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Black Hills



What are the origins of the May Crowning?

From: Catholic Answers

Devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary originates in the earliest days of the church. toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus (in Rome) instituted the practice of dedicating this month to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality. From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the whole church. Pope Pius VII in 1815 granted a partial indulgence for participating in either a public or private devotion honoring Mary during the month of May; Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary in 1859. (This particular indulgence is no longer listed in the present Enchiridion of Indulgences, although numerous devotions to our Blessed Mother are.) May probably seemed most appropriate because the liturgical calendars, former and present, mark several feast days honoring our Blessed Mother: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (the Saturday following the Ascension); Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (May 13); Our Lady of Fatima (May 13); Mary, Help of Christians (May 24); Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (May 31); and the Visitation (May 31). Regarding the crowning, the image of Mary (as well as Jesus) wearing a gold crown is found in the earliest forms of iconography, especially in the Eastern Churches. In the West, the pious practice of publicly crowning an image of the Blessed Mother gained popularity in the 19th century. In Rome, the image known as *Salus Populi Romani* — of our Blessed Mother holding the Child Jesus — is enshrined at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Tradition holds that St. Luke painted the image. Pope Clement VIII (1592-1605) added two crowns to the icon, which were at some point later lost. Nevertheless, on Aug. 15, 1838, the Feast of the Assumption, Pope Gregory XVI with great solemnity, added the crowns, and thereupon crowning the image of the Blessed Mother became popular, especially during the month of May.

Pope Paul VI, in his “Letter on the Occasion of the First of May” (promulgated April 30, 1965), noted not only the venerable tradition of May devotions to Mary, but their importance: “It is precisely because the month of May is a powerful incentive to more fervent and trusting prayer, and because during it our petitions find their way more easily to the compassionate heart of Our Blessed Lady, that it has been a custom dear to Our Predecessors to choose this month, dedicated to Mary, for inviting the Christian people to offer up public prayers, whenever the needs of the Church demanded it, or whenever danger hovered menacingly over the world. This year, We too ... feel the need of sending out a similar appeal to the whole Catholic world. When We look at the present needs of the Church or at the state of peace in the world, We have compelling reasons for believing that the present hour is especially grave; that it makes a call for united prayer from the whole Christian people more than ever a matter of urgency.”

To celebrate the Marian Year declared by Pope St. John Paul II in 1987 to prepare for the new Millennium, a ritual, Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary were issued by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship: “The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute ‘crown’ of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate ... ‘He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.’ Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as ‘the mother of my Lord.’ Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God’s plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God’s Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way, she won the ‘crown of righteousness,’ ‘the crown of life,’ ‘the crown of glory’ that is promised to those who follow Christ.”

As we approach May, let us be sure to honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes. The recitation of the family Rosary each day, images of our Blessed Mother, having a special shrine in our yard, and having our own family May Crowning are wonderful ways to foster devotion and faith, and to draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25-26, 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!



Mother's Day Flower Sale

free will donation

May 9 & 10

following all Masses

The Catholic Daughters are helping to raise money for Fr. Mark McCormick to wrap the Eucharistic Miracle display trailer and any extra funds will help cover registration fees for a few of our Catholic daughters to attend the National Convention in July.

Pray for our First Communicants

Declan M.
Oliver B.
Viola G.
Finn K.
Corbin K.
Farrah L.
William V.
Charles W.



Maverick W.
Oaklynn V.
Gillian H.
Avery J.
Micah K.
Raelah V.
Elizabeth H.
Theo M.

First Communion is
May 3rd at 8 and 11 AM

2026 PARISH SURVEY

WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM YOU



olbh.org/2026-parish-survey

RESPOND BY 5/10/2026



Congratulations, High School graduates!
 There will be a special blessing and gift for you at all Masses the weekend of **May 9 & 10**.
Please RSVP if you are able to attend by contacting the church office at 605-787-5168 or emailing angela.howard@olbh.org



Coffee & Desserts

The first Wednesday of the month, following 8 AM Mass.
 Bring a treat to share!

May 6



Long time parishioners Wes & Karen Mendenhall are moving. They would love to continue hearing from their OLBH family.

The Mendenhalls
 2516 Sunset Beach Ln
 Las Vegas, NV 89128



On behalf of the entire Rapid City Catholic School system, we want to say **THANK YOU** for allowing us to host the wine and cheese mixer on Saturday, April 18th. It was a delight to socialize and be able to give an update on all the wonderful things happening at our Catholic schools. It was a fabulous evening!

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
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FOR PARTICIPANTS
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OUR LADIES Tea Party

“MOTHERS’ DAY” BRUNCH

Saturday, May 9 at 9:30am

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Main Hall
 12365 Sturgis Rd., Piedmont SD 57769

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 1

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FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES



First Saturday Devotion

CONFESSION: 7:30 AM

MASS: 8 AM

ADORATION: 8:30-9:30 AM

8:30 AM Rosary

9 AM Silent Prayer

9:30 AM Benediction

First Saturdays are a rich tradition and a principal request from Our Lady during her apparitions at Fatima.

First Friday Devotion

in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

8 AM Mass

8:30 AM Prayers and Devotion



WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

Monday, 5/4

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study
7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 5/5

8 AM Mass for the friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, 5/6

8 AM Mass for the repose of Eugene Frank Williamson
Coffee & Desserts
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
5:30-6:30 PM Confession

Thursday, 5/7

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Aaron and Steph Hohm
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness
9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, 5/8

8 AM Mass for the repose of Brittany Holzer
8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the repose of Colleen Jones

Saturday, 5/9

7 AM Men's Cursillo
9:30-11:30 AM Our Ladies Tea
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
***5 PM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, 5/10

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
***8 AM Mass** for our mothers
***11 AM Mass** for the communities of OLBH and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin

***Birthday Blessing weekend for children up to 18 celebrating their birthday in May.**



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

5/9 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Dominic H. (lead) Luke and Isaac
Lector: Dcn Walt Wilson (1st) Dave Allardyce (2nd)
Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan
Sacristan: Joe & Linda Schacher
Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

5/10 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Kyah P. (lead) Winter and RJ
Lector: Jeremy Thompson (1st) Marty Quinn (2nd)
Hospitality: Jack and Debra Jensen
Sacristan: Brad Blauvelt
Eucharistic Minister: Diane Clarke

5/10 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) James and Alex
Lectors: Laura Varilek (1st) Cathleen Denekamp (2nd)
Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts
Sacristan: Kelli Siemieniak
Eucharistic Minister: Bernie Keeler

Pope's Intention for May: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consures, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

April 25-26, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	8,278	11,931
Building Fund	42	-	42
Mass Intention	-		310
Coffee & Rolls			16
Votive			19
Total Contributions	3,749	8,278	12,371.81

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, 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, Kodi Carlin, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Mel Flottmeyer, Cathy Luedtke, Derrick Siemieniak, Karen Bestgen, Alma Gamroth, Grant Albrecht, Holly Gunderson, Nicole Devlin, Carol Waliser, Norene Doyle

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, David Noble, Violet Davis, Joan Russell-Sharp and Fr. Michael Oli



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:

- May 4: Martin L. Jolley (2011)
- May 5: Rev. Vincent I. French, O.S.B. (1940); Terry Lee Whalin (1954)
- May 6: Rev. Joseph Ford, S.C.J. (1984); Vernon C. Hirchert (1998)
- May 9: Rev. Daiel P. Daley (1959); Rev. Patrick H. McCormick (1975); Mary M. Foley (1990); Lynda Lackey (2001)
- May 10: Rev. John L. Cohane (1961)

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.



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: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Mon: Acts 14:5-8; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 15:18-21

Bishop's Fishing Tournament

Monday, June 8, Oahe Downstream Recreation Area. Register to fish or attend the dinner and Mass by visiting <https://wsdcf.org/bishops-fishing-tournament/>; the tournament and prime rib dinner will be held in collaboration with the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The tournament proceeds benefit seminarian education.



18th Annual Event
Mother's Day 5K
Sunday, May 10, 2026
Race. Run. Walk. Stroll.

Participate in our **FINAL Lach's Legacy Run**

Join us **In-Person** or **Virtually** for a casual and family-friendly Mother's Day 5K race/run/walk generously **sponsored by Monument Health and CatholicPsych Institute.**

Race day registration begins - noon at St Joseph Catholic Church
 Run/walk begins at 1:00pm

This event is a place to gather the people that we love and participate together in memory of the ones that we are missing. It is a place to celebrate motherhood in its fullness of love, joy, gratitude and sorrow. We invite bereaved mothers to have their children included on our list of children remembered and their names will be listed on the back of our event t-shirt.

Adults: \$30
Kids 12 and under: \$15

Early-Bird Registration is due by April 25th, to take advantage of the lowest price and to be sure your event t-shirt is guaranteed!

(Registration is now open!)




Join Healing the Culture for an evening with special guest, pro-baseball player Dan Venezia, as he shares his dramatic story of conversion. Enjoy dinner, raffle prizes and more at the **STAND UP for LIFE GALA** on 6/24. Get your tickets at HealingtheCulture.org/events.



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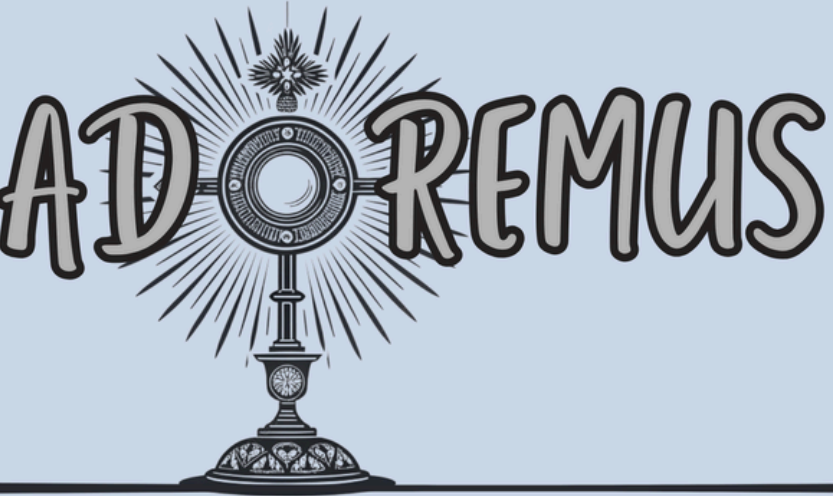
GIRLS' CAMP: JUNE 9-12
H.S. Leadership Camp: June 8-12

BOYS' CAMP: JULY 14-17
H.S. Leadership Camp: July 12-17

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Info and Registration






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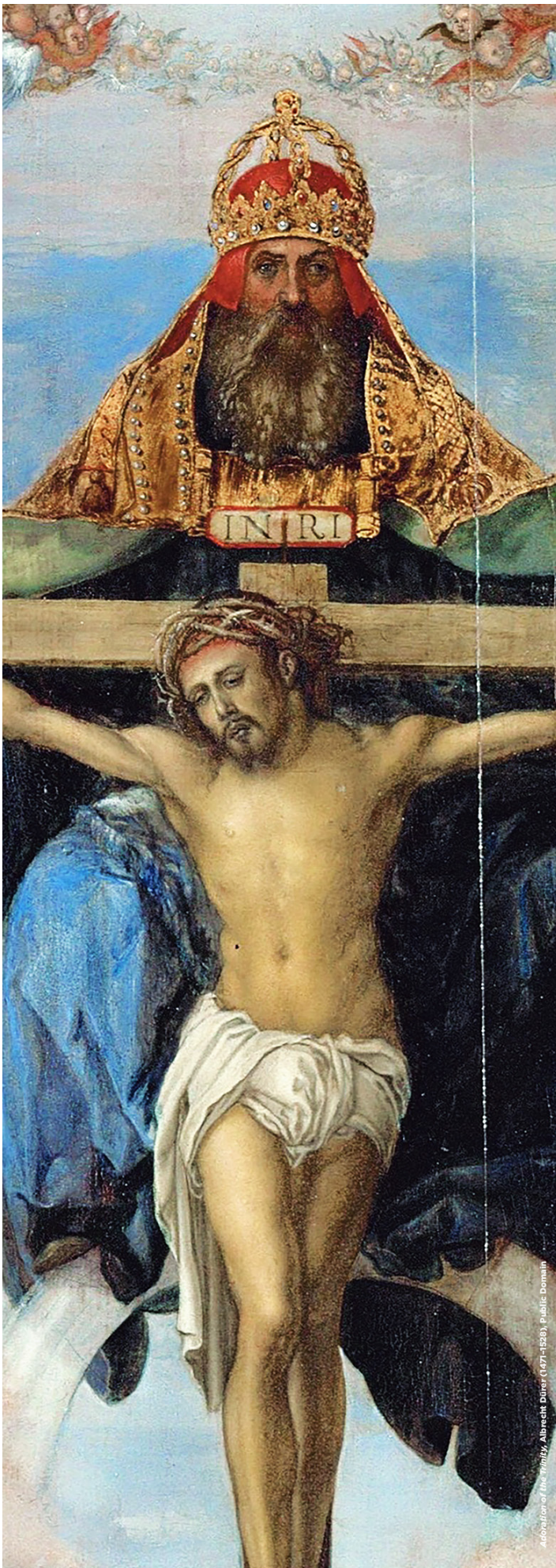
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May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

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

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The cornerstone of our lives – the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us – is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that “the Father who dwells in me is doing his works.” Life in the Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to God’s call to love my family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow God’s love to flow forth through us.


PRAY

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.

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