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Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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Our Lady of the Black Hills exists
to proclaim the joy of the Gospel
to all creation and to transform
lives with the Father's mercy.

Getting to Heaven

This weekend, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII published *MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS - DEFINING THE DOGMA OF THE ASSUMPTION*, in which he wrote *“we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not the same as the ascension of Jesus. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She didn't do it under her own power. A dogma is a truth that has been infallibly defined by the Church's Magisterium to be divinely revealed. In other words, as a Roman Catholic, we must believe this, even if we don't necessarily understand it.

Just as Mary was taken up to Heaven, that should be our hope also, at the end of our earthly life, to be taken up to Heaven. But ending up in Heaven at the end of our lives involves more than just being “pretty good”. In Matthew chapter 7 we find *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?’ Then I will declare to them solemnly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’”*

What is the will of the Father in heaven for you?

Know the Father's will for us, requires us to continue to be drawn deeper into our relationship with Jesus. That means spending time with him on a regular basis.

In the book, “The Joy of Discipleship: Reflections from Pope Francis on Walking with Christ”, he writes “If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.”

St. Alphonsus of Liguori said “Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends. Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears— of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him.”

Spending time every day talking to Jesus is called prayer. It is in prayer that we get to know Jesus. We will get to know the will of the Father in heaven for us. It will give us the courage to do God's will. It is how we get to heaven.

Deacon Greg
Serviam

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation classes to learn more about the Catholic church, join the Church, or be Confirmed in the Church begin on Sunday, October 3rd. Classes take place on Sundays from noon until 2 PM. The class utilizes the Symbolon series which can be viewed on [olbh.formed.org](https://www.olbh.org/olbh.formed.org). For more information please plan to attend Teaching Tuesday on August 24th and visit <https://www.olbh.org/becoming-catholic>.

For those interested in becoming Catholic and for those interested in relating the process to others.



TEACHING TUESDAY RCIA by Brad Blauvelt and Stacy Tate

**August 24th 2021
6:30-7:30pm at OLBH**



Call Amy with questions 787-5168

The Turning Point – Adult Faith Formation

Sundays at 9 AM beginning September 19th in Bethlehem Cave. The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start. This study will introduce to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible. The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By attending you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life. Contact Amy for more information, 787-5168.

Movie Night

Outdoor movie off the back patio of the Church on Saturday, **August 21** at 7 PM. We will bring the drinks and the popcorn; you bring the chairs. If you have a movie title you would like to recommend, call Katie in the office at 787-5168.

Donation Box

A donation box benefitting the Corner Stone Rescue Mission Thrift Store has been placed at the North end of the parking lot. The box is for gently used CLOTHES and SHOES only. Household items can be dropped off at the Mission Thrift Store during donation hours. Thank you for supporting this worthy organization.

Faith Formation Registration

Faith Formation registration is open! Visit <https://www.olbh.org/student-faith-formation> to register today. Please be sure to call or email to confirm Rhonda has received your registration, 787-5168 or rhonda.gehlsen@olbh.org.

At Prayer with Mary – Adult Faith Formation

A small group will meet to learn and discuss scripture, Catholic teaching, personal testimonies, and Marian prayer – including the rosary. Renew your appreciation of Mary's place in today's world, where she, as always, points the way to Christ. Seven sessions led by Jean Hohm on the life and mystery of Mary will take place on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 PM in St. Joseph's Hall beginning on September 21. Call Amy at 787-5168 for more information.

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)			
August 7-8, 2021			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	260	314
Sunday Collection	2,940	4,431	7,371
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Bottles of Hope	-	-	-
Building Fund	-	-	-
Bottle of Hope			
Mass Intention		-	110
Total Contribution	3,004	4,691	7,694.63

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 16

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

No 8 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 17

No 8 AM Mass

6:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, August 18

8 AM Mass for Linda Weishaar

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, August 19

Saint John Eudes, Priest

8 AM Mass for the repose of Dennis Schumacher

9 AM Just Men Bible Study and Witness

9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for Special Intention

Saturday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass –Live stream link on Facebook and OLBH.org for Laura and Troy Smreck

Sunday, August 22

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for Clarence Jacobs

11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes

8th Annual Western SD Bishop's Golf Classic – September 27, 2021. We invite you to join Bishop Peter Muhich for the 8th Annual Western SD Bishop's Golf Classic. The tournament will be held at Arrowhead with registration at 11 a.m., and a noon shotgun start. For registration or sponsorship contact the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation (605) 721-6843 or online at www.wsdcf.org.

Intentions of the Holy Father for August:

Pope's Intention: The Church. Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Mike Knecht

Linda Berendse (sister-in-law of Tony)

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

These individuals are in special need of your prayers. To have someone placed on the prayer list, contact Katie in the office.

- **Edwin and Omel Weaver** (parents of Bob Weaver)
- **Blanche Rieth • Jean Schacher • Bernard Wiehl**
 - **Mary Ann Pulaski • Maynard Traversie**
 - **Betty Jorgensen** (sister of Helen Riedlinger)
- **Lowell Amiotte • Randy Oberle • Tracy Rudnick**
 - **Joan Wrobel** (aunt of Rachael Held)
- **Doug Wermers • John Mizenko** (brother of Jeff)
- **Vickie Crowley • Patti Cariveau • Marjorie Lee**
- **Rachael Held • Adam Hohm • Linda Weishaar**
 - **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long)
- **Wayne Gamroth • Jennifer Kinney • Tim Curns**
- **Tim Keller** (son-in-law of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Kerry Yantes • Rayola Anderson • Dean Antonsen**
- **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher) • **Marek Kopec**
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
 - **Aurora Velasco** (mother of Brenda Mizenko)
- **Brett Whealy • Moneik Stephens • Billy Hudson**
 - **Vonnie O'Dea** (mother of Holly Phillips)
 - **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher)
- **Joyce DePaulo • Katie Niederwerder • Dorothy Olson**
 - **John Mizenko Sr.** (father of Jeff) • **Norbert Liebig**
- **Ruth O'Neil** (mother of Lisa Katzenstein) • **Tony Corbine**
 - **Jasper Wermers** (grandson of Peggy and Doug)

† 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 served the Diocese of Rapid City.

August 16 Rev. Silvester Lehmen, O.S.B. (1941)
Rev. Martin Schlitz, S.J. (1979)

August 17 Leo Keenihan (1967)
Yvonne Mello (1987)

August 18 Robert Aloysius Miner (2004)

August 19 Rev. John Hoey (1936)
Rev. John P. Cowley (1980)
Scott R. Maicki (2001)

August 21 Sharon Anne Long (2016)

August 22 Rev. Patrick Colovin (1887)
Rev. Patrick O'Connor (1996)
Mrs. William A. Sloan (1957)
Chad Alan Kusser (2020)
Jean Marie Schubauer (2020)

Welcome Visitors!

We hope you have enjoyed sharing in the celebration of the Mass with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, coming to visit, or returning after a long break, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again! We have many opportunities for all ages and stages of faith. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter in the gathering space. If you are passing through, we hope you will call our parish your "home away from home" and visit again soon!

Ministry Schedule To become a liturgical minister or for more information contact Katie in the office.

Mass Times	Saturday, 8/21 5 PM	Sunday 8/22 8 AM	Sunday 8/22 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
Altar Server	Luke Schacher - Lead Marty Reeve	Westin Edwards - Lead Haley Gruba	Cole Litzen - Lead Cash Litzen
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Deacon Greg Sass	Deacon Greg Sass	Deacon Greg Sass
Hospitality	Tracy Cook Kimberly Darata	Barb Coyle Mike Coyle	Aaron Denekamp Cathleen Denekamp
Lector	Dave Allardyce - 1st Reader Teresa Thompson - 2nd Reader	Diane Clarke - 1st Reader Brenda Mizenko - 2nd Reader	Nancy Sass - 1st Reader Sheila Keeler - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	Joe Schacher Linda Schacher	Jeff Mizenko	Stacy Tate

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Daily Readings

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12,

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

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

Nursing Assistants Needed

St. Martin Monastery is in need of part-time nursing assistants to work various shifts. Our nurse assistants provide loving, around-the-clock care for the Sisters in the health care unit, including personal care, bathing, transfer assistance, serving meals, doing laundry and cleaning the rooms. Experience is preferred, but we can provide training and certification if needed. We offer competitive pay and the opportunity to work in a peaceful, pleasant environment. For more information or to fill out an application contact Shawna or Karen at 605-343-8011.

Real Presence Radio Opening

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August 15, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | 1 Cor 15:20-27 | Lk 1:39-56

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

There are very few things in this world that are perfectly united, though many attempts have been made, think peanut butter and chocolate, Batman and Robin. But there is one example, and that is the Blessed Virgin Mary is perfectly united with Jesus' life and redemptive work. Though fully human, she is completely without sin – she is, as we pray in echoing God's angel, "full of grace." Thus she shares, as we do, in Christ's heavenly destiny but with an immediacy that we do not have. Upon her death she was instantly assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul, as the first of all the faithful who will eventually join with Christ in eternity upon death and purification. In celebrating this great Solemnity, the Church celebrates what lies ahead for those of us who imitate Mary's total trust in God. She had complete faith in God and his promises, and is a living example of the power and generosity of our God. We can follow her lead, engaging in a life of witness (proclaiming God's greatness) and gratitude (have a rejoicing spirit) for the sake of the world.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, when hearing or talking about Mary's *fiat*, I first see it as a "yes" in modern, human terms. "Yes, I'll serve on that committee." "Yes, I'll organize that party." "Yes, I'll stay late to finish that project." It doesn't take long for our little "yesses" to turn into an adamant "Noooooooooooo," also known as burnout. Thankfully, Mary's yes was far more than just an acquiescence to a small request – it was the commitment of her entire self to the choice God had placed before her. And she was rewarded with a special seat in heaven near her Son. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth immediately recognizes the true meaning of Mary's *fiat*: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." What can we learn from Mary's example? We can learn trust. We don't need to sign up for every volunteer opportunity (though volunteering is a great and worthwhile thing to do), but we can say "yes" to what God is asking of us according to the gifts and graces he has given us. Through daily prayer and seeking the intercession of Mary and Jesus, we can grow closer to the Lord and prepare ourselves for the day we meet Jesus and Mary face to face.

PRAY A lot of misunderstanding surrounds Catholic devotion to Mary. We do not worship Mary – that is reserved for God alone. Yet we do revere her and honor her unique and important role in God's saving plan. Pray the Magnificat or the Rosary, paying close attention to their scriptural foundation and what was happening in the "stories" within those Scriptures.



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