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Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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Tuesday-Friday, 8 AM

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Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM

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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.

**“I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever
in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” (Ps 34)**

“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of life.” These words remind me of my days in the seminary where we had a very strict teacher who taught scripture. The word was that it was very difficult to pass his class. There was a story of a student who was so afraid of him that he froze when asked a question. Upon being dismissed with a failing grade, the student supposedly said, “Master, to whom should I go now? You have the words of life.” The story ended with the student passing the class because of his words. Many of us were tempted to try that approach but we ended up studying the material rather than relying on the story, even if it was true.

Today we have knowledge and the ability to rejoice in the Lord. The first reading is taken from the Book of Joshua where one finds an almost “bragging” story of the people of Israel. They had won few battles and were proud of their achievements. That is something we need to be aware of today as so often we pride ourselves on our achievements and abilities. The Lord reminds us that it is his grace that enables us to master our talents and gifts. Remembering God in our achievements is very important as we do not always find ourselves worthy or have enough courage to push for higher standards. We need a good and strong reason, an ideal (if you remember my homily from few weeks ago), that will help us. St Augustine said, “Do everything as if everything depended on you, pray as if everything depended on God.” I like this quote a lot as it challenges my own approach to ways in which I respond and use the gifts God has given me. It is through his grace that I can preach (sometimes to even come up with some wisdom) and be compassionate and loving.

It is only through the mercy God has for us that we can discover new ways to be of service to one another and be encouraged to pursue the good that is within us. There is nothing better than to be able to help others, to see one's life uplifted and saved. For this, one cannot help but be joyful and rejoice in the Lord. Thank you all for the wonderful gifts you are to our parish community, for your talents and compassion. As the summer ends and the new school year begins, I look forward to seeing you around, to working with many of you in Confirmation, Christ-Life Program, RCIA and Religious Education classes along with the many other activities that are waiting for ME and YOU. Our Faith Formation, Parish and other gatherings of families are opportunities to learn with each other and from each other. Let us not be short in praising God for his wonderful gift to us, the gift of each other as through each other we discover the wisdom of God. We have achieved a lot, but the Lord has more to give as he is God of the living.

In Christ,
Fr. Andrzej

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 you to the 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.

Women Seeking Wisdom

A group of women from OLBH parish, wish to deepen and enrich our Catholic faith, are meeting for fellowship, friendship, informal study, coffee, and conversation on Thursdays from 9-10:30 AM. We open with prayer, read, and discuss the scriptures of the day, share our thoughts about a topic suggested and finish our time together with prayer in support of our Church community and each other. On lovely summer days we meet on the patio. When the weather is not friendly, we meet in the church basement. We'd love to have join us. All are welcome!

At Prayer with Mary – Adult Faith Formation

A small group study on scripture, Catholic teaching, personal testimony, Marian prayer, and the rosary. Renew your appreciation of Mary's place in today's world, where she 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 information.

Well Read Mom

Well-Read Mom (WRM) is a way for women to reclaim time to read. The goal is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship in the process. WRM groups read one book and meets to discuss once a month. Our year together includes great books, spiritual classics (during Advent and Lent), worthy reads, poetry, and selected essays from the Catholic and Western traditions. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "the family" with the help of some excellent authors such as Lorraine Hansberry, Lucy Maud Montgomery, and others. To register, view this year's booklist, and find out more, visit wellreadmom.com. There will be an informational meeting at Maggie Whiteside's home on Tuesday August 31 at 7:30 pm. Contact Amy at 787-5168 for details.

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August 14-15, 2021			
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Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 23

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

No 8 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

8 AM Mass for Theresa Jacobs

6 PM Teaching Tuesday – Becoming Catholic and how to Invite People to RCIA

Wednesday, August 25

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8 AM Mass for Helena Hladysz

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, August 26

8 AM Mass for Bob Weaver

9 AM Just Men Bible Study and Witness

9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, August 27

Saint Monica

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for the repose of Raymond Sass

Saturday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass –Live stream link on Facebook and OLBH.org for Netty Jacobs

Sunday, August 29

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for Jean Lachler

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

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.

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.

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 Allardycy 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**
- **Marek Kopec • Brett Whealy • Jennifer Kinney**
 - **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long)
 - **Tony Corbine • Wayne Gamroth**
- **Tim Curns • Kerry Yantes • Rayola Anderson**
 - **Dean Antonsen • Moneik Stephens**
 - **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher)
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte) • **Billy Hudson • Dorothy Olson**
- **Aurora Velasco** (mother of Brenda Mizenko)
 - **Vonnie O'Dea** (mother of Holly Phillips)
- **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher)
 - **Joyce DePaulo • Katie Niederwerder**
- **John Mizenko Sr.** (father of Jeff) • **Norbert Liebig**
 - **Ruth O'Neil** (mother of Lisa Katzenstein)
- **Jasper Wermers** (grandson of Peggy and Doug)
- **Tim Keller** (son-in-law of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Craig Lindemann** (Uncle of Maggie Whiteside)

† 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 24** Msgr. John Francis O'Hara, V.F. (1966)
Deacon Ronald E. Gravel (1997)
Benedieta R. "Tita" Tudtud (2009)
- August 25** Rev. Cecil R. Folkins (1972)
Mary Jo Spencer (2005)
- August 29** Msgr. William J. O'Connell (2015)
Grace V. Aronson (1985)

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, 8/28 5 PM	Sunday 8/29 8 AM	Sunday 8/29 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
Altar Server	Gabriel Gehlsen - Lead Emerson Harwood	Caleb Weishaar - Lead Freddy Weishaar	Brianne Katzenstein - Lead Hamish Haakenson Hannah Katzenstein
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Jean Hohm	Brenda Flottmeyer	Dennis Fischer
Hospitality	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Melissa Hood Grace Weaver	Lisa Katzenstein
Lector	John Usera - 1st Reader Bernadette Usera - 2nd Reader	Lynelle Sazama - 1st Reader Joyce Williamson - 2nd Reader	Tony Berendse - 1st Reader Laura Varilek - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	Joe Schacher Linda Schacher	Mike Coyle Barb Coyle	Stacy Tate

Daily Readings

- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98: 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

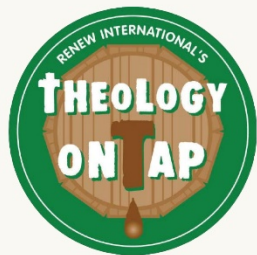
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WEST RIVER CATHOLIC – August E Edition

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The e-Edition of the West River Catholic is available on the Diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org and clicking on the icon or at

<https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/WRCe-EditionAugust2021.pdf>.

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Employment Opportunity

Do you have a passion for planning events, overseeing meal planning for 5 to 500 individuals, and organizing parish receptions? Do you have a heart for encountering Jesus serving others through service to the Mother Church of the Diocese of Rapid City? Would you like to work with an enthusiastic and hardworking staff? Then the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help has a job opportunity for you... the Events & Food Service Coordinator position is full time and includes benefits and competitive wages. Please contact Beth Strain at the rectory office (605) 342-0507 or beth@cathedralolph.org for a complete job description and application.

Spiritual Mothers

The Office of Vocations invites the women of our diocese to prayerfully consider becoming a Spiritual Mother for our priests, seminarians, and discerners. This includes a commitment to prayer and offerings for the priests and for an increase in vocations. The Day of Renewal and Prayer includes Sunday Mass, sharing of graces, testimony of a Spiritual Mother, lunch, and Holy Hour. Please register by September 3 at: www.terrasancta.org/spiritual-motherhood. If you would like to commit to prayer as a Spiritual Mother but cannot attend, contact Tanya Cooper: tcooper@diorc.org; 605-343-3541 x 2212.

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photo at parish feast day!

Bring a side dish to share at dinner.

August 22, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69

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

Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high, like a classroom debate over an author's meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-wracking for many of us to have this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about when the stakes are literally life or death? In today's first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." In the Gospel, some of Jesus' disciples reject his teachings and drift back to "their former way of life." Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, "want to leave." Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, "Master, to whom [else] shall we go?" Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Today's readings encourage and exhort us to go "all in" when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way – it's that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and "[living] in love as Christ loved us." Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us – being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don't get me started on who gets to control the remote! – we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not "who we think God ought to be." Therefore, today's readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving.

ACTION Place Joshua's words on your refrigerator this week: "Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.



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