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##### 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  
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"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son."

(Hebrew 1:1-2)

During Christmas celebration, our attention has been drawn in many ways to our families. It is the family that gives us in many reasons to do extraordinary things in sometimes very challenging ways and times. It is the family of Mary and Joseph that Jesus, our Emmanuel is born into. The church teaches that the Christian family is the first school of faith, a kind of mini-church into which God has placed us. It is the first place where we experience intimate and loving relationships and can practice the art of sharing love. So it's only natural that family relationships are central to a right relationship with God. Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another. The family is a privileged community called to achieve a "sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing." (CCC 2206)

It is very encouraging that God provides for us an image of a family where both love and discouragement are present, where trust and disappointments have taken place, where hurt and gift of mercy and forgiveness are practiced. "The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a domestic church." It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament. (CCC 2204) Into this family, just like many of the families today "Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than "the family of God." From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers "together with all [their] household." When they were converted, they desired that "their whole household" should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world." (CCC 1655)

As we remember the Holy Family of Mary Joseph and Jesus, we are fully aware that we still have many reasons to search for better response to the love of God in our life. In many ways today's family (our blood family and the spiritual family-the Church) is being challenged, diminished and judged by standards that not always come from God. It is then our great opportunity to return to God the gift of His Love by our resolution to aspire to live out our Baptismal call to the best of our abilities as we live our Catholic Way of Life. The love of God to His Church is made visible in the love of husband and wife, parents and children, love for those who live alone yet in the midst of us all – the Family of God. "It is here that the father, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity." Thus, the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school for human enrichment." Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life." (CCC 1657)

I give praise to God for my family and thank you all for being my Family as we generously show hospitality through our lively faith and as dedicated disciples of the Messiah, Living the Mission of the Church.

**Happy and a Blessed New Year ☺.**

**In Jesus Christ,**

**Fr. Andrzej**

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.

## Welcome Todd Vandermay

Todd Vandermay is a senior at Immaculate Heart Seminary in Winona, MN. He will be visiting our parish the first week in January.



Todd Vandermay was on the edge. Following his graduation from high school, he had decided he was headed off to college – but his faith wouldn't be making the trip with him. Had it not been for an insightful group of sixth graders, Vandermay may never have found himself here, finishing his final year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

Vandermay, grew up on a farm in rural South Dakota, where he helped with a variety of chores. His early schooling was spent learning in a two-room schoolhouse, but then eventually he made it into a larger building. He spent a lot of his free time with his grandmother, who lived just down the hill from his farm. "She was very religious and first planted the idea of being a priest when I was five or six," he said. "When I was there, she'd be playing EWTN, Mother Angelica and praying the Rosary. It was always something dear to her heart, to have someone in the family become a priest or sister." Vandermay enjoyed going to church and serving at Mass, but once he reached middle school, he put the idea of a vocation aside.

For him, it was all about sports. Vandermay was a three-sport athlete in high school, but he focused mostly on wrestling, with the goal of compiling 100 career wins or going to the state tournament, which would earn his spot on his school's photo board. "That was my goal in life," he said. "That's all I was living for." He missed state by one match as a senior, so he turned to other vices to numb that disappointment, he said.

He planned to enroll at Black Hills State University to become a history teacher. To do so, however, he needed scholarships, so he found one he could earn by teaching catechism at his local church. He was learning about his faith as he went, right along with his sixth-grade class. He didn't allow that new knowledge, though, to impact him, and he decided that this experience with the Church would be his last. "I had no intent of keeping (regular Mass attendance) up in college," he said. But that all changed on the final day of catechism class. The students requested to watch the movie "The Passion of the Christ," so they did. It moved Vandermay profoundly. "It just tore my heart out, to be given that grace the entire year of learning the faith with the kids, but not allowing it to affect me," he said. "Then I started realizing, there had to be more to life than having to amplify everything to get some kind of enjoyment." So rather than going to college right away, Vandermay took a year off to ponder what else could be out there for him.

That thought he had 13 years early about becoming a priest resurfaced, so he started visiting with his vocations director and making seminary visits. Still, he wasn't convinced, but he was willing to explore. "I knew that if I didn't give it a try, I wouldn't know for sure," he said. So Vandermay made the decision to enter IHMS, and he discerned for two years, but still, something wasn't clicking, so he returned home to work on the farm for a year. But God tugged back, and a year later, Vandermay asked his bishop if he could return to seminary, which he granted. But first, Vandermay spent a Regency Year at the Mater Dei House in La Crosse, Wis., and has since returned to IHMS to finish out the final two years of his formation. He credits God with not giving up on him. "Ultimately, it's God," he said as to the reason he's here. "I have tried pushing it all away, but he's drawn me back multiple times. It's just the full process of realizing the immense love God has for us, and it isn't always an easy breakthrough to realize that and to accept that."

### Epiphany Blessing

Pick up your Epiphany **house blessing kit** with the blessing prayer and a piece of blessed chalk from the basket in the Narthex. Doors are chalked and blessed to dedicate our year to God and ask His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

### Epiphany

Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God. It focuses on the revelation to the three wise men, and was also revealed at his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.



**Children and Youth Faith Formation**

Faith Formation begins again on Sunday, January 8, 2023 and on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

## COFFEE & DESSERTS

**JANUARY 4TH**

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
FOLLOWING 8 AM MASS IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL.

**BRING A DESSERT  
AND ENJOY A CHAT**



## 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

### Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

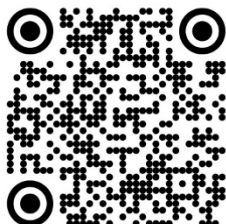
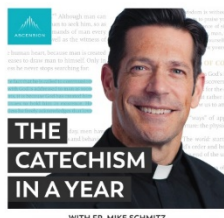
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## Children's Christmas Program

**Sunday, January 8th  
following the 11 AM Mass**

Cookies and Coffee will be served following the performance.



### LECTIO: EUCCHARIST

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

Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible is one of the most profound faith formation experiences you will have. Dr. Brant Pitre explains the roots of the Eucharist in the Old and New Testaments, the culture of the time, and how we see Jesus today. Sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 605-787-5168 to attend. Classes start Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-10:45 AM in Bethlehem Cave. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation retreat is an overnight retreat at Terra Sancta. Please contact Rhonda for details at 605-787-5168 or [rhonda.gehlsen@olbh.org](mailto:rhonda.gehlsen@olbh.org).

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, January 2

**SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

Office Closed

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

**7 PM Theology on Tap at the OLBH Rectory**

### Tuesday, January 3

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**8 AM Mass** for Deacon Walt Wilson

6 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

### Wednesday, January 4

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS**

**8 AM Mass** for Teresa Cervantes

**Coffee and Desserts following Mass**

**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**5:30-6:30 PM Confessions**

### Thursday, January 5

**SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP**

**8 AM Mass** for All Souls in Purgatory

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

### Friday, January 6

**Saint Andre Bessette, Religious**

**8 AM Mass at OLBH** for Cathy Greteman

**First Friday Devotion**

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School** for the repose of Richard Thomas

### Saturday, January 7

**Saint Raymond of Penyfort, Priest**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

**5 PM Mass** for Diocesan Masses for Life

### Sunday, January 8

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**8 AM Christmas Mass** for community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of McLaughlin, Bullhead, and Kenel

**9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation**

**11 AM Christmas Mass** for the repose of Clay Wilson

**12 Noon Children's Concert**

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### 1/7 SATURDAY 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead)

Dominic and Dustin Hoiten

Lectors: Deacon Walt Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>)

James Johns (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister – Diane Clarke

### 1/8 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Westin (lead)

Emmett, Leo, and Talia Edwards

Lectors: Joyce Williamson (1<sup>st</sup>)

Jeremy Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Mike and Barb Coyle

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Gary Erickson

### 1/8 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Cole Litzen (lead)

Cash Litzen and James Wynn

Lectors: Kim Wynn (1<sup>st</sup>)

LaChel McCollar (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Cathy and Richard Long

Sacristan: The Blauvelt Family

Eucharistic Minister – Brad Blauvelt

## STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
December 24-25, 2022			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	2,759	11,115	13,874
Building Fund	42	1,000	1,042
Mass Intention	-	-	100
Priest Retirement	2	-	2
Votive			63
<b>Total Contribution</b>	2,857	12,115	14,135.43

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## 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: 1 Jn 2:22-28; PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 1:7-11

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 2:1-11

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

## 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:

January 2	Msgr. James W. Weithman (1973) Burnette Pelletier (1998) Marjory Konechne (2017) Ronald L. Baker Jr. (2019)
January 3	Deacon Victor Young Bull Bear (1996) John P. Eberlein (1985)
January 4	Rev. Edward A. Henault (1955)
January 7	Rev. Dominic C. Padula (1979) Ronald A. Dosch (2012)
January 8	Gene Bartlett (1965) Nick Wyckoff (1988)

## 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, 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, Kathleen Leutenegger

**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**

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## 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](mailto: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**

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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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January 1, 2023

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## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings remind us of the central role Mary plays in the story of Jesus and the story of our salvation. We may be tempted to place her on a pedestal – as well we should – she is the Mother of God! At the same time, today's Gospel reminds us she is not divine herself, but human – and she bore the incarnate flesh of the Son of God in his divine and human nature. She went through the sleepless nights and the uncertainties of parenting in all its stages. She learned early on what it takes many of us a lifetime to learn – often in fits and starts – absolute trust in God. As we celebrate this solemnity, we can bring our uncertainties, fears, and struggles to Mary our mother, asking for the grace to follow her faithful example.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Of course there's nothing wrong with New Year's resolutions, and I always admire people who have thought about them in advance. Me? I'm often tongue-tied on January 1 when someone asks me what my resolutions are (hmm ... maybe I should think about kicking that procrastination habit in 2023?) This is why Mary's reaction to the visit of the shepherds strikes me so profoundly. The shepherds pay homage to Jesus and spread the word that God's Son has been born. Mary, Luke writes, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." As we move into a new year, so rich with possibility, we might follow Mary's example and reflect before jumping head-long into this or that goal or New Year's resolution. Instead, perhaps we can take the day – or a week or a month – to prayerfully reflect on how we can best put our faith in Jesus into action. How can we witness to our faith in our daily lives? What changes might help us do that? We can ask God to help us draw up a list of ways that we can be more faithful to him.

**PRAY** Pray the Hail Mary, reflecting on each line with gratitude. If you have more time, give yourself a "mini-retreat" by reading or reflecting on a book or devotional about Mary.



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