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LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:
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

CLERGY

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The Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM is livestreamed on the Our Lady of the Black Hills Facebook page and then posted on olbh.org.

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

(Matthew 1:20-21)

Dear Friends in Christ.

The end of Advent is here. Only few more days and we will gather together again to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In many ways, we will rejoice, though for many it will also be a difficult time. As much as we want to be happy, our hearts will also remember many of the events of our life, that make us sad. Christmas is hinting that the end of another year is right around the corner. We just got older and somehow farther away from the perfect life we planned on living. But perhaps, all this reminiscing, our nostalgia, and short lived joy of Christmas is not that bad or that unique. As we read the story of Christs' 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.

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 they are visited by the angels, 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 this Jesus, we find the imperfections of the world we live in, but we also find the fulfillment of what our souls are longing for. Be not afraid to take Jesus, and his Holy Family into your homes.

Fr. Andrzej

BABY JESUS Bring Nativ



Bring baby Jesus from your Nativity for a blessing at the beginning of the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Children will be asked to process in with their figurines.



LECTIO: EUCHARIST

DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE

Join us for a new study group starting Sunday, January 8, led by Pamela Weaver. All are welcome!

"Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching."

Resources provided – please call the office at 605-787-5168 to sign-up



Christmas Caroling Join us for Christmas Caroling on Thursday, **December 22**nd. We will meet at the Church at 4 PM for caroling and will



meet back at the Church at for cookies and cocoa at 6 PM. All ages and abilities are welcome. Please call the office for details or to let us know you are coming, 605-787-5168.



Saturday, December 24 4 PM & 8 PM Sunday, December 25 8 & 11 AM





THEOLOGY ON TAP KICK-OFF SOCIAL

- · Monday, January 2 @ 7:15pm
- The OLBH Rectory, 8242 Stagestop Rd
 - Food provided BYOB
- · Open to all young adults from 21-39ish



Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. Intentions can be for a person or a specific need. They can also be for the deceased.

Call OLBH at 605-787-5168 or fill out the envelope on the back counter of the gathering space.

Volunteer Ushers Needed *for funeral Masses*

" We to others whatever you would have them do to you." Mt 7:12

Call the office, 605-787-5168, to volunteer.

Children's Christmas



Sunday, January 8th following the 11 AM Mass

Cookies and Coffee will be served following the performance.







Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 19

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, December 20

8 AM Mass for the repose of T.C. Waits

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8 AM Mass for Abram Hohm

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, December 22

8 AM Mass for the repose of Bob and Barbara Varilek

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

9 AM Lector Bible Study

1:30-3:30 PM Christmas Decorating

4-6 PM Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8 AM Mass at OLBH for the benefactors of the

Immaculate Heart Hermitage

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

4 PM Christmas Vigil Mass for the repose of

Brittany Holzer and Cheryl Rohl

8 PM Christmas Vigil Mass for the community of

Our Lady of the Black hills and our Sister

Parishes at Bull Head, Kenel, and McLaughlin

Sunday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS
8 AM Christmas Mass for Sister Mary Catherine
11 AM Christmas Mass for the repose of John
Thomas

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/24 SATURDAY 4 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)

Freddy Weishaar, Alexa & Leighton Scherr

Lectors: David Allardyce (1st)

Sheila Keeler (2nd)

Hospitality: Tracy and Kimberly Cook

NOT FILLED

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher Eucharistic Minister – Brenda Flottmeyer

12/24 SATURDAY 8 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Andrew Denekamp (lead)

Matthew Denekamp

Lectors: Cathleen Denekamp (1st)

Jan Evans (2nd)

Hospitality: Sue and Steve Colgan

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister – Larry Williamson

12/25 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Westin Edwards (lead)

Emmett, Leo, and Talia Edwards

Lectors: Duane Riedlinger (1st)

Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)

Hospitality: Marie, Eric, Sandy, and Gary Langfeldt

Sacristan: Barb and Mike Coyle

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Jeremy Thompson

12/25 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (lead)

Kaleb Arellano

Lectors: Kim Wynn (1st)

DeWayne Yantes (2nd)

Hospitality: LuElla and Jim Grieve

Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman

Eucharistic Minister – Body: **NOT FILLED**

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17			
December 10-11, 2022			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	270	324
Sunday Collection	2,759	3,874	6,633
Rectory	-	-	-
Mass Intention	-	-	30
Giving Tree			300
Christmas Flowers		-	175
Immaculate Conception			381
Total Contribution	2,813	4,144	7,843.26

Did you know that OLBH is a Stewardship Parish? We ask that you give us your time, your talents, and your treasure to support our wonderful parish. Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal at www.olbh.org/donate.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to our OLBH prayer chain text Shanesa Rhodes at 605-786-4240 or email her at shanesarhodes@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS To request a Mass Intention please fill out the envelope on the back counter of the Narthex or call Katie in the office at 605-787-5168.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY To obtain a prayer shawl, contact the office at 605-787-5168.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND If you or family member are sick at home or in the hospital and you would like communion from a priest or lay extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please call the office at 605-787-5168.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK If you or a family member has been diagnosed with an illness, are preparing for surgery, or in the case of serious illness, please call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER

Pope's Intention: For volunteer, not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: SG 2:8-14; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk

1:67-79

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

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 in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

December 19 Rev. Francis P. Besendorfer (1946)

Mary Arlene Ricard (2005)

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)

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)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Call 605-787-5168 to add a name to the prayer list. These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob Weaver), Blanche Rieth, Jean Schacher, Bernard Wiehl, Sid and Mary Ann Pulaski, Mariorie Lee, Jeff Feist, Vickie Crowlev. Cap Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce Kinney, Tony Corbine, Joe George, Tim Curns, Dean Antonsen, Cathy Luedtke, Karen and Frank Weyrich (sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Senn). Jim O'Dea (father of Holly Phillips), Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda Schacher), Joyce DePaulo, John Mizenko Sr., Norbert Liebig, The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Ruth O'Neil, Jasper Wermers (grandson of Doug and Peggy), Tim Keller (son-in-law of the Holzers), Craig Lindemann (uncle of Maggie Whiteside), Kevin and Julie Spors, Barb Coyle, Crescencia Yanez (aunt of Brenda Mizenko), Lisa Yantes (DeWayne and Helen's daughter), Iris Overholt, Erica Anderson, Greta (granddaughter of Dcn John and Joni), Joe Vetch, Lori Moore, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Mary Antonsen, Blondie Wagner (mother of Joni Osnes), Scotty Hudson, Sheila Keeler, Karen and Dennis Lau, Mary Wurtz

FOR THE DECEASED We pray for the repose of Marie Ptacek (mother of Richard Ptacek, and Les Bedney (mother of Marie Langfeldt)

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, welcome to 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!

Attention Santa's Helpers!

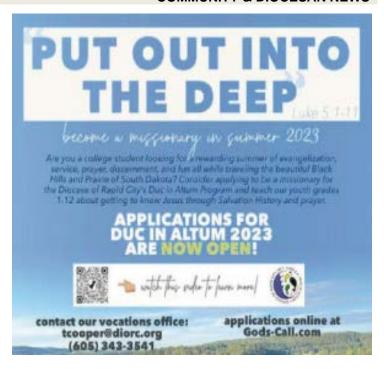
Chef Jeff at Terra Sancta Retreat Center invites you to a Christmas Cookie Class! From the Baker's Bench, a son of the carpenter, this is the first of a series of cooking/baking classes we hope to offer in the coming months. Come mix, make, and decorate your Christmas cookies in the kitchen at Terra Sancta Retreat Center with Chef Jeff! We will make decorated Sugar Cookies, Icebox Cookies, Ginger Snap Cookies, and piped Butter Tea Cookies! Kids (10 years and older) with a parent/adult welcome! Classes are small (10-12 students) and group participation encouraged. Register today! \$30 per adult (kids 10-15 free with parent). Register on-line at: http://terrasancta.org/bbChristmas. Class will be from 12pm-3pm on Wednesday, December 21 OR join us on Thursday, December 22 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Questions? Call 605-716-0925.



Marriage Matters Weekend

Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2023, Catholic Social Services in partnership with Family Life Ministries presents this weekend retreat for married couples (optional Friday night arrival). Terra Sancta, 2101 City Springs Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702. RSVP: https://terrasancta.org/event/marriage-matters-7/ or 605-716-0925.

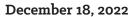
Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's Mercy.



Returning Catholics

Monday, January 9, 2023, from 6–7:30 p.m. There are many reasons why people may drift away from the Catholic Church; there is one reason to return... your Father is reaching out to you! Catholics Returning Home is a sixweek series for non-practicing Catholics who are considering returning to the church. The informal sessions are held twice a year. The next session will be held at St. Therese Church in Rapid City. There is no charge. All are welcome. For more information, email info@returningcatholics.net.





Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24



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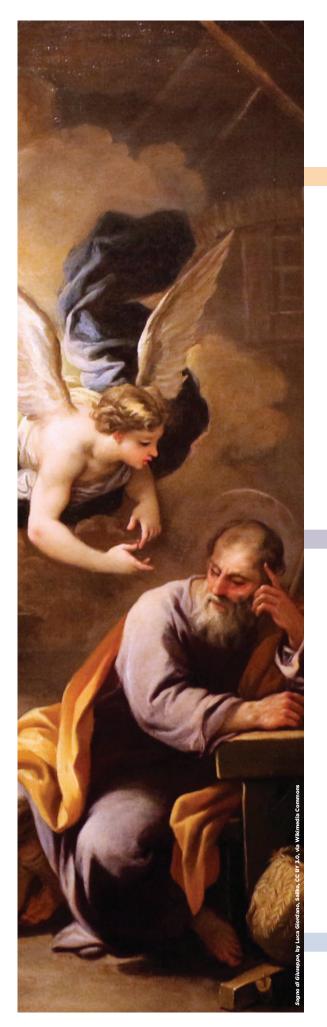
In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021. Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears. As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saying "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I remember our first trip to the pediatrician with our newborn. Our job as parents, he said in so many words, was to raise him so that he'd be ready to leave us at 18. As our youngest approaches that milestone, I'm having a hard time letting go. In his apostolic letter Patris Corde, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a father (and I think this applies to mothers, too): "Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care." Joseph and Mary loved Jesus in this way, accepting that Jesus did not "belong" to them but to all of us. Whether or not we are parents, we can learn from their example, entrusting our lives and those of our loved ones to God. As St. Paul reminds us, we "belong to Jesus Christ."

ACTION "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" As you light the Advent candles or say evening prayers this week, reflect on the ways Jesus has made his presence known to you today and give thanks.





"HERE WE COME A CAROLING!"

COME JOIN US

December 22 - 4:00PM-6:00PM Meet at Our Lady of the Black Hills

12365 Sturgis Rd. Piedmont

by 4:00pm

We will caravan around the neighborhood and share the good cheer with Music and Fellowship, and end the evening back at OLBH in the Parish Hall with Hot Cocoa, Hot Apple Cider, and other goodies!

What a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the Christmas Season!

Please call the office at 605-787-5168 to let us know if you and your family plan to participate so we can plan accordingly for music aides and goodies.

We will also need people willing to drive and carpool.

* *Children 14 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. * *



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