



Merry Christmas!

LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Tuesday-Friday 8 AM

*The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM
prior to Daily Mass

**First Friday Devotion
following Mass on first Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

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TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR.

CHRIST THE LORD.

LK 2:11

Thank you for growing in faith with us,
Fr. Andrzej and the OLBH staff



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JANUARY 8
FEBRUARY 5
MARCH 4
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BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

COFFEE & DESSERTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
FOLLOWING 8 AM MASS

MONTHLY OLBH EVENTS

4th Sunday of Advent
5 PM Mass on 12/23
8 & 11 AM Mass on 12/24

Christmas
4 & 8 PM Mass on 12/24
9 AM Mass on 12/25

MONDAY
1/1
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass at 9 AM.

WEDNESDAY
1/3
Coffee & Desserts
Following 8 AM Mass
In St. Joseph's Hall.

WEDNESDAY
1/3
Faith Formation Resumes
4:30-5:45 PM and 6:15-7:30 PM

THURSDAY
1/4
Knights of Columbus Meeting
7 PM
In Bethlehem Cave.

THURSDAY
1/18
Finance Council Meeting
6 PM
In St. Joseph's Hall.

SATURDAY
1/20
Wine & Cheese Night
6 PM
In the Parish Hall.

Deck a yard!
OLBH Youth Fundraiser

How it works
The Deck a yard Fundraiser for Advent and Christmas will decorate yards in Black Hawk, Piedmont, and SummerSet. This is a fun way to surprise neighbors, friends, grandparents, or the homebound of our parish to show them they are loved! Call the church office at (605)787-5168 or email angela.hart@olbh.org for more information.

19 students from OLBH will attend the Steubenville of the Rockies conference this June. Help support their journey to encounter the Eucharist.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul discretely provides assistance and advocacy to individuals in Piedmont, SummerSet, and Black Hawk with needs such as rent, car repairs, utility assistance, and advocacy.

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*Begins January 6th

The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Catholic Church, where the lay faithful working together with our priests and bishops, use the Cursillo method to find, form, sustain and link Lay Leaders for Christ and His church.
Call Justin Carlin at 605-484-2151.

*Join us again,
all are welcome!*

Mass
Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 & 11 AM
Daily T-F 8 AM

Confessions
Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM
Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Adoration
Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Sanctoral Proper

*The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM prior to daily Mass.

Monday, December 25
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
[holy day of obligation]
9 AM Mass for the repose of Alan J. Kinney

Tuesday, December 26
SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
8 AM Mass for the repose of Morris and Janice Kusters

Wednesday, December 27
SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Luke VonBank and family
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
NO Faith Formation
5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

Thursday, December 28
THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Gail Wingert
9 AM 'Just Men' Bible Study
9 AM Gospel of John Study

Friday, December 29
FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr
8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 30
SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for the communities of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin

Sunday, December 31
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS AND MARY
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Pamela Weaver
11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Luke VonBank and family

Monday, January 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
9 AM Mass for the repose of Ilene Weber

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/30 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead) Stella C.
Lectors: Jonathan Allen (1st) Dave Allardyce (2nd)
Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan
Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher
Eucharistic Minister: Jean Hohm

12/31 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Caleb Weishaar (lead) Reese Sazama
Lectors: Christine Pulaski (1st) Joyce Williamson (2nd)
Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt
Sacristan: Gary and Barb Erickson
Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

12/31 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Westin (lead) Leo and Talia Edwards
Lectors: Emmett Edwards (1st) Jean Hohm (2nd)
Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts
Sacristan: Stacy Tate
Eucharistic Minister: Bri Edwards

1/1 9 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Bruce L. (lead) Alex A.
Lectors: Jan Evans (1st) Donna Schnider(2nd)
Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt
Sacristan: Bruce and Emma Lehman
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

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.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
December 16-17, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	260	314
Sunday Collection	3,263	5,800	8,753
Building Fund	44	35	79
Mass Intention	-	-	130
Priest Retirement	2		312
Reimbursement			453
Votives			51
Total Contribution	3,364	6,095	10,092.44

Did you know that OLBH is a Stewardship Parish? We ask that you give us your time, talents, and treasure to support our wonderful parish. In return we will utilize your gifts and talents to provide the resources, facilities, and events to aid you in your journey of faith. **Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal at www.olbh.org/donate.**



Solemnity of
**HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

Monday, 1/1
Mass at 9 AM

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

PRAYER MINISTRIES

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

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

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

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND If you or a family member are sick and 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, call the office to request the sacrament at 605-787-5168.

Intentions of the Holy Father for December

Pope's Intention: For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council acts as a consultative body to the Pastor. The Pastoral Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 PM in St. Joseph's Hall. All are invited to attend.

- Andrew Boyd, Chair
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Jeremy Thompson
Non Voting Members: Angela Hart, Mary Marich, Lorinda Collings, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, and Deacon Phillip Thompson

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance coordinator, **Barbara Scherr**. To ensure confidentiality in her outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately by phone at **1-605-209-3418**. All calls will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. *In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers in the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.*

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL & 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 Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Blanche Rieth, Jean Schacher, Edwin and Omel Weaver (parents of Bob), Bernard Wiehl, Mary Ann Pulaski, Cap & Arlene Holzer, Tony Corbine, Joe George, Tim Curns, Dean & Mary Antonsen, Linda Schacher, Carol Michaelson (mother of Linda S.), Joyce de Paulo, John Mizenko, Charlene Mizenko, The Nally Family, Jean Scheope, Tim Keller (Holzer's son in law), Joe Vetch, Crescencia Yanez, Iris Overholt, Lenny Tellefson, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila), Sheila Keeler, Karen & Dennis Lau, Kathleen Leutenegger, Ted Schurman, Ruthann Koch, Lyn Gerving, Patty Creek, Gary Sexton, Elizabeth Ravellette, Rayola Anderson, Irene Katzenstein, Bishop Peter Muhich, Jerry Wright, Deb Bickford, Bryan Champagne, Nancy Gamage, Brett Whealy, Thomas Koska, Alan Anderson, Julyla Carollio, Steve Harwood, Kathleen Espinosa

FOR THE DEPLOYED MILITARY We pray for Andrew Lucchesi

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED We pray for the repose of the soul of Sid Pulaski

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
Monday: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Lk 2:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; LK 2:22-40

NECROLOGY

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls those whose death are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

December 25	Rev. Larry Hellmueller, S.J. (2002) Rose Virginia Knecht (1983) Msgr.
December 28	James R. Creahen (1948)Rev.
December 29	Ralph R. Muldoon (1978) Rev.
December 30	Cornelius F. Meade (1980) Msgr.
December 31	James F. Sampon (1936) Robert Leo Roseland (2004)



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BIBLE STUDIES

EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY

Monday Mornings
7:30-8:30 AM
Library or Back Patio

Learn and discuss the readings for
Mass including the Gospel reading.

"JUST MEN" BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Mornings
9-10:30 AM
St. Francis (downstairs)

Study the three weekend readings
and the responsorial Psalm.

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday Mornings
9-10:30 AM
Parish Hall (downstairs) - kiddos welcome

Studying the Gospel of John using the
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Aquam in Vinum Amicus

WATER INTO WINE WITH FRIENDS

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:15-7:30 PM

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Our Lady of the Black Hills Presents

Wisdom Wednesday

4th Wednesday of each month
6:30-7:30 PM

Presenters speak on relevant topics to aid in
growing in faith. All are welcome.

January 24th
**Eucharistic
Miracles**
by Deacon Greg Sass



There are many Faith Formation opportunities and ways to share Christ
with those in need at Our Lady of the Black Hills. Please call the office to
learn more and join us in growing in faith.

All are welcome to join anytime.

Duc in Altum Diocese of Rapid City

BECOME A MISSIONARY IN SUMMER 2024

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 the Creed of our faith and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.



Applications for Duc in Altum Summer 2024 are now open!

APPLICATIONS ONLINE AT GODS-CALL.COM

Contact our Vocations Office: tcooper@diorc.org, 605-343-3541



South Dakota March for Life

Join youth and young adults for a pilgrimage to South Dakota's State Capitol in Pierre on Saturday, **January 28, 2024**. South Dakota will likely be voting on the issue of abortion in the Fall of 2024... the battle for the sanctity of life is at our doorstep, and we are called to action! Guest speaker, Governor Kristi Noem, keynote speaker Bishop DeGrood, student pro-life essay winners from across the state, and music by The Bruse Family will be featured. Following the program, we will join Ft. Pierre for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, dinner, and fellowship before returning to Rapid City.

7:00am Departure (MT), Return Time around 9:00pm (MT). Open to all high school and college-age students. Cost: \$35 for round trip bus ride from Rapid City. Register at: rapidcitydiocese.org/marchforlife24

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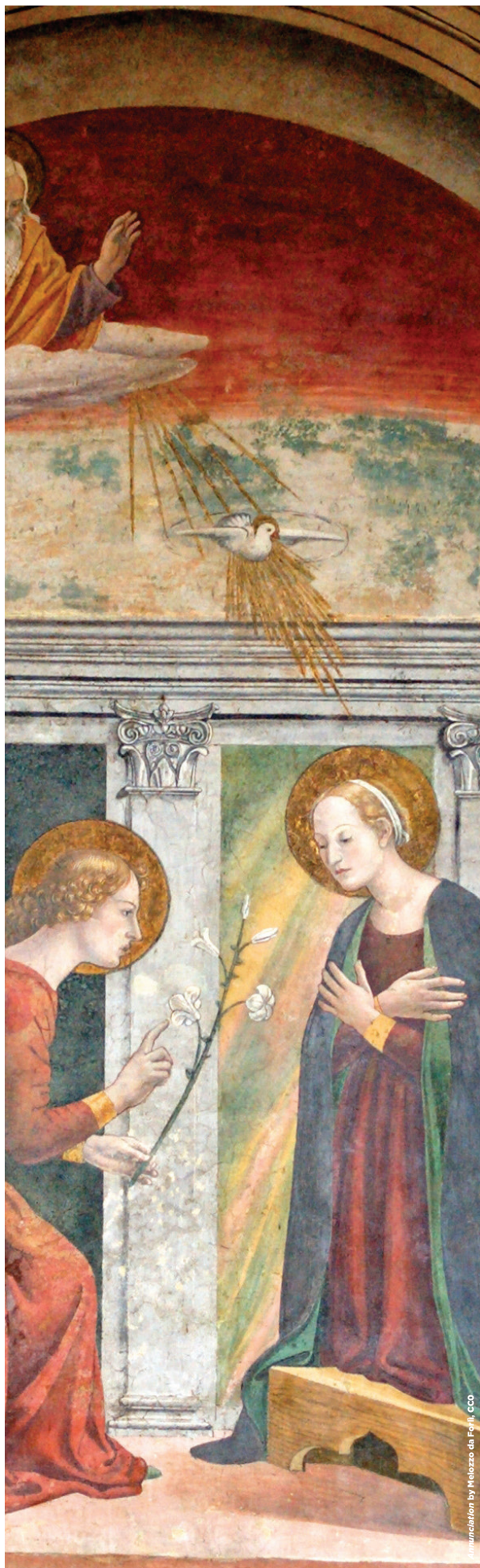
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December 24, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

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

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn’t be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God’s call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God’s will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say “yes” in spite of our fears.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off “the most wonderful time of year” beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn’t say “may it be done to me” only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that *our* Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

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