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 Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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Monday-Friday, 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday Devotion:

Following Daily Mass on
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“Ask something of me and I will give it to you.”

1 Kings 3:5b

Recently, I have been getting asked a series of different questions. The most common first one is “Are you okay?” I usually respond, “Yes, why do you ask?” Then I’m asked a variation of “Have you lost weight?” or “How much weight have you lost?” Yes, I have lost weight and it is okay to ask. I know the questions are out of concern for me from my parish community, which I do truly appreciate the love shown. Once the person knows I am not sick and do not have any serious health issues, they often want to know how I did it? And my reply is “I asked God for help.”

God truly does want us to be happy, to experience the kingdom of heaven here on earth. In today’s gospel reading, we hear Jesus say, “*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.*” He describes a merchant searching for pearl of great price, when he finds it, sells all he has to buy it. God does want to give us what we need. In many cases, He even gives us things we do not even know we need, nor do we even request from Him. But often, at least in my experience, I do not always ask for the right thing.

This journey began when I was invited to join an Exodus 90 program by a fellow parishioner. This program is a 90-day Catholic spiritual exercise for men. We pray daily to be drawn closer to Jesus Christ. We practice specific ascetism to develop self-mastery over things of this world to allow us to say “yes” to God by saying “no” to things of this world. We form a fraternity, a band of brothers, where we pray daily for each other and together weekly, and we encourage each other over the 90 days.

One ascetism the program challenges us to do is give up deserts and sweets. I really struggled with this. So, in my prayers, I asked God to give me the strength to overcome this specific temptation so I would be better able to do the work He wanted me to accomplish. And to my surprise, the numbers on the scale started declining, and at some points, changing rapidly. I never asked God for help with my weight, but he gave it to me. And because of this gift, my overall health is better, I no longer need some of my prescriptions, and I am stronger and more able to do the things God wants me to do.

Everyday, God does say to us, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Because God truly does want to give us the things we need. He wants us to be happy and find joy in this world. He does want us to experience the kingdom of heaven while we are still in this world. But the question for each of us is, are we asking for the right thing?

Deacon Greg
Serviam

Tourists:

At Our Lady of the Black Hills Catholic Parish, we welcome tourists but wish to remain respectful of our neighbors. Thus we ask those passing through the area as guests who wish to join us at Mass please call ahead to reserve a space at 605-787-5168. Walk ins may be accommodated if space allows. All are required to wear masks. We will provide masks for those who do not have them. This aids us in maintaining the limited attendance numbers outlined by the CDC and the Diocese of Rapid City.

MASS SIGN UP

We have additional spaces at Mass, while we are still asking you to sign up so we can contact trace, 787-5168, we have a lot of space. Help us "fill" the Church. COME TO MASS!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM. We will meet on the patio or in the basement to aid in maintaining social distance. We cover the upcoming weekend's readings, join in prayer, discuss the historical and cultural context of each reading. Please contact Katie at 787-5168 with questions.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**Beginning Monday July 20.**

We are returning to the normal schedule of Mass M-F 8 AM and Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 8 & 11 AM due to very low attendance at the Tuesday and Thursday evening Masses.

Faith Formation

We are currently looking at the CDC guidelines and area trends regarding COVID 19. Please keep in mind flexibility will be of the utmost importance. We have a TENTATIVE start date of **September 20. REGISTRATION IS OPEN** go to <https://www.olbh.org/child---youth-faith-formation-information---registration>. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

Mark Your Calendars

Parish Feast Day is September 12. We will celebrate our parish following the 5 PM Mass with outdoor activities and fun. Plan to attend and fellowship at a safe social distance.

Dear friends and benefactors of Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish,

It is very difficult for me to write this note but it is also my responsibility. The Church relies solely on the generosity of the people. Every year we try to be careful and diligent about our budget. We are prepared for short term instability but ultimately we need to look into the future. Mass may be cancelled and this may give an idea that we do not need the donations - but we do. Like in every home, we need to secure the basic necessities, pay bills and to look after the well-being of our staff. I am asking you to keep OLBH Parish in your heart. If at all possible, please continue your financial support. These dark times will pass and we want to be ready to serve you to the best of our abilities. We cannot do this without your generous financial support. You can send in your contribution, drop it off at the office, when you visit the church or simply go into <https://www.olbh.org/donate> to make an electronic deposit. I am grateful for your gift, pray that we can emerge stronger as a Parish Family. **THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED ONLINE.**

May God Bless and protect you all.

Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, Pray for us.

Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

| "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17) | | | |
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| July 18-19, 2020 | | | |
| | Automatic | Basket | Total |
| Adopt a Seminarian | 54 | 110 | 164 |
| Sunday Collection | 1,871 | 1,618 | 3,489 |
| Rectory | 19 | - | 19 |
| Bottles of Hope | - | - | - |
| Building Fund | - | - | - |
| CGS Training | 525 | | 525 |
| Held for Others | | 525 | 525 |
| Total Contribution | 2,469 | 2,253 | 4,721.84 |

Weekly Schedule

Monday, July 27

No Mass

Tuesday, July 28

8 AM Mass for Daylen Rhodes

Wednesday, July 29

Saint Martha

8 AM Mass for the Sisters of St. Martin's Monastery

8:30-7 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for Abram Hohm

Friday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8 AM Mass for Joshua Weaver

Saturday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation

5 PM Mass – Link on Facebook and OLBH.org for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, August 2

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the OLBH Parish Family and for our sister parishes

11 AM Mass for Catholic Extension

Altar Flowers

Please bring in flowers for the Altar. Drop the flowers off in the Narthex by Friday morning Mass each week. This will aid us in saving funds spent on Altar flowers.

Intentions of the Holy Father for July

Pope's Intention: Our Families. That today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Frank Schaub (father of Suzanne Wilhelmi)

Josh Weisz (cousin of Shawn Harwood)

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to r if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- Edwin Weaver (father of Bob Weaver) • Dean Antonsen
- Blanche Rieth • Bernard Wiehl • Jean Schacher
- Dennis Schumacher • Ryan Wilson • Joe Schacher
- Tom Ryan (father of Lorinda Collings) • Lowell Amiotte
- Randy Oberle • Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held)
- Les Bedne (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • Doug Wermers
- Norita Rice (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer) • Vickie Crowley
- Tony Corbine (son-in-law of Patty Cariveau) • Adam Hohm
- Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long) • Jen Ehlers Hruska
- Mike Rohde (father of Rhonda Gehlsen) • Wayne Gamroth
- Rita Berg (sister of Phyllis Sour) • Jean Schubauer
- Peggy Laurenz (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- Cheryl Pederson (sister of Debra Jensen) • Cliff Roemich
- Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher) • Marek Kopec
- Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- Nila Serfling (mother of Jason) • Moneik Stephens
- Chelly Roemich (daughter in law of Cliff and Judy)
- Mrs. Bartos • Jerry Rhodes (father of Wade)
- Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher)
- Jesse Small • Albert Lenerville • Lisa Katzenstein

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that have served the Diocese of Rapid City.

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| July 29 | Jeanne Cecil 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) |



Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. **Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418**

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is **mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers** please contact Katie, Safe Faith Environment Coordinator, at 787.5168 for details.

Daily Readings

Monday: JER 13:1-11; DEUTERONOMY 32:18-19, 20, 21; MT 13:31-35

Tuesday: JER 14:17-22; PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13; MT 13:36-43

Wednesday: JER 15:10, 16-21; 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; JN 11:19-27

Thursday: JER 18:1-6; PS 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB; MT 13:47-53

Friday: JER 26:1-9; PS 69:5, 8-10, 14; MT 13:54-58

Saturday: JER 26:11-16, 24; PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; MT 14:1-12

Sunday: IS 55:1-3; PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; ROM 8:35, 37-39; MT 14:13-21

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

READ ABOUT THE SAINTS

Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Story | Feast Day July 31

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*. He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society. Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*—"for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

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We are excited to announce a new opportunity for you! We have developed a comprehensive Youth Ministry Certification Track to meet the unique needs of those who minister to middle school and high school youth. Starting this fall this quarterly series of workshops and hands-on labs will provide foundational, practical, and advanced topics while helping you to develop a comprehensive ministry with the ultimate goal to evangelize and disciple adolescents. This track will help you to flourish within the various dimensions of parish life that youth ministry entails, and will help you to have an important impact on families, who primarily bear the formative responsibility for their children. The track runs 4 times a year on Friday evenings before VSI Saturdays. Participants in the YM Track must be currently registered as a VSI student or be an alumnus of the VSI. We invite you to join us this year in this exciting endeavor! Space is limited so register today! [Click here for more information or to register!](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY


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PreK - 12 Catholic Schools Substitute Teacher Orientation

St. Elizabeth Seton Cafeteria on Wednesday, August 12th, 8:30 - 11:00 AM. Teaching certification not required. Contact: Molly Rausch, 605-348-1477, mrausch@rccss.org.



The Veritatis Splendor Institute (VSI) is offering Basic and Master Catechist Certification Programs for all who are interested in sharing in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel to all. Join over 200 students who have studied Church teaching, engaged in meaningful fellowship with other Catholics, encountered Christ on retreat days, and grown in their personal life of prayer. Classes begin in September, and will follow CDC guidelines for gatherings, according to retreat center policy. Capacity may be limited this year. Deadline for registration is August 1. Information and application packets are available at the Office of Faith Formation, or online at www.veritatisplendorinstitute.com. Contact Susan Safford (ssafford@diorc.org) or Dionne Eastmo (deastmo@diorc.org), 605-343-3541 x2234 for more information.

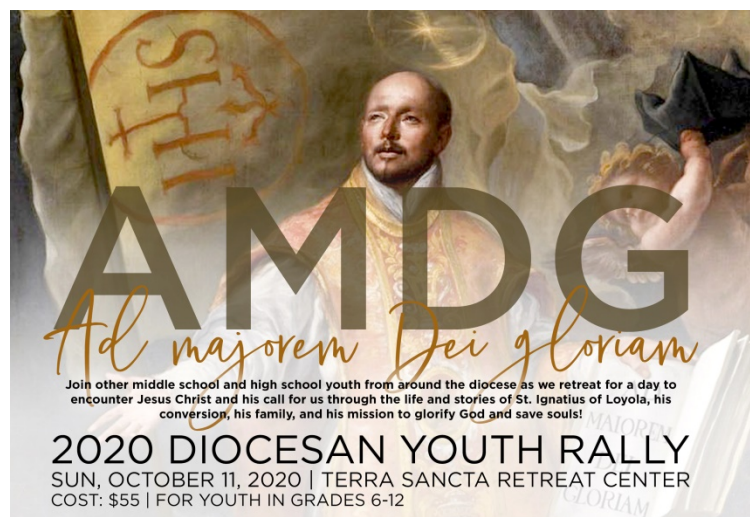


September 25-26 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Join us for a weekend retreat as we dive into special topics on the The Art of Forming Young Disciples. Presentations include understanding the foundational aspects of Youth Ministry by going beyond programming to an intentional ministry to young people that draws them into intimacy with Jesus Christ and His Church., equips them to know, love, and defend the faith, and sends them on a mission to reach out to their friends, classmates, and all those they meet. Register now at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/coretreat20/>.

AMDG
Ad maiorem Dei gloriam

Join other middle school and high school youth from around the diocese as we retreat for a day to encounter Jesus Christ and his call for us through the life and stories of St. Ignatius of Loyola, his conversion, his family, and his mission to glorify God and save souls!

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