapid City)
Thursday, February 29th, 4:00-7:00pm

Cathedral OLPH (Rapid City)
Saturday, February 22nd, 4:00-7:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi (Sturgis) Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua (Hot Springs)
Thursday, March 7th, 6:00-8:00pm

St. Isaac Jogues (Rapid City) Thursday, March 7th at 6:00pm

Our Lady of the Black Hills (Piedmont) Monday, March 11th, 6:00-7:30pm

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