



Build with the Mercy of the Father

This summer has been overflowing with fun and faith-filled activities at Our Lady of the Black Hills—from Vacation Bible School in June to the pool party last Saturday evening—with potluck picnics and a movie night scattered in between. Our staff and many volunteers deserve a huge “thank you” for their efforts—they definitely didn’t take the summer off! And don’t forget, Hoses and Hallelujahs sponsored by the Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association is this Sunday evening starting at 5PM in the Piedmont Park. What could be a better combination than praise and worship, food and fellowship, and a fire truck!

One of the most enjoyable summer activities for me has been presenting a Story and a Saint on Wednesday mornings. I chose to share the life of St. Francis of Assisi with the children because Pope Leo declared this year to be a Jubilee Year to commemorate the 800th anniversary of his death. Quite by coincidence, Joni and I were in Assisi in March, so I could illustrate his story with pictures of frescoes from the Basilica of St. Francis. There are so many stories and legends about this great saint that I spread his life and faith journey over three Wednesdays.

One of the strong connections that OLBH has with St. Francis is the crucifix in our sanctuary. Some say that the crucifix is unusual and nontraditional, but in fact, it is modeled after the 900-year-old crucifix in the ancient church of San Damiano that inspired St. Francis to leave his earthly possessions and pursuits behind. When I showed a picture of the original San Damiano crucifix to the children, they immediately recognized the connection by the crucifix’s unique shape and its corpus surrounded by images of saints, all painted in an icon style.

While St. Francis was praying in the crumbling church of San Damiano, he heard Christ on the crucifix speak to him, “Francis, repair my church.” He was always a man of action, so Francis immediately set about restoring the rundown chapel. Acting in his impetuous way, he took fabric from his wealthy father’s warehouse and sold it to get money for the repairs—an act of theft in his father’s eyes—an act that separated Francis from his earthly father and his plans, but united him to his heavenly father and his true intentions for Francis’ life.

Of course, the church that Christ was calling St. Francis to rebuild was the Church with a capital C—a Church decaying from scandal and greed on the inside while heresies flourished on the outside. When he realized the true mission of his calling, Francis went around preaching about returning to faith in God and obedience to Church teachings. He was a great preacher—even able to hold a flock of birds spellbound with his words according to legend. However, he believed that actions speak louder than words, as indicated by a quote attributed to him: “It is useless to walk anywhere to preach, unless you preach everywhere you walk—and if necessary, use words.”

As much as our crucifix connects OLBH to St. Francis, it is this call to preach with actions—actions reflecting the love and mercy of God—that unites our parish to his mission to rebuild and restore the church in our families and communities. In this Jubilee Year of St. Francis, I encourage you to follow in his footsteps by practicing what we preach: “Build with the Mercy of the Father.”

Keep the Faith! Deacon John

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - August 1-2, 2026

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

CLERGY

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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!

First Saturday Devotion



CONFESSION: 7:30 AM

MASS: 8 AM

ADORATION: 8:30-9:30 AM

8:30 AM Rosary

9 AM Silent Prayer

9:30 AM Benediction

First Saturdays are a rich tradition and a principal request from Our Lady during her apparitions at Fatima.



August 5 Coffee & Desserts

The first Wednesday of the month,
following 8 AM Mass.
Bring a treat to share!

3rd Annual Hoses & Hallelujahs Sunday, 8/2, 5 PM Piedmont City Park



Can't make it and
still want to support?

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Support our local Piedmont Fire & EMS.
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy praise
music and a FREE MEAL. Fire trucks will
be out for kids to see and touch!

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SUMMER

POTLUCK PICNIC NIGHTS
AUG 19TH AT 5:30PM
OLBH PLAYGROUND



OLBH
Rosary & BIKES
August 12 at 10 am
 Pray a decade and ride your bikes!



MOVIE NIGHT
MONDAY, AUGUST 17
6 PM IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL
 1954-NR on the Vatican's "45 Notable Films" list and Bishop Bullock's 'Cinema with the Shepherd' film pick for May



A Story & A Saint
10 AM Wednesdays
this Summer
 All are welcome!
 *Adults can Adore during story time.
 **Story time dates: 7/29, 8/5



OLBH FALL

OCIA becoming Catholic & returning to the Church

Classes meet **Sundays** beginning September 13th
 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, Sydney Berra, and Samantha Hough.

We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Confirmation 7th Grade
 YDisciple 8th-12th Grade

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 16TH

*First Communion and Reconciliation = 2nd grade
 **Confirmation = 7th grade

Wednesdays
4:30-5:45 PM or 6:15-7:30 PM
 (YDisciple is on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 PM only;
 Confirmation is on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 PM OR on Sundays from 6:15-7:45 PM)

VISIT THE OLBH.ORG FAITH FORMATION TAB

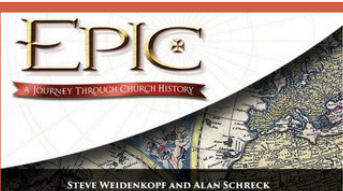


EPIC
 A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

Sundays
9:15-10:45 AM
in St. Francis
 (downstairs at OLBH)

Wish you knew more about the Crusades and the Protestant Reformation? Curious about who spread the Gospel throughout the world? Come and hear the rich story of the Catholic Church through the key events and figures of her history. Through EPIC, you will see how the Holy Spirit has guided the Church through the centuries.

EPIC: A Journey through Church History
starts Sunday, September 20th
come to some, or come to all, but come!



Cor ad Cor

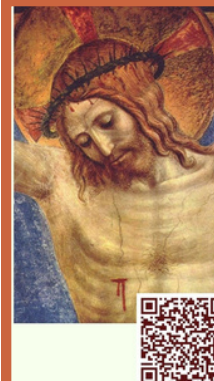
The Cor ad Cor Spirituality Year is a weekly gathering to grow in relationship and conversation with the Lord.

MEN
 Sundays at OLBH | 4-5:30 PM | Fr. Andrzej

WOMEN
 Tuesdays at OLBH | 4:30-6 PM | Cathleen D.
 Classes begin mid to late September.

Visit rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor/ or contact Fr. Andrzej with questions.

*Other time and location options available. See more meeting times at the link or above or using the QR code.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

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

Monday, 8/3

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 8/4

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

8 AM Mass for the repose of Ben Schatz

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, 8/5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8 AM Mass for the friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage

8:30 AM Coffee & Desserts

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

10 AM A Story & A Saint with Fr. Andrzej

5:30-6:30 PM Confession

Thursday, 8/6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8 AM Mass for the repose of Deacon Joe Witte

9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, 8/7

Saints Sixtus, II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

8 AM Mass for the repose of Earl and Bertha Witte

First Friday Devotion

Saturday, 8/8

SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, 8/9

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the communities of OLBH and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Ryan and Elizabeth Tate



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/8 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen (lead) Eloise Harwood

Lector: Steve Colgan (1st) Sue Colgan (2nd)

Hospitality: Bernie and John Usera

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister Body: Deacon John Osnes

8/9 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean O'Connor (lead) Winter and RJ

Lector: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st) Marty Quinn (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister Body: Deacon John Osnes

8/9 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Alex Acebo (lead) James Wynn

Lectors: Joni Osnes (1st) Sheila Keeler (2nd)

Hospitality: NOT FILLED

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister Body: Deacon John Osnes

Pope's Intention for August: For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

July 25-26

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	10,380	14,034
Building Fund	42	50	92
Votives	-		89
Total Contributions	3,749	10,430	14,268.31

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 Wyrstek, Thomas Eimers (father of Kim Harming), Lynn Gerving, Omel Weaver, Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, Kevin Michael, Ann Langlois, Adrienne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., 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, Ryan Lenyk, Eric Sour, Jerry Werdel, Cathy Long, Karen Lau, Kim Wynn, Janet Murphy, Brett Whealy, Alma Gamroth

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. Holly Gunderson

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:

Aug 3: Lydis Hephner (1973); Henry Joseph Maicki Jr (2020)
 Aug 4: Bernadette Ricard (2010)
 Aug 5: Msgr. Francis P. Monighan (1967); Coby Tyler Eich (1992); Robert Paul Besse (2010)
 Aug 6: Albert L. Lenerville (2020)
 Aug 7: Msgr. Francis X. Haeusler (1943); Ryan Flynn (1994)
 Aug 8: Rev. John P. Cowley (1980)
 Aug 9: Mary Lee Hathaway (2016)

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is 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 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 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Mon: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tues: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 14:22-36

Wed: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thur: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Fri: Nahum 2:1, 3 and 3:1-3, 6-7; Deut 32:35cd-36ab, 39a-d, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Hab 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

August 2, 2026

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3 | Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Mt 14:13-21

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

In one of the best homilies I ever heard on today's Gospel, the homilist pointed out that the Lord had seemingly "over-multiplied" the loaves and fish. The crowds had eaten to the point of satisfaction, and yet there were twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. "Why so many leftovers? Did the Lord not know how to count?" He asked jokingly, of course. But the point the homilist went on to share that day was that with God, there is always abundance. God doesn't simply provide the bare minimum of what we need for *survival*; the Scriptures tell us that he provides "rich fare" that will "satisfy the desire of every living thing." As we reflect on today's readings, let us not question the Lord's ways, but trust in the abundant generosity of God that satisfies all our needs.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Moments in which God provides for our every need strengthen our faith in him. Yet when difficulties come, we know that God never abandons us. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans speaks about the unshakable confidence Paul has in God's love for us, despite the difficulties (including shipwreck, beatings, and imprisonment) he endured: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?" "No," he says. Nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Take stock of times in your life when God's providence has carried you through difficult times. Consider ways you can share these moments with others as part of your testimony. When our faith rests on a deep awareness of God's faithful love in our lives, we will be able to bear a compelling witness of his goodness to others.

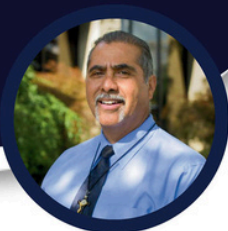
ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Gospel, God shows his loving care by providing for the needs of his people in practical ways. Consider one way you might be able to accompany others going through periods of challenge or trial by providing practical help. This might look like preparing a meal for a new mom in the throes of postpartum, helping with yardwork for a fellow parishioner recovering from surgery, or helping gather classroom supplies for a teacher serving in an impoverished district. In these simple yet concrete ways, we manifest the abundance of God's care and concern for each and every person.

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Black Elk Anniversary Mass

Monday, 8/17, 10:30 a.m., at Holy Rosary Church in Pine Ridge. We will pray for the canonization of Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk with Celebrant Bishop Scott Bullock. Picnic to follow.

FEEDING SD MOBILE DISTRIBUTIONS

Mon. Aug. 3

Mon. Sept. 21

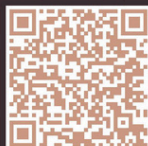
Food hand out begins at 11 AM.

**Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont
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Pilgrimage BEATIFICATION OF FULTON J. SHEEN SEPT. 22-25 | ST. LOUIS

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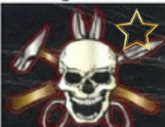
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