

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

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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This Sunday's readings are remarkable in that each one warns us to not be overly attached to earthly things. There is nothing wrong with enjoying the good things that earth provides. They are all gifts from God. Where we run into issues is when we get overly possessive of these gifts thinking that we will somehow have or control them forever. The truth is that we are stewards of everything that God has given us. We will have them for a little while but at some point, we must pass them on. There is an Australian Aboriginal Proverb that sums up this point beautifully that Queen Elizabeth II quoted in 2011 and it goes as follows.

We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love.... and then we return home.

Our home is heaven. A place we desire to reside when our earthly lives come to an end. The readings this weekend warn us that if we hold onto the things of earth too much, we risk losing what we truly desire.

In the first reading from Ecclesiastes the word vanity describes things that may seem desirable or important in the moment but ultimately offer no enduring satisfaction or purpose. This includes things like wealth, fame, pleasure, and even wisdom when pursued without a spiritual foundation. In essence life without God, is ultimately meaningless.

Colossians instructs us therefore to put to death all the parts of us that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and the greed that is idolatry. We are instructed to take off the old self and put on the new self. This conversion of heart is rarely a lightning strike but more often a dedicated perseverance in working towards conforming our hearts to the heart that died to save us. A task that can take a lifetime to achieve.

In the gospel, Jesus reminds that all of our plans can come to end in an instant, so we are challenged to not seek security of life but security of eternal life. Jesus shares the story of a man who is so successful that he decides instead of being generous with his bounty he decides to hoard it but in the end it will be dispersed to others despite his greedy plans.

A good example of this is how often do we hear stories of how a metal detector hobbyist discovers some hoard of ancient coins or jewelry. The original owner obviously hid them with the intent to come back later and dig them up. Later never came and their trove of riches lay buried until they were rediscovered thousands of years later. The Lord calls us to reflect on how we are living out our lives and to ask the question, am I planning for a future on earth or heaven?

We are the stewards of God's gifts. Let us therefore enjoy and share what he bestows upon us knowing that what we have is ultimately his. In doing so, we can help to bring about peace and justice in the world now as we hope for eternal life with God in Heaven.

-Dcn. Phillip



Our Lady of the Black Hills
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HOT RODS & HANDLE BARS

MOTORCYCLE & HOTROD RIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

All are welcome, join us for a fun ride through the Hills.


Depart : Leave OLBH following 11 AM Mass, approx. 12:15 PM
BLESSING OF THE 'RIDES' prior to departure
Return: Approximately 5:30 PM to the Piedmont Valley



2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION

Grades PreK-6

Sundays | 9:30-10:45 AM
Wednesdays Early | 4:30-5:45 PM
Wednesdays Late | 6:15-7:30 PM



REGISTER NOW!

olbh.org/prek-6

*if your child is entering 2nd grade or higher and has not attended Faith Formation, please call the office.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



Calling all 7th graders!



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Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM

PARENT MEETING 9/10 @ 6:15 PM

Faith Formation

Grades 8-12

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:30 PM



GET REGISTERED!

olbh.org/ysdisciple

*Grades 8-12 YDisciple small groups meet in host homes



Young(ish) Adult Hike at Buzzards Roost

8AM - Saturday, August 9



Meet at trailhead

For more info, call Angela at 605-787-5168 or email angela.howard@olbh.org



CAMPFIRE SONGS AND S'MORES!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 7PM

OLBH PARKING LOT



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

OCIA

becoming Catholic & returning to the Church

Classes meet **Sundays** beginning September 14th from **9:15-10:45 AM** in St. Joseph's Hall.
Registration is open, visit olbh.org/OCIA or call 605-787-5168.

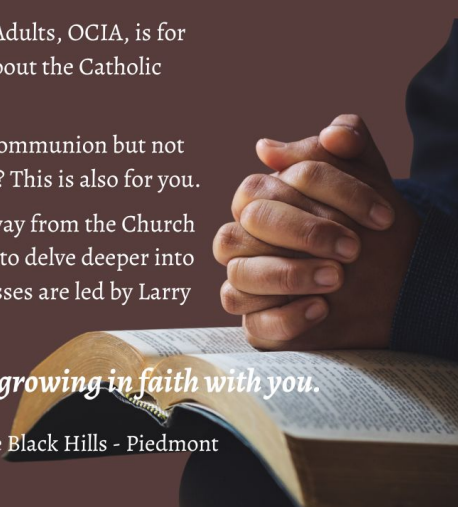
The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, OCIA, is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her beliefs.

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.

We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont



Coffee & Desserts

Coffee & Desserts on Wednesday, August 6th, following 8 AM Mass.

Bring a dessert to share!

Adult Bible Study

led by Shawna Hanson

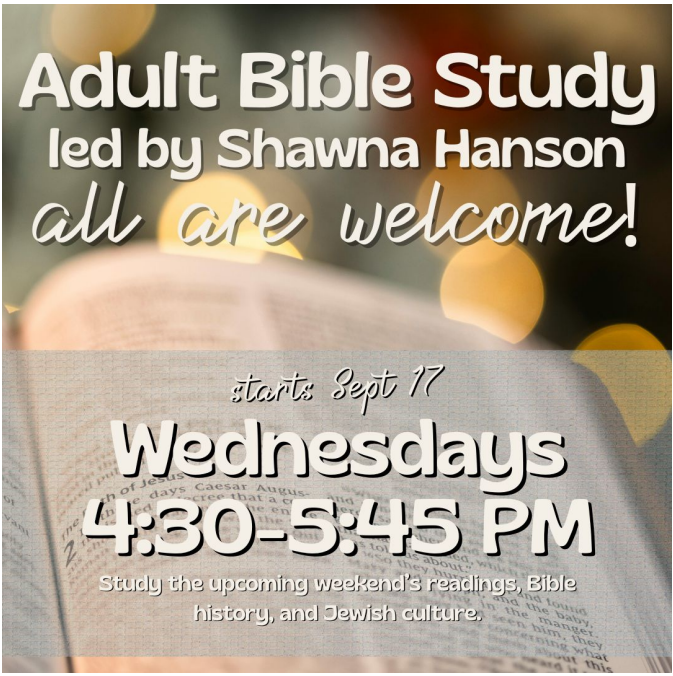
all are welcome!

starts Sept 17

Wednesdays

4:30-5:45 PM

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



God's blessing and thank you to all who prayed with us a Judy's wake, funeral, and during her time in memory care. When Judy passed away, she was surrounded by people she loved and by the people who loved her.

-Deacon Walt Wilson & Family

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

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

Monday, August 4

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Mary Davies

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in St. Joseph's Hall

Wednesday, August 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8 AM Mass for Brian's Cause

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

7PM CAMFIRE SONGS AND SMORES

Thursday, August 7

Saints Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajatean, Priest

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Teagan Hohm

9 AM "Just Men" Bible study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, August 8

SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

8 AM Mass for the Earl and Bertha Witte

Saturday, August 9

Saint Teresa Benedictus of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

7 AM Men's Cursillo

8 AM Young Adult Hike to Buzzard's Roost

3:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, August 10

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST FOR SEMINARIAN BLASE

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Wade Rhodes

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/9 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Blase Gebes (lead) Ethan Heisinger

Lectors: Jean Hohm (1st) Samantha Hough (2nd)

Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell

Sacristan: Cindy Creager

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

8/10 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Brianne Katzenstein (lead) William Rikala

Lectors: Lori Caouette (1st) Jay Hammerquist (2nd)

Hospitality: Cathy and Richard Long

Sacristan: Barbara and Gary Erickson

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thopson

8/10 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) Leo and Talia

Lectors: Emmett Edwards (1st) Sheila Keeler (2nd)

Hospitality: Amber and Kris Warne

Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson



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

July 26-27, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	7,299	10,953
Building Fund	42	-	42
Priest Retirement	-		287
Mass Intention			130
SVdP			250
Total Contributions	3,749	7,299	11,715.31

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.
- ANOIDTING 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 August
Pope’s Intention: For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political religious or ideological reasons.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
- Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalm 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Matthew 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Matthew 14:22-36
- Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
- Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 16:13-23
- Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Matthew 16:24-28
- Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Matthew 17:14-20
- Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

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:
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| August 4 | Bernadette Ricard (2010) |
| August 5 | Msgr. Francis P. Monighan (1967), Coby Tyler Eich (1992), Robert Paul Besse (2010), Richard Arthur Garrity (2016) |
| August 6 | Albert L. Lenerville (2020) |
| August 7 | Msgr. Fracis X. Haeusler (1943), Ryan Flynn (1994) |
| August 8 | Rev. John P. Cowley (1980) |
| August 9 | Mary Lee Hathaway (2016) |
| August 10 | Msgr. William H. Boyd (1967), Deacon Al Grant (2005), Mary Kirby (1981), Donald E. Thrall (2015), Dorothy V. Roseland (2019) |

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 Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (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 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, Joyce Kinney, 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, Don Konechne, Karen Bestgen, Mary Ann Pulaski, Carol Waliser, Tony Corbine, Dave Hudson, Billy Hudson, Jud Schumacher, Patricia Cariveau, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Rebecca Boylan, Theresa Neiger, Kodi Carlin, Jerry Rhodes, Lenny Telefson, Angie Oberle, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson

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. Greg Overholt, Judy Wilson



August 21st
A HIDDEN LIFE (PG-13)

September 4th
CITY LIGHTS (G)

October 16th
THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE (NR)

November 6th
HARLAN COUNTY, USA (PG)

December 4th
SAFETY LAST (NR)

Location:
ST. JOSEPH HALL CATHEDRAL OLPH

Time:
6:30 PM

More Info:
DIOCESAN WEBSITE

* The film festival is open to people of all ages. Some films, however, contain mature content or language; parents should familiarize themselves with the content of each film before deciding to bring their children.



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VERTATIS SPLENDOR INSTITUTE

We are now taking applications for the new Veritatis Splendor Institute academic year, beginning September 5-6, 2025. VSI is a year-long certification program for catechists, parents, ministers, and anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with the Lord. It is also a gifted opportunity to gather and learn within a close faith community. Registration closes August 15th. Find out more at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/vsi/>

Cor ad Cor

The Cor ad Cor Spirituality Year is a weekly small group gathering of all men or all women to learn more about the spiritual life, to grow in relationship and conversation with the Lord, and to share faith and the work of the Lord with others. The interest form is opened and can be found at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor/>. This will help in determining times, dates, and locations for meetings.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ORIENTATION

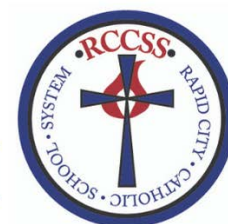
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Sub Orientation - for new and returning subs

Monday, August 4th, 8:30am
Terra Sancta Retreat Center



call Molly at 605-348-1477 or
visit rccss.org - district - employment opportunities

Diocese of Rapid City Vocations Office

Annual Day of Renewal and Prayer for Spiritual Mothers

September 7, 2025

10:00AM - 3:00PM at Terra Sancta Retreat Center



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