



Lord, you are good and forgiving.



We are all made in the image and likeness of God. We were created out of love and our destiny was to be with the Him always. Unfortunately, through our first parents sin humanity found itself cut-off from the Lord but not without hope.

Though our Lord's death on the cross and his resurrection he made atonement of our sins and reopened the gates of heaven to us once more. Through baptism, original sin and any sins we may have committed up to that point, are washed away. Our friendship with God is restored but we still live with the effects of original sin which are darkening of the intellect, weakening of the will, concupiscence (disordered passions), suffering and death. Yes, baptism removes original sin, restoring the life of grace, but the tendency toward sin remains summoning every Christian to ongoing spiritual battle.

As Catholics we do not believe in faith alone or works alone. We believe that both are necessary to achieve our goal of eternal salvation. The question we may ask is what am I to do? First have faith and believe in the truth of God's revelation, turn away from sin, receive the grace of Christ through the sacraments, live charity by loving God above all things and your neighbors as yourself, and finally persevere to the end. As St. Paul wrote in his final letter while imprisoned in Rome, I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge will award me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

God gave us the gift of free will which is the ability to turn towards or away from Him. God wants a relationship with us, and he does not want to lose anyone. One of the main points of today's readings is the forbearance of God. Forbearance is the virtue of patient, loving self-restraint when dealing with the faults, insensitivities, or provocations of others. In one of the parables today we hear how a man sowed good seed in his field and while everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all throughout the wheat. The crop grew and so did the weeds. The workers asked the man if they should pull out the weeds. The master said no, because it might uproot the wheat as well, so both were left to grow together until the harvest. Now we all want to be the wheat that will be gathered into the "barn" and not the weeds that will be burnt. In life there are times when we are wheat and times when we are the weeds. God, the master of the field, watches over us and he is patient with us forbearing our weaknesses with the hope that in time we will turn back to him once more. The reality of our lives however is that there is a time of harvest at which point God will ask, what is your decision. Is it me or is it you?

My friends, pray for each other, pray for ongoing conversion, and keep your eye on the prize of this race we are running but if you lose sight of the Lord, you can easily find him in the sacrament of reconciliation where he is waiting for you patiently with open arms and an ocean of mercy.

-God Bless, Dcn. Phillip

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - July 11-12, 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 become a registered member of our parish, we invite you to stop by the office or visit olbh.org. You can pick up a welcome packet from the counter on the back wall of the gathering space. Please join us again and visit often!

SUMMER



Parish Pool Party
Saturday, July 25
6:30pm-8:30pm
Jimmy Hilton Pool
Personal Coolers Welcome

The poster features a blue background with a pool of water. There are several inflatable rings and beach balls. One yellow ring has the text "GATHERING--NO CHARGE--STEWARDSHIP PARISH".



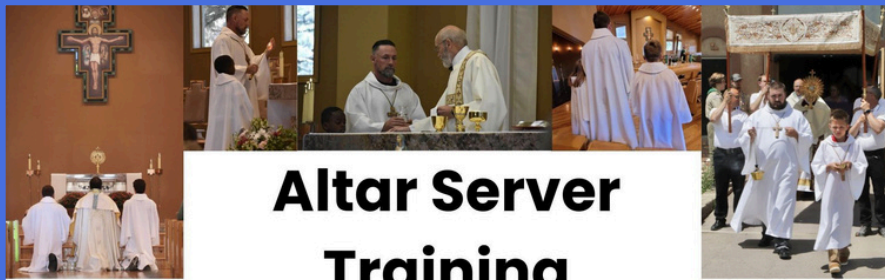
POTLUCK PICNIC NIGHTS
JULY 22ND & AUG 19TH
5:30PM
OLBH PLAYGROUND

The poster features a blue sky background with colorful triangular flags. There is a picnic basket with a red and white checkered cloth and a basket of fruit.



Movie NIGHT
Under the Stars
July 29th 7:30pm
OLBH Patio

The poster features a dark blue background with a crescent moon and stars. There is a movie screen, a bucket of popcorn, and a chair.



Altar Server Training

Sunday, July 26 | 9 AM | Top of the Stairs

FATHERS AND CHILDREN CAN SERVE TOGETHER!

Altar Servers must have received their First Holy Communion, adult men are also encouraged to serve.

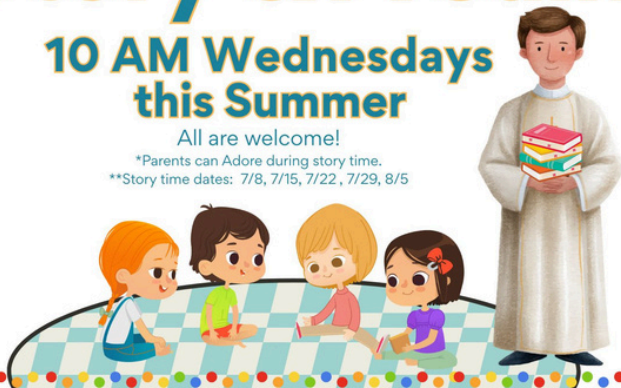
A Story & A Saint

**10 AM Wednesdays
this Summer**

All are welcome!

*Parents can Adore during story time.

**Story time dates: 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5



Altar Server

a sacred role

Who is an Altar Server?

An Altar server is a helper who assists the priest during Holy Mass and other liturgical celebrations. At OLBH Altar Servers have received their First Holy Communion. Children entering third grade and up are encouraged to serve. Father's and adult men are also encouraged to serve.



Sacred Duties

Carry the cross and candles in the procession.
Prepare the Altar and sacred vessels.
Hold the Missal for the priest.
Ring the bells at the Consecration.
Assist with incense when used.



Grow in Faith

Altar servers lead by example through silence and focus, bowing and kneeling, growing in love for the Eucharist. Serving at the Altar is a ministry that will aid in growing your faith, loving Jesus, and serving God.



"Serve the Lord with gladness."

-Ps 100:2

Watch the bulletin for Altar Server training or call Katie to set up a training time. We work with you to schedule serving times.

THIRD Annual Hoses and Hallelujahs

Sunday, August 2 – 5 pm

Join us to support our local Piedmont Fire and EMS!!

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, enjoy some praise music, and a FREE meal, PLUS help raise some funds for our local first responders.

We will sing some songs and then enjoy a meal together. A fire truck (or two) will also be present for the kids to explore and engage!!



Please come out and support those who give so much to our local community!!

Sponsored by the Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association.



Can't make it on August 2nd?

Still want to support the fire and EMT folks?



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THIRD Annual Hoses and Hallelujahs

Piedmont City Park

Scam Warning: Remember, Fr. Andrzej will never ask you for gift cards or wire transfers through email or text. If you are worried about Fr. Andrzej, please call the office to check on him, 605-787-5168.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

PreK-6th Grade



Confirmation
7th Grade



YDisciple
8th-12th Grade



Wednesdays

4:30-5:45 PM or 6:15-7:30 PM

(Confirmation & YDisciple are at 6:15-7:30 PM only)

VISIT THE OLBH.ORG FAITH FORMATION TAB

***First Communion and Reconciliation = 2nd grade**

****Confirmation = 7th grade**

CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 16TH

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss III

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

Monday, 7/13

Saint Henry

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 7/14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

Wednesday, 7/15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Wilson

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

10 AM A Story & A Saint with Deacon John

5:30-6:30 PM Confession

Thursday, 7/16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Wilson

9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness

6 PM Finance Council Meeting

Friday, 7/17

8 AM Mass for the repose of Greg Overholt

Saturday, 7/18

SAINT Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM on Saturday

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the repose of Judy Wilson

Sunday, 7/19

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the repose of Bernie Gerving

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

UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

7/18 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dustin Hoiten (lead) Isaac and Luke

Lector: David Allardyce (1st) Jan Evans (2nd)

Hospitality: Not Filled

Sacristan: Cindy Creager

Eucharistic Minister Body: Samantha Hough

7/19 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Fred Weishaar (lead) Eli H. and Oliver

Lector: Jeremy Thompson (1st) Lori Caouette (2nd)

Hospitality: Justin and Kodi Carlin

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister Body: Not Filled

7/19 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Bernie Keeler (lead) Hannah and Alex

Lectors: Carisa Gerving (1st) Laura Varilek (2nd)

Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts

Sacristan: Brad, Matthew, and Mary Blauvelt

Eucharistic Minister Body: Lee Ann Den Otter

Pope's Intention for July: For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as gift from God.

July 4-5

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	3,529	7,183
Building Fund	42	75	117
Priest Retirement	-		12
St. Vincent de Paul			250
Total Contributions	3,749	3,604	7,615.56

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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, Kodi Carlin, , Ryan Wilson, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Mel Flottmeyer, Derrick Siemieniak, Grant Albrecht, Holly Gunderson, Nicole Devlin, Carol Waliser, Ryan Lenyk, Eric Sour, Joanna Konechne, Jerry Werdel, Cathy long, Karen Lau, Kim Wynn

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, Cathy Luedtke

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:

July 13: Rev. Thomas A. Coleman (1957); Jeremiah Stephen Noviek (1990); John M. Mizenko (2023)
 July 14: Emily Allen (2019)
 July 16: Daniel Joseph Smith (2014)
 July 17: Rev. Tarcisius Keller, O.C.D. (1957); Gregory John Overholt (2025)
 July 18: Rev. Henry J. Dunn (1968)
 July 19: Rev. William Mahoney (1890); Madege Thema Callanan (1973); Virgil McLaughlin (2004)

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 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.



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.



ANOIDING 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 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tues: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thurs: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12d, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Micah 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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Black Elk Anniversary Mass

Monday, 8/17, 10:30 a.m., at Holy Rosary Church in Pine Ridge. We pray for the canonization of Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk. Celebrant Bishop Scott Bullock. Picnic to follow. Sponsored by the Black Elk Working Group, the Diocese of Rapid City, and Holy Rosary Church.



Mark your Calendars!

**Knights of Columbus Bingo at the
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Aug. 21-29th 6-10 PM**

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QUO VADIS DAYS

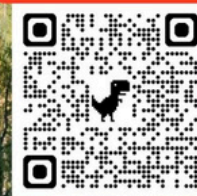
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July 12, 2026

Written by
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

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

If you're anything like me, you probably hear today's Gospel and immediately try to identify yourself with one type of seed Jesus talks about: the seed that fell on the path, the seed that fell on rocky ground, the seed among thorns, or the seed in good soil. But have you ever stopped to wonder why the sower is throwing seeds so haphazardly? This is worth meditating on, too. I believe it says to us that God is generously offering his grace and his mercy to everyone equally, in all places, at all times. But we aren't all in a place where we are open to receive that gift. In those moments when we feel as though we're not bearing the fruit that we hope to, perhaps it's time to examine our spiritual surroundings and see if there is something we can change that might help us to be more receptive to God's grace. Perhaps it's as simple as checking out a faith-sharing group that can help us tend our spiritual soil so it is ready to receive what God is doing out.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading from Isaiah speaks of the power and efficacy of God's word, comparing it to the rain and snow that come down and water the earth, making the soil fertile, helping the seed to grow into a bountiful harvest that can be made into bread that nourishes. What we grasp from all of this is that God's word bears fruit *over time*. As evangelizers, it's important to consider that we often won't see fruit right away when sharing God's word with others. That word must take root, grow, and be cultivated. This process will take time, but the long-term fruit is worth our sustained and patient effort as we nurture relationships of accompaniment with others.

PRAY

There's a certain patience we must exercise when sharing God's word with others. When I find myself struggling with impatience – with myself or with others' slow progress – I often find solace in the prayer “Trust in the Slow Work of God” from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, particularly these lines: *Above all, trust in the slow work of God / We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay / We should like to skip the intermediate stages / And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.*

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