

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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Heads up!!!

CDA Rummage Sale has been scheduled for October 3-4. Be sure to mark your calendar and start saving up any gently used items you would like to donate to the sale. Drop off day will be October 2 at the Mueller Center.

Make a joyful noise!!

First meeting for all voices interested in singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30pm. Any questions or concerns please call Amy Spears at 605.745.5347 and leave a message – she will get back to you.



The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation, has resumed after a summer off. We meet on Sundays at 8:45am in the church library. Please join us!



Saturday, September 20

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral in Rapid City as a Parish Family

Join us as we journey together in faith as 'Pilgrims of Hope'

- 8:00am meet to carpool at St Anthony
- 8:15 Leave St Anthony for Robbinsdale Park in Rapid City
- 9:15 meet at Robbinsdale Park, 631 E Oakland St, in Rapid City at the intersection of E Fairmont Blvd and Robbinsdale Park Rd
- 9:30 start walking from Robbinsdale Park to the Cathedral, 1.4 miles will take approximately 30 minutes (if you do not want to or cannot walk, please be to the Cathedral at 10:00am)
- 10:00 Father Brian Christensen will open the Holy Doors of the Cathedral
- 10:45 Adoration and Confession
- 11:45 Mass in the Chapel
- 12:30 Lunch – bring your own lunch

Welcome to Our Parish Community Sunday ~ September 7, 2025



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of Padua
Catholic Church
Hot Springs, SD

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Weekend Mass Schedules:

Saturday ~ 5:30pm	St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 8:00am	St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 10:30am	St Anthony of Padua Church ~ Hot Springs, SD
Sunday ~ 5:00pm	St James the Apostle Church ~ Edgemont, SD



When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

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Welcome to our Catholic faith community. If you are a new parishioner interested in becoming part of our parish community, please stop by the Parish Office and register or call for more information.