



“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Mt 16:13-16)

Who do **they** say that I am? – It is an important question but not the most important, it's only a preliminary question. The real question is “Who do **you** say that I am?” The first question is easily answered – one has only to be a reporter, **one who relates the story of others**. But the second question is a searching one and only an intentional disciple – the one who lives and is part of the story - can come anywhere within range of an answer.

Who do you say that I am? We respond to this question every time when we recite the Creed at Mass giving the Church's answer – you are the Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God true God, begotten, not made...

However, the problem here is this – **the mere repetition of a right answer is not the answer**. You probably found that out in primary school when you realized that the right answer given at the end of the arithmetic book was useless unless we reached it by valid steps ourselves. So, we've got the right answer, but do we try to get it on our own, do we try really experiencing it. Do we just repeat the Creed without really professing it? Do we recite this set of intellectual conclusions, without really re-committing and renewing our faith and ourselves? Another story is - Do we say, “You are the Lord” and then we leave this place and go back to work, home, our business and we act as if “He wasn't the Lord?”

Who do you say that I am? What does your life say that I am, that Jesus is? What do your relationships with others say that I am? Few years ago, we celebrated the Year of the Eucharist Renewal, growing in deeper understanding of the Mass. We have been growing since more and more into keeping Jesus and faith in our hearts. Many of us since been growing deeper into our relationship with Jesus, discovering our faith in new ways, and enjoying the newfound ways of understanding and inviting God into our lives – like the Veritatis Splendor Institute or Cor Ad Cor Spiritual Retreat. The message of this weekend continues that challenge. The answers may not be easy and sometimes may even be embarrassing, because we are sinners. But if we were not, if we believed that we could be saints and holy, what would our answer be?

Pray then, receive sacraments, practice virtues and you will encounter the Lord and you will not repeat after the Church with your lips only, but you will profess with the Church with your heart and deeds that Christ is the Lord.

In Christ, Fr. Andrzej

Note: Thank you so very much for your support to our parish and the Rapid City Diocese. Thank you all who are ready and willing to continue different ministries in our parish, we need many hearts to make our parish a place of prayer, and a place where we can encounter Jesus and to give him our answer to his question: who Jesus is in our lives.

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Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 & 11 AM
Tues.-Fri. 8 AM

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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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LET'S CELEBRATE OLBH!



OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS PARISH FEAST DAY

SATURDAY, 9/12

3 PM ROSARY & PIE

5 PM MASS

6 PM POTLUCK, KNIGHTS WILL
PROVIDE SMOKED MEAT

SUNDAY, 9/13

8 AM MASS

9-10 AM ADORATION

11 AM MASS

OCIA becoming Catholic & returning to the Church

Classes meet **Sundays** beginning September 13th
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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.



OLBH FALL



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

PreK-6th Grade Confirmation 7th Grade YDisciple 8th-12th Grade

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 16TH

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Wednesdays
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VISIT THE OLBH.ORG FAITH FORMATION TAB



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**WEDNESDAY, 9/16,
5:30-6:30 PM**

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a sweet treat to kick off the faith formation year!

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

Wine & Cheese is back!
Saturday, September 19th following
5 PM Mass!



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

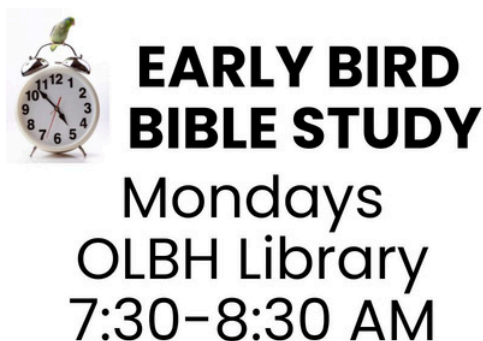


MOVIE NIGHT

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31
6:00 PM in St. Joseph's Hall**

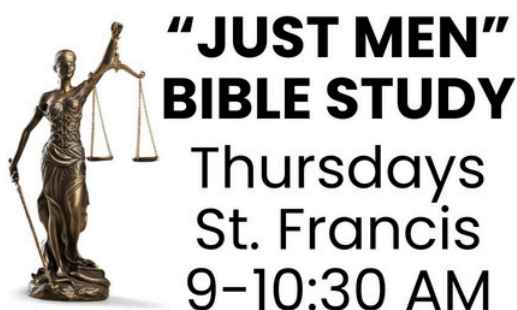
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Mondays
OLBH Library
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Thursdays
St. Francis
9-10:30 AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Book of Revelation
Thursdays
St. Joseph's Hall Kitchen
9-10:30 AM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Pss I

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

Monday, 8/24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 8/25

Saint Lois; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8 AM Mass for the repose of Scott Carhart

Wednesday, 8/26

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Robert Weaver

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30-6:30 PM Confession

Thursday, 8/27

SAINT MONICA

8 AM Mass for the repose of Rita Matthews

Friday, 8/28

SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8 AM Mass for the repose of Mike Waits

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

School for the repose of Christa Thompson

11 AM Funeral Mass for John Baum

Saturday, 8/29

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of John Aberle

Sunday, 8/30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

11 AM Mass for the repose of Michael Smith

UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/29 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Ethan H. (lead) Stella and Julia

Lector: Todd Curtis (1st) Jonathan Allen (2nd)

Hospitality: Ken and Pam Freeman

Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister Body: Samantha Hough

8/30 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Tom Collings (lead) Thomas Jr.

Lector: Diane Clarke (1st) Jay Hammerquist (2nd)

Hospitality: Justin and Kodi Carlin

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister Body: Marty Quinn

8/30 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Alex A. (lead) Kaleb A. and Will B.

Lectors: Craig Kelso (1st) Laura Kelso (2nd)

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts

Sacristan: Brad, Mary, and Matthew Blauvelt

Eucharistic Minister Body: Lee Ann Den Otter

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.

August 15-16

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Building Fund	42	25	67
Priest Retirement	-		367
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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, 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, baby Nathan

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. Mike Keller

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 24: Msgr. John Francis O'Hara, V.F. (1966); Deacon Ronald E. Gravel (1997)

Aug 25: Rev. Cecil R. Folkins (1972); Mary Jo Spencer

Aug 29: Msgr. William J. O'Connel (2015); Grace V. Aronson (1985)

Aug 30: Msgr. Michael P. Thompson (1970)

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 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Mon: Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tues: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 22:23-26

Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sun: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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.



Veritatis Splendor Institute (VSI) Basic Certification

The Basic Certification course presents an in-depth study of the four pillars of our Faith and an introduction to catechetical methodology. This course will lead to the primary aim and mission of the Church: to draw all people to an intimate encounter with the living God. Additionally, regular prayer, the Holy Mass, a retreat, and formation groups provide a setting and opportunity to grow in that personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit: <https://rapidcitydiocese.ccbchurch.com/got/forms/466/responses/new>

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August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul reflects in awe over the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God." God's judgments are inscrutable, his ways unsearchable, he goes on to say. While on our own, we cannot know the depth of who God is and the beauty of his plan for us, we have been given access to this knowledge by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Peter is able to grasp that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," not by "flesh and blood," but by a revelation from our heavenly Father. The Church that is still led by Peter's successor continues to be guided by the Spirit into the fullness of truth. (Jn 16:13) As individual believers, we, too, have received the Spirit in our hearts. By living in communion with our Holy Father and by seeking to listen to the Spirit who also speaks into the depths of our hearts, we can rest assured that we are in a "sure spot" where we can receive all that the Lord wishes to reveal to us about what it means to live in him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel demonstrates that Christ desired to place Peter – and his successors – as the visible head of his Church. Yes, God willed from the beginning to leave his Church with a leader who could safeguard the quintessential confession of Christ as the "Son of the living God," but there's more to it than this. Peter is given *keys to the kingdom of heaven*. And what are keys for if not to open doors? In a very real way, the mission of our Holy Father is to open up access to God's kingdom, and there are many examples of this. On World Mission Sunday in 2011, Pope Benedict said, "The proclamation of the Gospel is intended for all peoples." And Pope Francis, speaking at World Youth Day in 2023, emphasized that the Gospel is for todos, todos, todos – everyone, everyone, everyone, without exception. As we pray for our Holy Father and the immense task with which he has been entrusted, let us work in our own way to ensure that the doors of our churches, the way to the kingdom of heaven, remain open for all.

PRAY

As we reflect on the gift that Jesus left us by making Peter and his successors the visible head of his Church on earth, take some time to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions. You can pray along with the Pope at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (a site which contains a short video of the Pope's monthly prayer intention and other prayer resources) at www.popesprayer.va.

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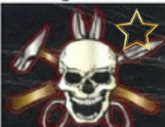
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