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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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Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

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Deacon. John Osnes

Deacon Greg Sass

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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.

**"For today in the city of David a savior has been born
for you who is Christ and Lord"**

**"Glory to God in the highest and peace to those on
whom his favor rests."**

Luke 2:11 & 2:14

Merry Christmas

Thank you for continuing to bless
Our Lady of the Black Hills
with your generosity, hospitality, and
participation.
May Christ's birth fill you with hope.

Our Lady of the Black Hills, pray for us,

Fr. Andrzej and the OLBH staff



Have You Heard?

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

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

Thank you!

85 families received 795 gifts and boxes of food from the giving tree and the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry. Thank you for generously showering our neighbors in need.



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

Request a Mass Intention

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.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, January 8th following the 11 AM Mass

Cookies and Coffee will be served following the performance.



More Thanks!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and your neighbors in need thank you for your generous support of the bake sale. We were able to raise \$1803 to support those in the Piedmont Valley with rent, car repairs, utility bills, resources and more. Want to help? Call the office to learn more about the OLBH chapter.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 26

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, December 27

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8 AM Mass for Gail Wingert

Wednesday, December 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8 AM Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, December 29

THE FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE

NATIVITY OF THE LORD; Saint Thomas

Becket, Bishop, Martyr

8 AM Mass for the repose of Jean Dierkson

Hohm

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 30

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

8 AM Mass at OLBH for the repose of Blair

Sullivan

Office Closed

Saturday, December 31

THE SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; Saint Sylvester

I, Pope

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5 PM Christmas Vigil Mass for community of

Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister

parishes of McLaughlin, Bullhead, and Kenel

Sunday, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8 AM Christmas Mass for the repose of Ilene

Weber

11 AM Christmas Mass for the repose of Marjory

Konechne

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/31 SATURDAY 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead)

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Lectors: Bernadette Usera (1st)

John Usera (2nd)

Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister – Lorinda Collings

1/1 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead)

Freddy Weishaar and Talia Edwards

Lectors: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st)

Diane Clarke (2nd)

Hospitality: Mike and Barb Coyle

Sacristan: Gary and Barb Erickson

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Gary Erickson

1/1 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Mya Lyon (lead)

Dakota Lyon and Cole Litzen

Lectors: Craig Kelso (1st)

Laura Kelso (2nd)

Hospitality: Cathy and Richard Long

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Dennis Fischer

STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
December 17-18, 2022			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	31	85
Sunday Collection	2,759	10,154	12,913
Building Fund	42	105	147
Mass Intention	-	-	30
Priest Retirement	2	250	252
Christmas Flowers			100
Scheels Secret Santa			500
Total Contribution	2,857	10,540	13,641.02

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.

ANOIDING 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: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16c, 17; MT 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:118-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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

December 28 Msgr. James R. Creahan (1948)

December 29 Rev. Ralph R. Muldoon (1978)

December 30 Rev. Cornelius F. Meade (1980)

December 31 Msgr. James F. Smapon (1936)
Robert Leo Roseland (2004)

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, Marjorie Lee, Jeff Feist, Vickie Crowley, 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, Zoe

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!

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.



Duc in Altum Diocese of Rapid City

BECOME A MISSIONARY IN SUMMER 2023

Are you a college student looking for a summer of evangelization, service, prayer, discernment and fun all while traveling the Black Hills and Prairie of South Dakota? Consider applying to be a missionary for the Diocese of Rapid City's Duc in Altum Program and teach our youth grades 1-12 about getting to know Jesus through Salvation History and prayer.



Applications for Duc in Altum Summer 2023 are now open!
APPLICATIONS ONLINE AT GODS-CALL.COM
Contact our Vocations Office: tcooper@diorc.org, 605-343-3541.



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 six-week 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Healing Retreat:

An Encounter with Jesus' Healing Power Today

Directed by **Clare Ten Eyck** with opening remarks by **Bishop Peter Muhich**

Friday, February 24 - Saturday, February 25

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall

Clare is a much sought-after speaker with over 35 years of counseling experience from a Catholic perspective. Dr. Ten Eyck is a mother of nine children and a secular Carmelite. She has given numerous retreats on spiritual growth, prayer, spiritual direction and inner healing for priests, religious and laity.

We invite you to join Bishop Peter Muhich and Dr. Clare Ten Eyck as they lead us to a deeper understanding and an experience of Jesus' healing ministry in the Church today.

Our hope is to provide you with an opportunity to Encounter Jesus; His love for you and his power to heal, and to leave better equipped to share His love and healing with others.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON

*O come
let us
adore Him
Christ the Lord*

Our Lady of the Black Hills is always in need of adorers on Wednesdays from 8:30-7:30 PM. Come for or a minute or stay for an hour

with Jesus. If you would like to be on the Adoration schedule or listed as a substitute, please contact Dave at 605-791-2303.

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One Minute Meditations

A kinder, gentler you

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.

Choose not to be offended

In the news or on social media, it can appear that there is more polarization around issues now than in the past. Each side wants to persuade the other. Being right is no compensation for broken friendships, however. If there is someone in your life who deliberately pursues you to argue, don't take the bait. Rather than let arguments create a rift, look the other way when feeling slighted. Being kind is more rewarding than being right.

"I have told you this that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).



Fall deeper in love with Christ in the New Year

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T-Talk: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: *"Call to me, and I will answer you"* (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: *"When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you"* (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

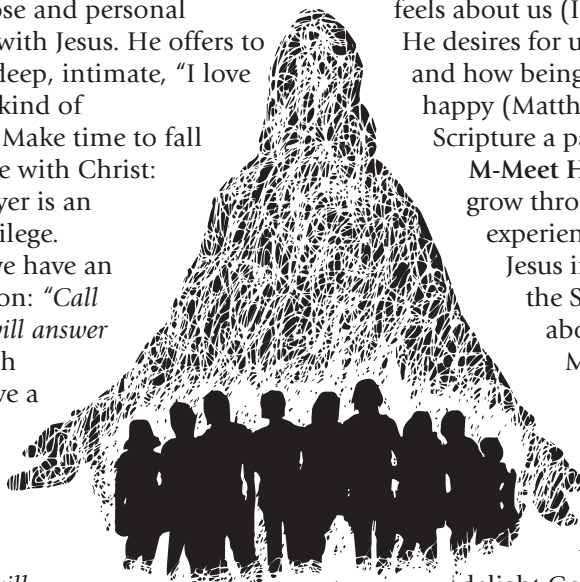
I-Intimacy: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us

who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5-7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M-Meet Him: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

E-Everything for love: St. Thérèse of Lisieux discovered that she could

delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe things that aren't in the Bible?

Catholics recognize the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God, and we reject beliefs that contradict Scripture. Long before the Gospels were written down, the Apostles passed on to their disciples all that Jesus taught and did. This

is what we call, "Tradition," or what was "handed on." Not everything that was handed on could be written down. It was impossible to include everything Jesus did (John 21:25).

Catholic beliefs don't depart from Scripture, but delve deeper into it.



Make one change for God this year

When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas other Catholics have used to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our faith ...

Laura felt her prayer life growing stale, so when her parish asked for adorers for the perpetual adoration chapel, she jumped at the chance. Now, Mondays at midnight, Laura can be found in the presence of the Eucharist. She



said, "I really look forward to my peaceful hour each week. It's just me and Him."

Peter's law practice is incredibly busy, but he takes an afternoon off every month to work at the local soup kitchen serving hot meals to the homeless and working poor. When asked why, he said, "Jesus said, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.'"

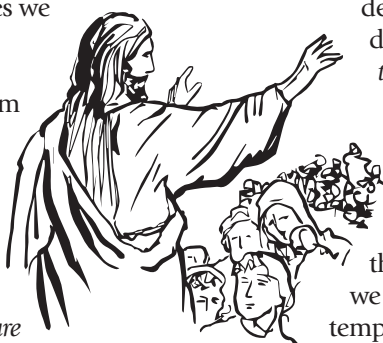
JoAnn's children are grown, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to spread our faith than to children? That's where I can do the most good," she said.

from Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12a, Jesus' blueprint for holiness

This passage contains the Sermon on the Mount during which Jesus detailed the Beatitudes – the attitudes we need to be truly holy, and therefore happy. In fact, "beatitude" is translated from the Greek word for happiness. Jesus was saying, "Happy are you!" or "Congratulations!" if you live by these attitudes.

When Jesus said, "*blessed are the poor in spirit ... blessed are they who mourn ... the persecuted*" He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He said, "*Blessed are the pure in heart ... those who hunger and thirst*



for righteousness," He was showing us that a holy heart will receive what it desires. When He described "*the meek ... the merciful ... the peacemakers,*" He gave us a blueprint for how to act.

We can measure our behavior against these standards. When we are faithful to God in tempting moments, and translate holy inner attitudes into outward actions, we'll know we're on the right path to holiness. When we live by the Beatitudes, we'll be truly happy.

Q & A

What qualities can I pursue to make me a better follower of Jesus?

Actually, when you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got Confirmed, the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all his creations.

The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.

Feasts & Celebrations

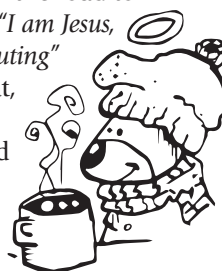
January 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Known as "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence, St. Gregory was unwillingly made Bishop of Sasima. He worked to clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

January 16 – St. Berard and Companions (1220). St. Francis of Assisi sent St. Berard and his companions to evangelize in the Muslim territories. After being arrested in Morocco, they were martyred after refusing to stop preaching and renounce their Faith.

January 23 – St. Marianne Cope

(1918). St. Marianne began religious life as an educator in New York schools, and later became a nurse. In 1883, she helped St. Damien de Veuster serve the leper colonies of Hawaii, continuing his work after his death.

January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul (1st Century). Formally called "Saul", he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting*" (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



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