



# 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 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

## 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

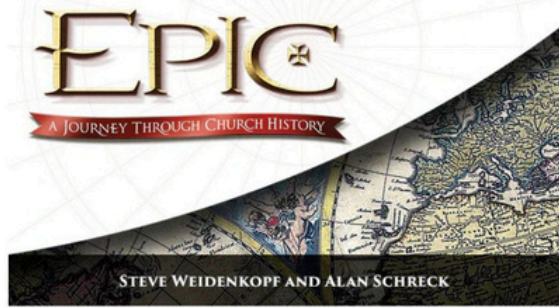
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Deacon Greg Sass  
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# OLBH FALL



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!**

### Sundays

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

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**REGISTRATION**

PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
YDisciple 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 = 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**  
**\*\*Confirmation = 7<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 16TH**

## 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](http://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

## 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!

\*Adults can Adore during story time.

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



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>?  
Still want to support the fire and EMT folks?



<- Scan the code!

THIRD Annual  
**Hoses and Hallelujahs**  
Piedmont City Park

## MOVIE NIGHT

MONDAY, JULY 20  
5:30 PM IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, OLBH

1939-NR starring Jimmy Stewart, Jean Arthur, and Claude Rains

### Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

## Parish Pool Party

Saturday, **July 25**  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
Jimmy Hilton Pool

Personal Coolers Welcome

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

NOW SHOWING:  
**DAVID**

**JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
7:45PM

## POTLUCK PICNIC NIGHTS

**JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> & AUG 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
5:30PM  
OLBH PLAYGROUND



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Pss IV

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

*Monday, 7/20*

**Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

*Tuesday, 7/21*

**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Bertha Lee Witte

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

*Wednesday, 7/22*

**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Loretta Wiehl

**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**

**10 AM A Story & A Saint with Miss Lorie**

**5:30-6:30 PM Confession**

**5:30 PM Picnic Potluck at the OLBH**

**Playground - bring a side dish or dessert to share**

*Thursday, 7/23*

**Saint Bridget, Religious**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Bernie Gerving

9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness

*Friday, 7/24*

**Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Joseph

Luetenegger

*Saturday, 7/25*

**SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE**

7 AM Men's Cursillo

**3:30-4:30 PM Confessions**

**5 PM Mass** for the wellbeing of Cooper Rhodes

**6:30-8:30 PM Parish POOL PARTY at the Jimmy Hilton Pool**

*Sunday, 7/26*

**SEVENTEENTH 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 repose of Dennis Wynn Lopez



## UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

7/25 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Benjamin Funk (lead) Amelia and Eloise

Lector: Jonathan Allen (1<sup>st</sup>) Duane Riedlinger (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Bernadette and John Usera

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

7/26 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead) Will R. and Thomas Jr.

Lector: Bob Weaver (1<sup>st</sup>) Joshua Weaver (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

7/26 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Alex Acebo (lead) Bri and Will B.

Lectors: Shila Keeler (1<sup>st</sup>) Joni Osnes (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Lisa Katzenstein

Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek

Eucharistic Minister Body: Dcn Phillip Thompson

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 11-12

|                            | Automatic    | Basket       | Total            |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Adopt a Seminarian         | 54           | 385          | 439              |
| Sunday Collection          | 3,654        | 6,407        | 10,061           |
| Building Fund              | 42           | -            | 42               |
| Mass Intention             | -            | -            | 10               |
| St. Vincent de Paul        | -            | -            | -                |
| <b>Total Contributions</b> | <b>3,749</b> | <b>6,792</b> | <b>10,551.31</b> |

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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, Crescencia 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, Holly Gunderson, Nicole Devlin, Carol Waliser, Ryan Lenyk, Eric Sour, Joanna Konechne, Jerry Werdel, Cathy long, Karen Lau, Kim Wynn, Janet Murphy, Brett Whealy

## 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 20: Gary Wentz (2002); Judith Ann Wilson (2025)  
 July 22: Eulalie V. "Nell" McNulty (2010)  
 July 23: Joseph J. Mahon (1985)  
 July 24: Msgr. Joseph H. Golden (1968)  
 July 25: Ray Walz (2019); Kim Terese Koan (2020)  
 July 26: Rev. Robert DeMeyer, S.J. (1913); Msgr. William P. Leahy (1965); John "Jack" William Smith (2009)

## 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](http://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: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43  
 Mon: Mic 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tues: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85: 2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
 Wed: Songs 3:1-4b; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Thurs: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab; 8-11; Mt 13:10-17  
 Fri: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23  
 Sat: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28



July 19, 2026  
 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

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

There have been moments in my life when I have not been able to find words for prayer, which leaves my efforts feeling unproductive and fruitless. But prayer's worth is not measured by the words we say. Prayer is the lifting of the mind and the heart to God. We place ourselves in the presence of God and allow our desires, our suffering, and our weakness to be transformed by his grace. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans he writes, "we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings." In prayer, we place our hope in that what we bring to God will be heard and magnified by his divine grace. And as Christians, we live with the intention of pleasing God, and we trust that God transforms our actions into something meaningful as well. As the mustard seed grows into a large tree or a small teaspoon of yeast enlivens an entire loaf of bread, God takes what we offer – regardless of whether or not we have the right words, or even any words at all – and transforms it into something extraordinary.

### **PRAY**

Prayer is not only offered in word but also in sacrifice offered on behalf of another. Today, think of someone who needs your prayers. Bring their intention to God either in word or by offering a sacrifice on their behalf, not thinking about what is equal but what reflects God's mercy.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In the first reading, we are reminded of God's leniency in the face of justice. God's mercy does not mean a lack of accountability – Christ desires and commands that we love God and love our neighbor. But in his mercy, he does not condemn us for our sin but rather gives time for us to repent. As a Christian community, we are called to show that same mercy – that same patient forbearance with one another. By doing so, the love of God ripples across a community through acts of charity and compassion, making individuals feel known and cared for. In this kind of environment, like the birds who find rest in the branches of the large mustard bush, all who seek the Lord will find a welcome among God's people.

**Key Passage: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."  
 (Romans 8:26)**

**Adult Question: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?**

**Child Question: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?**





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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.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SURGITE EAMUS Dinner

Join Bishop Bullock Saturday, August 1 at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Mass, dinner, & program supporting seminarians preparing for the priesthood.

Featuring priests sharing the stories behind their chalices and a Dessert Dash fundraiser.



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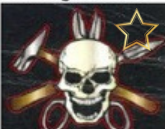
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