

Lord, teach us to pray..."

(Lk 11:1)

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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Jubilation from John

Since one of the disciples uttered those words, volumes upon volumes have been written about prayer—what it is, how to do it, where to pray, why we should pray, types and methods of prayer, what to wear and how to stand, sit or kneel. It's not hard to find something to say on the subject of prayer—it's much harder to decide what not to say. So, take your lead from Jesus—the best source when one is preparing to pray—and invoke the KISS principle. K-I-S-S—Keep It Simple Stupid. When the disciple said, "Lord, teach us to pray," Jesus simply responded with an invocation—Abba, Father—and five simple petitions: (1) hallowed be your name; (2) your kingdom come; (3) give us each day our daily bread; (4) forgive us our sins; and (5) do not subject us to the final test.

Pretty simple—and yet one of the greatest intellectuals of all time, St. Thomas Aquinas, described the Lord's Prayer as "the most perfect of prayers... In it we ask, not only for the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them." Simple, yet perfect and so profound.

Not having the intellect of St. Thomas Aquinas, I'm drawn to something even simpler in the Lord's Prayer—the invocation—and what it tells us about prayer. Jesus taught his disciples—as He teaches you and me—to invoke God just as the Son invoked God. He teaches us to call out to God as Abba, Father. This invocation speaks to us of relationship—of a family relationship between children and their father. As Jesus continues teaching his disciples about prayer—"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Lk 11:9)—he comes back to this father-child relationship to reinforce his teaching: "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Lk 11:13)

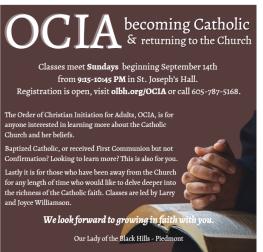
So, to Keep It Simple, prayer is "a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God" (CCC 2558). Jesus taught us to call God, "Abba, Father," just as through Baptism God calls us, "My beloved son" or "My beloved daughter." I want the kind of vital, personal relationship that Abraham had in this Sunday's reading from the Book of Genesis. Not just talking to God, but talking with God. Not just speaking, but also being silent, intently listening with my heart as well as my ears. Speaking out in humility, yet trusting in His infinite love. Confident I can share anything with Him and He won't abandon me.

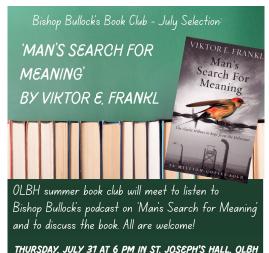
I don't think we develop an intimate relationship with God by just attending church once a week or even having a quiet time every day. A personal relationship with God is built by sharing all our life experiences with Him. God wants to be more than an appointment in our busy schedules. He wants to be included in every activity, every conversation, every problem, and even every thought on our busy schedules. He is Abba, Father—surrounding us with a life-giving presence, sustaining us by an infinite tenderness, transforming the ordinary into the eternal.

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

Deacon John





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Cursillo

Piety | Study | Action

Cursillo is about three encounters - self, Christ, and community. Through our friendship groups we work to become the "Good News," to lead others to Christ, and to support the Church.

Men's Group Saturdays at 7 AM

Women's Group Mondays at 7 PM



Please pray for safe travels and an impactful pilgrimage for the nineteen teens and three chaperones traveling from OLBH to the 'Steubenville of the Rockies' Catholic Youth Conference on July 24-27! Thank you for all of your loving support in preparation for this trip!





Depart: Leave OLBH following 11 AM Mass, approx. 12:15 PM

Return: Approximately 5:30 PM to the Piedmont Valley

BLESSING OF THE 'RIDES' prior to departure

SECOND Annual Sunday, August 3 - 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!!









WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS I

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

Monday, July 28

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

11 AM Funeral Mass of Judy Wilson

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, July 29

SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

8 AM Mass for the repose of Brett Flynn

Wednesday, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass with Bishop Bullock for the repose of John Madden

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, July 31

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Joshua Weaver

9 AM "Just Men" Bible study

6 PM Book Reflections from Bishop Bullock,

'Man's Search for Meaning'

Friday, August 1

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Dean and Jean Hohm

First Friday Devotion

Saturday, August 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St.

Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BVM

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Catholic Daughters LifeSaver Sale

Sunday, August 3

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Gary Matthews

Catholic Daughters LifeSaver Sale

9 AM Breakfast to thank Seminarian Blase

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

Catholic Daughters LifeSaver Sale

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/2 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead) Luke and Jonathon G.

Lectors: Carisa Gerving (1st) Duane Riedlinger (2nd)

Hospitality: Sue and Steve Colgan Sacristan: Linda and Joe Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

8/3 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean Bestgen (lead) Oliver and Otto Lectors: Brad Blauvelt (1st) Joyce Williamson (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

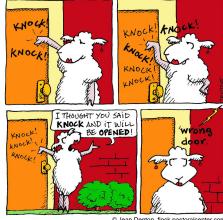
8/3 11 AM Mass with Fr. Ed Vanorny

Altar Servers: Emmett Edwards (lead) Leo and Talia Lectors: Cathy Long (1st) Christine Pulaski (2nd)

Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes



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"To the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Sheepish Question:

What doors have I been knocking on that God seems not to want to open?

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

July 19-20, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	3,990	7,643
Building Fund	42	95	137
Priest Retirement	-		287
Mass Intention			160
SVdP			-
Total Contributions	3,749	4,085	8,280.91

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.

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.

Intentions of the Holy Father for July

Pope's Intention: For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL & **HOMEBOUND** Call 605-787-5168 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, Adrianne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescencia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila), Sheila Keeler, Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Don Konechne, Karen Bestgen, Mary Ann Pulaski, Carol Waliser, Tony Corbine, Dave Hudson, Billy Hudson, Judy Schumacher, Patricia Carlveau, Deb Curl, Rebecca Boylan (daughter of Coleen Short), Adam Hohm, Theresa Neiger, Kodi Carlin, Jerry Rhodes,

Lenny Telefson
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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; John 11:19-27

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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:

July 29 Jeanne Cecile Skog (2014)
July 30 Rev. Martin Kenel, O.S.B. (1917)
Rev. Martin A. Wittman (1965)
July 31 Rev. Henry S. McRoray (1939)

Albert J. Vargo (2019)

August 1 Rev. Gerald Scherer (2017)
August 2 Fern C. Keffeler (1973)
August 3 Lydis Hephner (1929)

Henry Joseph Maicki Jr. (2020)

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

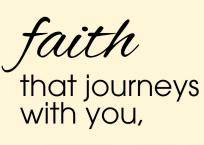
The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to 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.



ARE YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS?

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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 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 dertermining times, dates, and locations for meetings.

1st Annual Surgite Eamus Dinner with the Bishop

Saturday, August 2 | St. Joseph's Hall, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Join Bishop Scott Bullock for Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner and a program with our seminarians at 6:30 PM. Bishop Bullock chose this motto "Surgite Eamus," which means "Rise, let us be on our way," to reflect his call to lead the faithful encouraging them to rise and follow Christ's path. Christ invites all of us to rise and live out our faith. Supporting our seminarians is one way we can respond. Spots are limited. **RSVP by July 28** at wsdcf.org.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

We Are Hiring

Open Position:

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Our Lady of the Black Hills is seeking a faith-filled and experienced Coordinator of Children's Ministry to lead and oversee its programs including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), OCIC, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and traditional 4th-6th grade faith formation. In addition, this individual will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of faith formation PreK-6th grade, supporting and recruiting catechists for the spiritual formation of children in accordance with Catholic teaching. The position will be full time, up to forty hours a week. Benefit package available.

Key Responsibilities:

Coordinate traditional Faith Formation for grades 4-6. Coordinate CGS for grades PreK-6.
Coordinate Sacramental Preparation. Coordinate

supplemental programs for children. Catechist

support and collaboration.

Full Job Description at:

www.olbh.org/hiring

Submit Your Resume To:

OLBH@OLBH.ORG

More Information:

Contact Katie at 605-787-5168.

Position Expectations:

- Complete Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Levell-3 and attend VSI Basic
- Create and manage program schedules, student enrollment, manage all parent communications, prepare and maintain a yearly budget
- Attend meetings as required including Pastoral Ministry Days, Staff Meetings, Pastoral Council meetings and Discipleship Commission; may be outside of regular working hours
- Collaborate with the faith formation staff; the ability to work collaboratively is a must
- Belong to or join the OLBH community as an active and practicing Catholic in good standing
- Event coordination, general office assistance, and other duties as assigned





July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Sounds lovely, doesn't it? I remember understanding this verse as though God is like a genie in a bottle and prayer is like a delivery service. But when I encountered true hardship, this interpretation was tested. I was seeking, but I couldn't find what I wanted. My request seemed to go unanswered. I was asking, but my hands were empty. I couldn't reconcile this. Did this mean God wasn't telling me the truth? Trusting that couldn't be the case, I pressed in a little harder. In time, and through the grace of God, I realized I'd been reading this verse through selfish eyes. I was understanding this passage to say, "ask for whatever you feel like in the moment, and I'll drop it on your doorstep." But what does Jesus actually say? He says that if we ask, he will always give us the Holy Spirit. This understanding can change how we pray. The Lord doesn't promise to instantly cure our maladies, or to remove every ounce of pain on this side of the veil. But he does promise to send his Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with us through it all. And that is far better than any type of delivery service.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's psalm echoes the Gospel message that the Lord never abandons us. In our response, we unite our voices with the universal Church as we say, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." We encounter hardship on a daily basis. From the tiny irritations that tempt our tempers to flare to the heavy crosses we carry, we are reminded of how much we need God's help. And yet, how often is our response to turn inward and grow weary, discouraged, or angry? Next time we come eye to eye with a challenge, let's try to respond like the psalmist, and cry out to the Advocate. He is very near. *Come Holy Spirit*.

REFLECT

We are reminded in today's readings that the Lord is always near, that he hears us, and that he responds generously. Thank God this is true even when it doesn't seem like it. As we face our daily hardships, let's not forget to ask Jesus for help. Don't forget that he never rations the Spirit, and though he will never force himself on you, he's waiting eagerly to pour his love into your heart. Ask! Seek! Knock! He knows your voice, and he is ready to respond.





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