

# What is Jesus teaching us today?

#### 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

#### CONNECT

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#### **CLERGY**

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Deacon Greg Sass
Deacon Phillip Thompson

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Is he really teaching us to hate? Our Gospel reading says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." These are tough words to hear because who would hate their family or own life?

The word hate is a stumbling block, but if we replace it with the word prefer, we get a clearer picture of what Jesus is trying to teach us. So, if you read the gospel as, "If anyone "prefers" me to their father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, or oneself, he or she is not worthy to be my disciple, it makes more sense. By using the word hate Jesus is grabbing our attention and shaking us awake.

He is teaching us that we should not love anyone or anything more than him. His words are challenging because we do love our families and our lives, but God is always calling us to an even greater love which is to himself. He loves us unconditionally and he asks for us to love him just the same.

Our gospel continues with the words, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Jesus is telling us that being his disciple may be difficult and ultimately could cost us our very lives. In this day and age most of us will never have to pay the ultimate price of discipleship but we could. The question then is what would you do? Would you stand up for the faith and defend it or shrink away in order to save your own skin.

Today God is asking us to reflect upon our lives and the order in which we place our priorities. We are called to choose the things of heaven over the things of earth. It is so easy to make our possessions and even the people in our lives to be the end of our lives. We do of course have a responsibility to take care of and be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, but we must remember that the things of earth are temporal and will pass away. If however, we put God first, then all other relationships and all our actions will fall into their proper place, so that our joy is not temporal but eternal. So let us boldly pick up our crosses and move forward in this life ready to share and defend our great love and hope in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

- Deacon Phillip





# REGISTER NOW! olbh.org/prek-6

if your child is entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or higher and has not attended Faith Formation, please call the office.

# CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION



olbh.org/confirmation



Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM

\*PARENT MEETING 9/10 @ 6:15 PM\*

# Faith Formation Grades 8-12

Wednesdays I 6:15-7:30 PM



GET REGISTERED! olbh.org/ydisciple



#### **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

**REGISTRATION** form is at **rapidcitydiocese.org/ coradcor/**.

**MEN** will meet at OLBH on Sundays at 4 PM, they will be led by Fr. Andrzej.

**WOMEN** will meet at OLBH on Sundays at 4 PM, led by Samantha Hough, or at OLBH on Thursdays at 6 PM led by Cathleen Denekamp.

# OCIA becoming Catholic & returning to the Church

Classes meet **Sundays** beginning September 21st from **9:15-10:45 AM** in St. Joseph's Hall.

Registration is open, visit **olbh.org/OCIA** or call 605-787-5168.

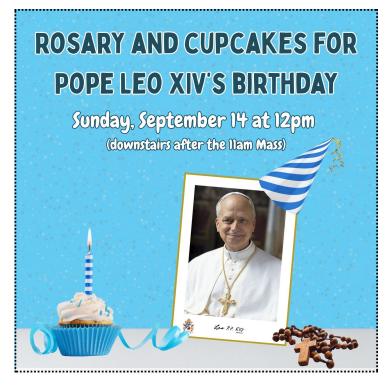
The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, OCIA, is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and her beliefs. Baptized Catholic, or received First Communion but not Confirmation? Looking to learn more? This is also for you.

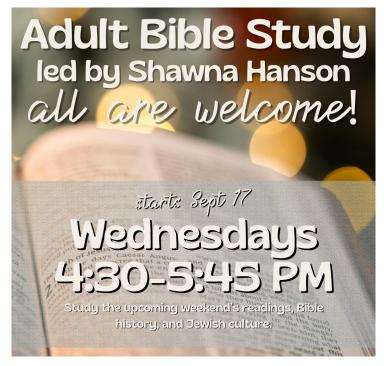
Lastly it is for those who have been away from the Church for any length of time who would like to delve deeper into the richness of the Catholic faith. Classes are led by Larry and Joyce Williamson, and Sydney Berra.



We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont





# WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS II

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

### Monday, September 8

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

### Tuesday, September 9

# SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

8 AM Mass for the repose of Frankie Siegenthaler

# Wednesday, September 10

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

6 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting in Bethlehem Cave

7 PM First Communion Parent Meeting in the Parish

Hall

#### Thursday, September 11

8 AM Mass for an end to abortion

9 AM "Just Men" Bible study

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

### Friday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for the

repose of Mark F. Marshall

# Saturday, September 13

# SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

**5 PM Mass** for the repose of T.C. Waits

#### Sunday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8 AM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

**11 AM Mass** for the community of OLBH and the parish families of Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

#### **WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### 9/13 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead) Emerson and Eloise Lectors: Deacon Walt Wilson (1st) Teresa Thompson (2nd)

Hospitality: Benjamin and Heather Funk

Sacristan: Todd and Jenny Curtis

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

#### 9/14 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean O'Conor (lead) Winter and RJ Lectors: Marty Quinn (1st) Brenda Flottmeyer (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

#### 9/14 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) James Wynn Lectors: Emmett Edwards (1st) Kim Wynn (2nd)

Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

Thank you to Lynn's Dakotamart for an additional \$200! Every 10,000 in receipts earns OLBH \$100.

Place your receipts in the wooden box on the bookshelf at the top of the stairs.

# **Parent Meetings:**

Wed. 9/10 Confirmation 6-7 PM Wed. 9/10 First Communion 7-7:45 PM

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

# August 30-31, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	6,401	10,055
Building Fund	42	20	62
Votive	-		21
Mass Intention			10
SvdP			250
Total Contributions	3,749	6,421	10,451.12

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 <a href="mailto:shanesarhodes@gmail.com">shanesarhodes@gmail.com</a>.

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 September

Pope's Intention: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL &

**HOMEBOUND** call 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, Cap & Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, Adrianne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Sheila Keeler, Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Karen Bestgen, Mary Ann Pulaski, Tony Corbine, Jud Schumacher, Patricia Cariveau, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Rebecca Boylan, Kodi Carlin, Angie Oberle, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Klare Schroeder, Richard

### 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. Jerry Rhodes

#### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

#### 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:

September 9 Deacon Tom Lane (2016)

September 10 Nettie T. Peed (1997); Pauline Guffey (2020); Morris Kosters (2023)

September 11 Rev. John W. Hanton (1936); Eugene "Gene" Kraft (2009)

September 12 Rev. Robert D. Baden (2018)

September 13 Mavis L. Smith (1984)

September 14 Most Rev. William T. McCarty, C.SS.R. (1972)

#### A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

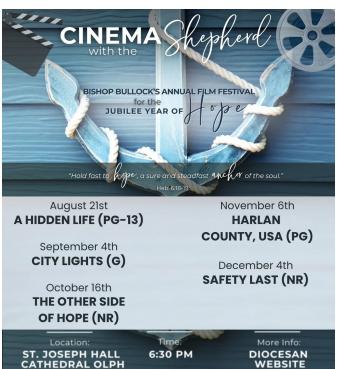
The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to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



RPR is at OLBH on Wednesday, 9/10, from 10-12 noon. Listen for Fr. Andrzej and other familiar voices to chat live on RPR during their time at OLBH.







#### Support the Faith in College Students

Each year, young people across our diocese step into one of the most formative chapters of their lives—college. For many, it's the first time away from home, family, and parish life. In the midst of new pressures and questions, they are searching for meaning, purpose, and belonging. At the St. Carlo Acutis Catholic Student Center at South Dakota Mines and the Newman Center at Black Hills State University, students find a home away from home. Here, they encounter Christ, grow in faith, and discover mentors who walk with them as they discern their vocations. This ministry is only possible through your prayerful financial support. Join us in the Newman Center Partnership Appeal. Giving envelopes are behind the sofa in the Narthex. Invest in the future of our Church and ensure every student in our diocese has a place to be strengthened in Christ. Thank you for your generosity.

# St. Anne's Aging Services

Catholic Social Services is looking for volunteers to be trained to assist with light housework, meal prep and driving to appointments. They are also preparing a Home-Sharing Program for Seniors ages 62 and up. They would screen and match renters who would receive reduced rent in exchange for light housework. Contact cssrapidcity.com/st-annes or phone 605-348-6086.

# Black Hills Pregnancy Center invites you:



Guest Speaker: Kyle Mann

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center 2111 N. LaCrosse St. | Rapid City, SD 57701

Welcome Reception 6:15 PM Dinner & Program 7 PM

Dinner is complimentary. Adults only, please. Seating is limited, registration is required.

An opportunity to make a financial faith investment will be provided.



To Register:

Visit **BHPCpartners.org** 

Access the **QR code** above

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