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Saturday, 5 PM
Sunday, 8 & 11 AM
Daily Liturgy:
Tuesday-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
First Fridays

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"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

(Luke 1:38)

Dear Friends in Christ,

The end of Advent season is here. Only few more days and we will gather again to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In many ways, we will rejoice, though for some it will also be a difficult time. As much as we want to be happy, our hearts will remember many of the events of our life, events that make us happy and sad. Christmas is hinting that the end of another calendar year is right around the corner. We just got older and somehow farther away from the perfect life we planned on living. But all this reminiscing, our nostalgia, and short-lived joy of Christmas is not that bad or that unique. As we read the story of Christ's conception and of his birth, we find that the life of the Emmanuel was not that great either. First, Mary finds herself conversing with an angel, then she needs to tell her beloved that she is with a child. Then Joseph is wrestling with his moral responsibility and the love he has for Mary. In the first months of Mary's pregnancy, they need to travel to a distant country, only to be threatened by the Herod. They had to hide and live in exile. The life of Jesus and of his family was not that easy. But despite all these misfortunes of life, the Messiah still comes to live in our midst. Messiah's arrival is announced by the Angels and witnessed by the shepherds with great joy and amazement.

It is the love God has for us, that allows Jesus, Joseph, and Mary to carry on the mission of salvation. It is their love for God that allows them to look beyond the difficulties of their circumstances, and to rejoice when the angels visit them, when they are cared for by the shepherds and when they are praised by the Maggi. In these last few days of Advent, I encourage you to make room for Jesus in your homes and in your souls. In Jesus, we find the imperfections of the world we live in easier to handle, but we also find the fulfillment of what our souls are longing for, our salvation. Be not afraid to take Jesus into your hearts, and his Holy Family into your homes.

Fr. Andrzej

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Christmas Day Masses
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Feast of the Holy Family Masses
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St. Vincent de Paul Cookie and Treat Sale

St. Vincent de Paul will hold their annual bake sale with **FRED and GINGER**. The bake sale will be **December 18-19**. If you would like to donate treats to the bake sale to aid SVdP please have your baked goods dropped off by December 18 at 11 AM. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

SoulCore is BACK

Join SoulCore Leader Jenny to nourish body, mind & soul. SoulCore is a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. Visit www.soulcore.com for more information. Follow us locally at https://www.facebook.com/soulcore605. There is no cost but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. Contact Jenny Scherr at j.scherr@hotmail.com for additional information.

Sunday, Dec 19 @ 4:00pm (downstairs)

Advent Penance Liturgies

December 16 @ 6:30 PM St. Therese – Rapid City December 22 @ 6 PM St. Isaac Jogues – Rapid City

Catechism of the Catholic Church -

What is a catechism and how do you use it? What information is in the Catechism? Join us for an 8-session series beginning Monday **January 10th**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Teaching Tuesday December 28th 6:30-8pm

Dcn Bill White will screen "Walking the Good Red Road: Nicholas Black Elk's Journey to Sainthood," and speak of Nicholas Black Elk to the Catholic Church and the native people.

Do I Have to Attend Mass on Sunday the 26th?

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is not lifted. Christmas Mass is the celebration of the birth of our Savior. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is not met by attending Mass for Christmas on Saturday, December 25. So yes, to meet the obligation of attending Mass on Sunday, you must attend Mass at 8 or 11 AM on Sunday, December 26, to celebrate the Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family.

OLBH Retreat Opportunities Dates TBD Solo or Couple Retreats at Sioux Spiritual Center

There is an opportunity for members of OLBH to have a weekend retreat in a serene environment to connect with Jesus and our faith. The Sioux Spiritual Center located near Howes SD is a wonderful retreat home, where Carol Brown guides guests in the Ignatian Spiritual exercises. If this interests you, singles, couples, or portion of couples, please contact me, Bob Weaver at 605-389-6934.

Men Needed - Working Retreat - Dates TBD

There are opportunities for two different retreats based on interest. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding either retreat. If this interests you, please contact me, Bob Weaver at 605-389-6934.

A retreat at OLBH would be a Saturday starting with prayer and working our way through different projects that need some elbow grease. At the Sioux Spiritual Center, it could be a Friday/Saturday, or come out Friday evening and work Saturday. Both locations would be looking at finishing with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM. If you are concerned whether you can help due to age or ability, your expertise in oversight of different projects is valuable, you may also consider spending time praying for the men working in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the retreat.

Brisket and Loin Pick Up

Folks that ordered briskets and pork loins can pick them up after the 8AM and 11AM masses on Sunday.

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 11-12, 2021								
	Automatic	Basket	Total					
Adopt a Seminarian	54	270	324					
Sunday Collection	2,599	5,700	8,299					
Rectory	31	-	31					
Bottles of Hope	ı	-	-					
Immaculate Conception	ı	-	421					
Bulletin Ad		-	400					
Food Pantry			0					
Total Contribution	2,684	5,970	9,474.75					

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 20

Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

No Mass

6 PM Rosary and Vigil for Linda Weishaar

Tuesday, December 21

Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for Bridgette Trask 10 AM Funeral Mass for Linda Weishaar 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, December 22

8 AM Mass for Max Lyle

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

No Faith Formation

Thursday, December 23

8 AM Mass for Diane Clarke

9 AM "Just Men" Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, December 24

4 PM Christmas Eve Mass –Live stream link on Facebook and OLBH.org for the Deacon Walt and Judy Wilson Clan

8 PM Christmas Eve Mass for Lexi

Hammerquist

Saturday, December 25

8 AM Christmas Day Mass for the repose of Linda Weishaar

11 AM Christmas Day Mass for the repose of Mary Alice Tetrault

No 5 PM Mass

Sunday, December 26

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH

8 AM Mass for the community of OLBH and our sister parishes

11 AM Mass for the repose of Michael Cariveau

Help us DECORATE

We will decorate for Christmas the afternoon of the 21st from 11:30-1 PM. Join us!

Decorations will be taken down after the 11 AM Mass on January 9th. Please help!

Intentions of the Holy Father for December:

Pope's Intention: Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God; may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Chain Requests

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

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Janice Kosters Morris Brosnan Linda Weishaar

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
- Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski Maynard Traversie
- Lowell Amiotte Randy Oberle Tracy Rudnick
 - Joan Wrobel (aunt of Rachael Held)
 - Vickie Crowley Marjorie Lee
- Cap Holzer Doug Wermers George Bradstream
 - Marek Kopec Brett Whealy Jennifer Kinney
 - Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long)
 - Tony Corbine Wayne Gamroth Rachael Held
 - Tim Curns Rayola Anderson Dave Noble
 - Dean Antonsen Moneik Stephens
 - Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)
- Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)

Billy Hudson • Les Weishaar

- John Mangen (brother-in-law of Diane Gittings)
- Jim & Vonnie O'Dea (parents 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)
 - The Nalley Family Jean Scheope
 Derek Dowdy (grandson of the Gittings)
- Hudson Henry (great grandson/nephew of the Collings and Denekamps)
 Kit Soyland

† 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 20 Rev. Joachim Huwylet, O.S.B. (1899)

Rev. Louis Gall, S.J. (1946)

Rev. Richard A. Plante (2001)

December 22 Mrs. Joe Ricard (1942)

Marc L. Farabee (1987)

December 23 Rev. Florentine Dignam, S.J. (1931)

Shirley A. Foight (2001) Mary Kay Young (2012) Darwyn F. Stebbins (2017)

December 24 Msgr. James P. Walsh (1968)

Rev. William M. Philbin (2000) Deacon Eugene Heckathorne (2014)

Lloyd Francis Foight (2003)

December 25 Rose Virginia Knecht (1983)

December 26 Rev. Larry Hellmueller, S.J. (2002)

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 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	Friday, 12/24 4 PM	Friday 12/24 8 PM	Saturday 12/25 8 AM	Saturday 12/25 11 AM	Sunday 12/26 8 AM	Sunday 12/27 11 AM
Presider	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
Altar Server	Mya Lyon - Lead Gabriel Gehlsen	Andrew Denekamp - Lead	NOT FILLED - Lead NOT FILLED	Joslyn Thompson - Lead	Gabriel Gehlsen - Lead Haley Gruba	Andrew Denekamp - Lead
	Emerson Harwood Dakota Lyon	Matthew Denekamp NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Robby Thompson		Matthew Denekamp
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Deacon John Osnes	Lorinda Collings	Diane Clarke	NOT FILLED	Bob Weaver	Stacy Tate
Hospitality	Ned Keeler	Cathleen and Aaron Denekamp	Gary and Sandy Langfeldt	Thompson Family	Barb Coyle Mike Coyle	Aaron Denekamp Ned Keeler
Lector	Joni Osnes - 1st Reader Sheila Keeler - 2nd Reader	Bernadette Usera - 1st Reader John Usera - 2nd Reader	Brenda Flottmeyer - 1st Reader Diane Clarke - 2nd Reader	Kimberly Darata - 1st Reader NOT FILLED - 2nd Reader	Joyce Williamson - 1st Reader Deacon Walt Wilson - 2nd Reader	Cathleen Denekamp - 1st Reader Sheila Keeler - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	Linda Schacher Joe Schacher	Brad Blauvelt Matthew Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt	Ermma and Bruce Lehman	Stacy Tate	Ermma and Bruce Lehman	Stacy Tate

Daily Readings

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38 **Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56 **Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: Weekly Readings

DEVOTED: A GOING DEEPER RETREAT

Feb 18-20, 2022, | Terra Sancta Retreat Center This GOING DEEPER retreat is offered by the Diocese of Rapid City and geared towards high school youth that desire to grow deeper in faith. This retreat will provide an opportunity for those youth who have encountered Christ and are desiring to deepen their faith and relationship with Him. Through the teachings of Saint Francis De Sales and his book Introduction to the Devout Life the participants will gain a deeper understanding of devotion to Christ, prayer, virtue, and ways of examining their spiritual life and the practice of devotion. The retreat begins Friday at 5pm and ends at 3pm on Sunday. We will be lodging in the monastic wing at Terra Sancta retreatants will be housed two to a room. The following meals are provided: Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch. You can learn more about the retreat register at: and www.godeeperretreat.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

Redeeming Administration with Ann Garrido will be leading a deeper reflection and prayer on the spiritual dimensions of administrative work June 9-10, 2022, at Terra Sancta. Register at terrasancta.org/redeeming. A Weekend with Dr. Mary Healy, Mary is a professor of Sacred Scripture, healing evangelist, author, and international speaker. Join her December 9-11, 2022, at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Register at terrasancta.org/drhealy.

LET'S PUTZ OUT HUNGER

Help the Knights of Columbus Bishop Lawler 1075 4th Degree Assembly "putz" out hunger by attending the Care and Share Food Drive at Putz n Glo Indoor Mini Golf on Monday, **December 20th** from 6-9pm. In place of the \$10 admission fee, please bring \$5 and a non-perishable food item. Help us spread joy this holiday season by helping those in our community who suffer from food insecurity!

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Rachel's Corner

There are many post-abortive women in our churches who live in silent torment. They are slowly self-destructing. They believe that if their friends knew what they had done, they would reject and condemn them. We must reach out in truth, love, and mercy, and bring the good news of Christ's forgiveness and healing to these hurting women.

If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help.

Plan to attend the next Rachel's Retreat[™] Vinevard and experience the healing forgiveness of God. For more information, contact the national office at 877www.rachelsvineyard.org. 467-3463 or Contact Carol Kling for information about local 605-374-5639 retreats at ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLif e.htm.



Christmas Eve Masses December 24 at 4 & 8 PM

Christmas Day Masses December 25 at 8 & 11 AM

[no 5 PM Mass]

Feast of the Holy Family December 26 at 8 & 11 AM

Our Lady of the Black Hills Piedmont

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45



"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah

too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel:"

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or binge-watch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God's plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem - a town of no consequence - would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God's will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth's unborn child - we know to be John the Baptist - recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, "stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord." This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God's saving action.

INVITE/PRAY Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that's not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.



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