



Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother!

This weekend, we celebrate our parish feast day: the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, observed on September 8. This feast commemorates one of only three birthdays celebrated during the liturgical year—an honor shared with the Nativity of Jesus on December 25 and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24.

According to tradition, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, were childless for many years. They prayed fervently for a child, and an angel appeared to each of them, announcing that the Lord had heard their prayers. Anne would conceive and bear a child who would be spoken of throughout the world. From the moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, was preserved from all stain of original sin.

Mary's birth marked the dawn of a new chapter in salvation history. Although the world did not yet know it, the one chosen to become the Mother of God had entered the world. In Mary's birth, the Church recognizes the first light announcing the coming of Christ and the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.

In the story of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel approaches Mary with the greeting, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." Mary was troubled by this greeting, but the angel reassured her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

Mary asked how this could be, and the angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." Mary replied, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Through Mary's "yes," our Savior entered the world. She carried and gave birth to Jesus, and together with Joseph, she loved and cared for him as he grew in wisdom and age. Mary was with Jesus at Cana at the beginning of his public ministry, when he performed his first miracle. She also stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross. As Jesus was dying, he said to her, "Woman, behold, your son," and to the disciple whom he loved, "Behold, your mother."

Our parish chose this feast day to honor the Blessed Mother because of our longstanding Marian identity. Our first church, built in 1916, was named St. Mary's. Our current church, built in 1979, continued this tradition with the name Our Lady of the Black Hills.

Our Marian namesake invites us to imitate the Blessed Mother. Her life was marked by her faithful acceptance of the Father's will and by bringing Jesus, her Son, into the world. We, as sons and daughters of this most beautiful mother, are also called to bring Jesus into our world.

I pray that reading and learning more about Mary will deepen your relationship with her and inspire you to help others do the same. May you experience the pure love of her Immaculate Heart.

-Dcn. Phillip Thompson

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - August 29-30, 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

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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!

The Country Store

CRAFTERS & BAKERS

All handmade or "Boutique" gifts appreciated including Christmas items. Craft items like holiday decor, afghans, crochet/knitted items, sewn textiles, paintings, doilies, and other treasures.

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JAMS & JELLIES

Home-grown or home-made goodies including jams, garden produce, breads, cookies, bars, candies, pies, cakes, and other treats!

Contact Shanesa at 605-786-4240 for details
Our Lady of the Black Hills Fall Festival
November 7th & 8th following all Masses

WE NEED YOU

To host **Coffee & Rolls** following 8 AM Mass. The sign up sheet is outside of the Parish Hall Kitchen, call the office for details, 605-787-5168.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

PreK-6th Grade 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

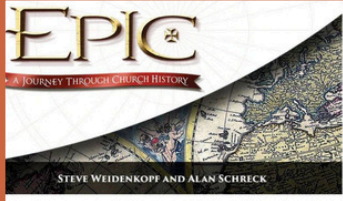
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**WEDNESDAY, 9/16,
5:30-6:30 PM**

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

Faith Formation starts 9/16!
Thank you to the OLBH Catholic Daughters for sponsoring this fun event!





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!

WINE & CHEESE Night

TASTE, ENJOY, AND SOCIALIZE AT OUR WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT!

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH**

FOLLOWING 5 PM MASS
THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
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St. Francis Study

led by Deacon John

4:30 PM on Wednesdays
(during Faith Formation)

Come to one, come to all, just come!

starts Sep 16

Be a Resource for Others! - Speaker Series at OLBH



Guest Speaker: Tammy Misselt, Uplifting Parents Director

Sunday, September 27 at 9:15am
downstairs in OLBH parish hall

Join us after the 8am Mass for a short presentation about the wonderful **Uplifting Parents** and **Common Sense Parenting** programs available in our area through Catholic Social Services.

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

WOMEN
Tuesdays at OLBH | 4:30-6 PM | Cathleen D.

Visit rapidcitydiocese.org/coradcor/




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

Our Lady of the Black Hills Fall Festival

SILENT AUCTION



Support the parish with donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, service, artwork, and more are due by 11/5.

Our Lady of the Black Hills Fall Festival
November 7th & 8th following all Masses
Contact Cheryl with questions or for donation ideas, 605-830-1457.

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 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.



September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. "Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others' wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today's Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, "There but for the grace of God, go I." When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

PRAY

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: *Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.*

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul's example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God's grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is "kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Pss IV

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

Monday, 9/14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

5:30 First Sacraments Parent Meeting in St. Joseph's Hall

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 9/15

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Jean Hohm

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, 9/16

SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation

5:30-6:30 PM Confession

5:30-6:30 PM Ice Cream Social

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, 9/17

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

8 AM Mass for the repose of David Noble

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, 9/18

8 AM Mass for the repose of Capp Holzer

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for the repose of Vytas Norvilas

Saturday, 9/19

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr, BVM

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of Rita Matthews

6 PM Wine & Cheese

Sunday, 9/20

TWENTY-FIFTH 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 wellbeing of Ryan and Elizabeth Tate



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

9/19 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: **NOT FILLED**

Lector: Teresa Thompson (1st) Todd Curtis (2nd)

Hospitality: Pam and Ken Freeman

Sacristan: **NOT FILLED**

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

9/20 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Justin Carlin (lead) Elaina

Lector: Lori Caouette (1st) Diane Clarke (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

9/20 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Alex Acebo (lead) Will B.

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

Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

Pope's Intention for September: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

September 5-6, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	4,481	8,135
Building Fund	42	150	192
Assumption	-		20
Mass Intentions			35
Total Contributions	3,749	4,631	8,435.31

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 Wyrostek, Thomas Eimers (father of Kim Harming), Lynn Gerving, Omel Weaver, Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, 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, 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.

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:

Sep 14: Most Rev. William T. McCarty, C.S.S.R. (1972)

Sep 15: Donald Leslie Norman (2009)

Sep 16: Rev. Hugo Eichenhofer (1966);

Sep 17:

Sep 18:

Sep 19: Laudie C. Urbanec (2001); Dale "Steve" Grothe (2024)

Sep 20: Rev. John F. Vigneron (1957)

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: Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Mon: Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27

Wed: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thur: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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.

St. Therese Fall Festival |

September 27, 2026

Join us Sunday, 9/27, from 10:30–1:30 pm for our annual Fall Festival and Roast Beef dinner complete with a salad and dessert bar. Festivities include a gift basket Silent Auction, Country Store with bake sale, Gift Boutique, youth games, and a live auction. Tickets for the dinner are available in the St. Therese Parish offices. Call 605–342–1556 for additional information.



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9/21 10/5 11/2 12/7

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The diocese can raise up to \$125,000
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TOTAL POSSIBLE FUND: \$375,000

WHAT THIS PROGRAM CREATES

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- Stronger ministry leadership for years to come

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You are invited to support a strong and sustainable future for ministry in the Diocese of Rapid City. You can donate by:

Scanning the QR code using the online donation link:
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Please note "Stabilitas Program" with your gift.

Honor Quilts for Veterans

The Blessed Sacrament Quilters Group is honored to present patriotic quilts to veterans to thank them for their service. Please nominate a veteran by filling out the form and returning it to Katie in the OLBH office. Questions can be directed to Joanne at 605-920-0513.

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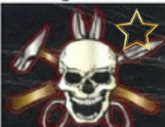
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