



Join us as we

JOURNEY IN FAITH TOGETHER

AS A PARISH FAMILY

Saturday, Sept. 20th PILGRIMAGE WALK TO CATHEDRAL

We started our Journey at the Faith Formation Kickoff last week... you are invited to continue your journey as "Pilgrims of Hope" and journey to the Cathedral in Rapid City....

- 8 am meet to carpool at St. John's
- 8:15 Leave St. John's 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 about 30 min (If you do not want to or cannot walk, please be to the Cathedral at 10 am)
- 10 am Fr. Christensen will open the doors of the Cathedral
- 10:45 Adoration and Confession
- 11:45 Mass in Chapel
- 12:30 bring your own lunch

There is a plenary indulgence that can be obtained during the Jubilee Year by fulfilling specific spiritual acts. These are:

1. Making a pilgrimage to a designated site.
 2. Participating in confession
 3. Receiving the Eucharist.
 4. Praying for the Pope's intentions.
 5. Being detached from all sin, even venial sin.
- All this will be available Sept 20 as we journey to the Cathedral.

The doors of Hope and Mercy were opened by Pope Francis last year, allowing for Catholics across the globe to pilgrimage to specific Holy sites and receive this gift of Mercy. The pilgrimage site for our diocese is our Cathedral. On that day we journey to Rapid City, meet fellow pilgrims from Hot Springs and Edgemont near the Cathedral and take an optional walk a short distance to the Cathedral. At 10 am the Holy Doors of OLPH will open and welcome us in to receive this gift of Mercy. There will be a history tour of the Cathedral followed by adoration and confession. Concluding with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

If you would like to make this pilgrimage and need a ride Please call Mike at 605-440-1010

For more information on this Jubilee and what a Plenary Indulgence is visit this website:

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/year-of-jubilee-catholic-answers-guide-to-jubilee-2025>

Pilgrimage

In every age and culture, people have set out on journeys in search of something greater than themselves. Whether it's to deepen their faith, seek healing, or grow in understanding, these journeys, known as pilgrimages, are an integral part of the Christian life. But what exactly is a pilgrimage, and why should you consider going on one?

What is a Pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is more than just a trip—it is a sacred journey to a holy place, undertaken with the purpose of encountering God in a personal and transformative way. Pilgrimages are found throughout Scripture, from Abraham setting out for the Promised Land to Mary and Joseph traveling to Jerusalem. The Psalms even contain songs written for pilgrims ascending to the Temple (cf. Psalms 120–134).

In the Christian tradition, a pilgrimage involves traveling to a holy site—with the intent of encountering God in a deeper way. Unlike a vacation, where relaxation and sightseeing might be the goal, a pilgrimage is about transformation. The journey is just as important as the destination because it mirrors the soul's journey toward heaven.

A pilgrimage is not about what you bring, it's about your journey to a holy destination. In many cases pilgrims leave everything behind, lightly shod, with a staff and in simple garb. It's a time of reflection and silence even when in a group.

Our Catholic Church is referred to as a "pilgrim church". To be a pilgrim church is to be a journeying people, continually on the move. This sense of Church as pilgrim is expressed by Pope Francis. In *Evangelii Gaudium*, he insists that the Church is "first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God."

Your Invitation to Pilgrimage

A Catholic pilgrimage does not have to be thousands of miles away. Our Pilgrimage will be to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. What matters is the disposition of the heart – willingness to seek God and allow Him to transform the journey.