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Saturday, 5 PM

Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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Monday-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

First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM

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Following Daily Mass on
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Whoever honors his father atones for sins

Sirach 3:2a

Today, we celebrate the feast of *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*. But it really is a celebration of every family, with the Holy Family being a model for all families. Pope Leo XIII established this feast to counter the breakdown of the family unit. And in 1921, Pope Benedict XV added this feast to the universal calendar. Today, we need to celebrate this feast even more, to continue to counter the breakdown of the family unit.

A critical part of every family is the father. In the Holy Family, it was Saint Joseph who defended and protected Mary when she was found to be pregnant. It was Joseph who helped Mary with Jesus' birth. It was Joseph who saved Jesus and Mary by fleeing with them to Egypt to avoid Herod's wrath. It was Joseph who led them back to Nazareth to establish their home. It was Joseph who taught Jesus how to be a man.

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter "[Patris corde](#)" ("With a Father's Heart"), recalling the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph", lasting until December 8, 2021.

In light of this unexpected "Year of Saint Joseph", I encourage you to read Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter. To take advantage of the many indulgences available to you. To learn all you can about the foster father of Jesus. To add prayers to Saint Joseph in your daily prayers. To celebrate Saint Joseph at every opportunity you can. To prayer for all fathers, to model Saint Joseph, to help repair broken families and to strengthen all families.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Have a blessed Christmas Season and New Year.

Deacon Greg
Serviam

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EXEMPLIFICATION

A Knights of Columbus exemplification will be held Sunday, January 24 at 12:15pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, SD immediately following the 11am Mass. Any new members or First Degree Members can move up to Third Degree at this Exemplification. Candidates are asked to please arrive by 12pm. This ceremony is open to friends, family and to the public.

Catholic Daughters Education Contest

Calling All students from grades 4-12, and Adult CDA members, it is time to start thinking about entering the Catholic Daughters National Education Contest. Local contest deadline is February 1, 2021. Encourage your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, goddaughters, god sons, and neighbors to check out the rules for this contest and enter. This year's themes are: "Let all you do be done with love," 1Cor. 16:14 or "Show love to one another." You may enter only one theme for each category. The categories are:

Division 1 (grades 4-5) Art, Computer Art, Essay, Poetry

Division 2 (grades 6-8) Art, Computer Art, Essay, Poetry, Music, Photography Division 3 (grades 9-12)

Art, Computer Art, Essay, Poetry, Music, Photography Division 4 Adult CDA members. Art, Poetry, Photography for a complete description of

the rules and official contest entry form, see below, or contact: Pat McDowell, 4833 Pierre St., Rapid City, SD 57702, phone 605-787-0638 or email patmcdowell44@gmail.com.

The one first place winner for each category in each division will be forwarded to the State Contest Chairperson and winning entries at the state level will be forwarded to the National Education Chairperson. National prizes for each division are: First: \$100.00. Second: \$50.00. Third: \$25.00

Christmas Giving

The Christmas box program provided gifts to 74 families and 745 gifts. The families received multiple gifts for each individual in the family along with a large box of food including perishable items. We thank you for your generosity in supporting the families in need in our area. It is truly heartwarming to know that the people of the Foothills Valley will have something to unwrap on Christmas morning.

Piedmont Valley Food Pantry Needs

We can use the following items: Canned vegetables, canned pasta sauce and pasta, canned meat, 16 oz. peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned Chef Boyardee like items, cake mixes, pudding cups, shelf stable milk and other drinks, laundry (example: Tide pods are easily distributable) and dish soap, and toilet paper.

Faith Formation Resumes

Sunday, January 3rd, and Wednesday January 6th. Watch your inbox for your group A/B scheduling.

BEFRIENDER TRAINING

January 30, 2020 Terra Sancta Retreat Center or by Zoom from 8:00 AM through 4:00 PM, closing with Sunday Mass of Anticipation said by Bishop Peter Muhich. There will be a 4 Weeks of Follow Up, choice of Saturday Mornings or Tuesday Evenings

This training is designed to augment the ministries of Pastoral Care you may already have in your parish. Based on the principles of BeFriender Ministry, this training will assist ministers to grow in their compassionate listening skills, as well as help them to feel more confident in fulfilling new or existing ministry roles. Volunteers in the following ministries are encouraged to attend: Homebound Ministers, Lay Ministry & Deacon Couples, St. Vincent de Paul members, RCIA and Faith Formation ministries, where listening to people's stories would come into play, Any Parish employee or volunteer who might interact with someone in need. To Register: <https://tsrc.wufoo.com/forms/befriender-ministry-training/>

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)			
December 19-20, 2020			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	1,871	3,209	5,080
Rectory	19	-	19
Reimbursement	-		
Building Fund	-	-	-
St Vincent de Paul		50	50
Held for Others		130	130
Total Contribution	1,944	3,389	5,332.84

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 29

**FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD;** Saint Thomas

Becket, Bishop, Martyr

8 AM Mass for Gail Wingert

Wednesday, December 30

**SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8 AM Mass for Catholic Extension

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Reconciliation

Thursday, December 31

**SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD;** Saint Sylvester I,

Pope

6 PM Vigil Mass for Ev Collings

Friday, January 1

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD**

8 AM Mass for the repose of Ilene Weber

Saturday, January 2

**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors 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 the repose of Marjorie Konechne

Sunday, January 3

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 AM Mass for the OLBH Community and for our
sister parishes

11 AM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Intentions of the Holy Father for December:

Pope's Intention: For a life of prayer. That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Prayers for our Deployed Military

Jeremy Reeve, Josh Kornmann, and Joshua Philbrick

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Brandon Paz (cousin of Mayra Boyd)

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**
 - **Paula Owen** • **Dennis Schumacher** • **Ryan Wilson**
 - **Lowell Amiotte** • **Randy Oberle** • **Iris Overholt**
 - **Joan Wrobel** (aunt of Rachael Held) • **Lori Moore**
- **Les Bedne** (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • **Doug Wermers**
 - **John Mizenko** (brother of Jeff) • **Vickie Crowley**
 - **Adam Hohm** • **Lenny Tellefson** • **Rachael Held**
- **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long) • **Jen Ehlers Hruska**
 - **Wayne Gamroth** • **Mike Knecht** • **Linda Weishaar**
 - **Peggy Laurenz** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
 - **Marjorie Lee** • **Cliff Roemich** • **Jennifer Kinney**
- **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher) • **Marek Kopec**
 - **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Moneik Stephens** • **Jean Roth** (mother of Peg Wermers)
 - **Cory Kirby** (brother-in-law of Shanesa Rhodes)
 - **Linda Schacher** • **Brett Whealy** • **Rayola Anderson**
 - **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher)
 - **Mike and Marilyn Rohde** (parents of Rhonda Gehlsen)
 - **Katie Niederwerder** • **Priscilla Noble** • **Tim Curns**
 - **John Mizenko Sr.** (Father of Jeff) • **Larry Jerke**

† 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.

December 28 Msgr. James R. Creahen (1948)
December 29 Rev. Ralph R. Muldoon (1978)
December 30 Rev. Cornelius F. Meade (1980)
December 31 Msgr. James F. Sampon (1936)
January 2 Msgr. James W. Weithman (1973)
January 3 Deacon Victor Young Bull Bear (1996)

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.

Mass Times	New Year's Eve 12/31 6 PM	New Year's Day 1/1 8 AM	Saturday, 1/2 5 PM	Sunday 1/3 8 AM	Sunday 1/3 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej Wrosteck	Fr. Andrzej
Lector	Dave A. – 1st Nancy S. – 2nd	Duane R. – 1st Sheila K. – 2nd	Dcn. Walt W. – 1st Bridgette F. – 2nd	Brenda M. – 1st Joyce W. – 2nd	Nancy Sass – 1st Mary B. – 2nd
Altar Server(s)	NOT FILLED	Christian Weaver	Luke Schacher - Lead	Caleb Weishaar - Lead	Andrew D. – Lead Lucy H.
Sacristan	Stacy T.	Phillip Thompson	Linda and Joe S.	Mike and Barb C.	Brad and Mary B.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 JN 1:5-2:2; PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8; MT 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 JN 2:3-11; PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6; LK 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 JN 2:12-17; PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10; LK 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 JN 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; JN 1:1-18
Friday: NM 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

West River Catholic

The December e-Edition of the West River Catholic is published and available for reading and printing at: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/wrc-december-eedition/>. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the parish office.

Journey with the Lord in Advent and Christmas



An indoor Christian Prayer Labyrinth will be at Terra Sancta Retreat Center Dec. 28, 29 and 30 from 8-6 PM each day . . . all are welcome. We have prayers and information to assist

people in using this contemplative form of prayer.

Baby Bottle Collection Thank You

Thank you to all who supported the Baby Bottle drive this year. If you still have the bottle, please continue to fill, or if looking for an end of year giving, put a check in and return to the church office. On that same note as we welcome the birth of our Savior Jesus, it reminds me that there are those in our local area that find themselves in a pregnancy and wondering what to do. Please consider an end of year gift to either Black Hills Pregnancy Center or Birthright. Both organizations help those families finding themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. It is simple, put a check or cash in an envelope addressed to your desire and drop off in the office, we will get it where it needs to go. Let us give them hope and help in making a life choice. Thank you.

SaveOne Abortion Healing Bible Study

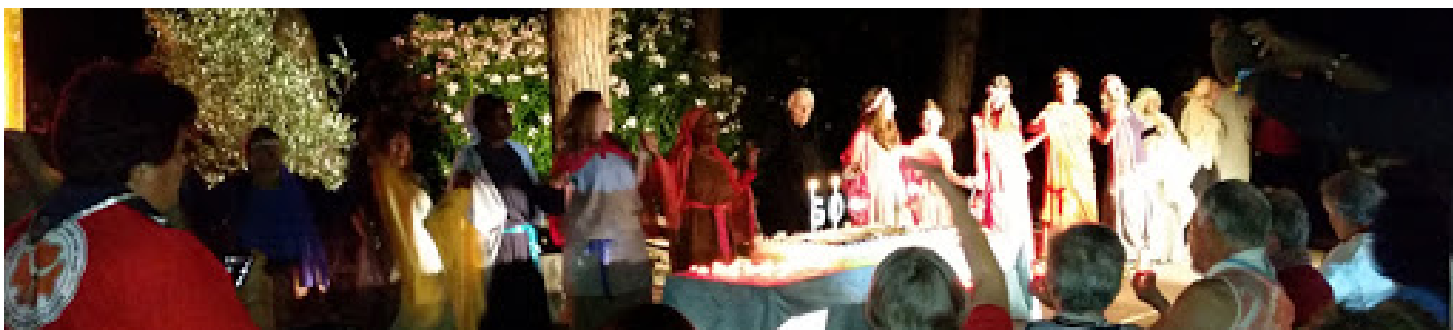


Weekly On-Line Bible Study (Zoom) February 1-April 19, 2021. The Rachel's Vineyard Team will be providing this healing Bible Study early in 2021. Men, women, and loved ones can use this to recover spiritually, mentally, and emotionally after the choice of abortion. For more information visit [saveone.org](https://racheldakota.wufoo.com/forms/saveone-bible-study/). To register visit <https://racheldakota.wufoo.com/forms/saveone-bible-study/>.

Annual Roe v. Wade Memorial

The Rapid City Right to Life Chapter will be holding a Roe v. Wade Memorial at Open Bible Church, 2225 E. St. Patrick Street, Rapid City on January 17, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All advocates for Life are welcome!

The Peace Light of Bethlehem



For more than 1,000 years, oil lamps have continuously burned at the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Since 1986, a child from Austria has traveled as a pilgrim to obtain the flame from the grotto at the site. During the Third Week of Advent, a Service of Dedication is held in Vienna, Austria to share the light with Scouting delegations from across Europe. Scouts return to their own countries and with a message of peace, share the light with churches, hospitals, retirement homes, and places of public, cultural, and political importance. The light makes its long journey from the Grotto of the Nativity in the Town of Bethlehem, to Tel Aviv, Israel, to Vienna, Austria, and finally safely across the Atlantic Ocean to New York City. Enthusiastic supporters move the light person-to-person, lantern-to-lantern, across North America and around their local areas, actively promoting peace.

This year in the Diocese of Rapid City the Federation of North American Explorers have obtained the light. Individuals may bring a candle to light from the original candle and some method to transport it to their home. You may bring your own candle to light at Our Lady of the Black Hills to take into your home from now until Epiphany on January 6, 2021.

Our prayer is that Jesus Christ, the true Light of the world, would grow in our homes and in our hearts this Christmas season. Especially in light of the pandemic and the divisions in our communities, this light comes to us to remind us of Jesus Christ our Prince of Peace.

During this special year of St. Joseph, there will be prayer cards made available for families to pray to St. Joseph asking for his intercession and obtaining special graces during this holy year.

The Federation of North American Explorers is a member of the International Union of Guides and Scouts of Europe, an organization recognized by the Holy See as an International Private Association of the Faithful of Pontifical Right. For more information visit: www.FNEExplorers.com or www.ReginaCaeliFNE.com.

To bless your home for peace in the new year a prayer may be said:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,

You may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.

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