



“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.” (Hebrews 1:1-2)

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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Deacon Phillip Thompson

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During Christmas celebrations, our attention has been drawn in many ways to our families. It is the family that gives us 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.



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

Monday, 1/1
Mass at 9 AM

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

**BRING A DESSERT
TO SHARE**

**COFFEE &
DESSERTS**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
FOLLOWING 8 AM MASS



MONTHLY OLBH EVENTS

MONDAY
1/1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Mass at 9 AM.

TUESDAY
1/2

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
6 PM
In the Library.

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
1/11

Pastoral Council Meeting
6 PM
In St. Joseph's Hall.

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.



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 growing in faith. All are welcome.

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





FAITH FORMATION RESUMES

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 3**

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 7**

**PRE-K - ADULT
FAITH FORMATION**

Thank you for growing in faith with us!



CURSILLO
Men's Group

Saturdays at 7 AM

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont

*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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss 1

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

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

Tuesday, January 2
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
8 AM Mass for the repose of Marjory Konechne
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Library

Wednesday, January 3
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Joe George
Coffee & Desserts in St. Joseph's Hall
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation
5:30-6:30 PM Confessions
6:15-7:45 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, January 4
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory
9 AM Women's Gospel of John Study
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study

Friday, January 5
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Berry
First Friday Devotion
8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton for the SES staff

Saturday, January 6
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, January 7
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8 AM Mass for the communities of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin
9-10 AM Adoration
9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation
9:30-10:45 AM Adult Faith Formation - Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible
11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Luke VonBank and family
3 PM Polish Mass for the wellbeing of the Wyrostek family

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1/6 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead) Isaac and Luke Hoiten
Lectors: Kimberly Cook (1st) John Usera (2nd)

Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell
Sacristan: Cindy Creager
Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Usera

1/7 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Fred Weishaar (lead) Paige Phillips

Lectors: Brad Blauvelt (1st) Lynelle Sazama (2nd)
Hospitality: Richard and Cathy Long
Sacristan: Bob Weaver
Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Flottmeyer

1/7 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Dan Pribil (lead) Esperanza and Yazmin
Lectors: LaChel McCollar (1st) Emmett Edwards (2nd)
Hospitality: Lee Ann Den Otter and Jane Fortsch
Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman
Eucharistic Minister: Bernie Keeler

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.

Stewardship

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
December 23-25, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,263	3,886	7,139
Building Fund	44	1,000	1,044
Habitat for Humanity	-	-	475
Priest Retirement	2	10	
Christmas			5,754
Votives			36
Total Contribution	3,364	4,896	14,502.57

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.**

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
Samantha Hough, Vice Chair
Brad Blauvelt
Vanessa Pribil
Barb Landers
Tee Burress
Jenna Vallette
Brenda Flottmeyer
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, David Trautman Sr., Joe Anderson

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: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; PS147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11
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 death are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served in the Diocese of Rapid City. We pray for:

January 1 Mrs. Herman Benoit (1943)
January 2 Msgr. James W. Weithman (1973)
Burnette Pelletier (1998)
Marjory Konechne (2017)
Ronald L. Baker, Jr. (2109)
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)

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

JANUARY 26-27, 2024

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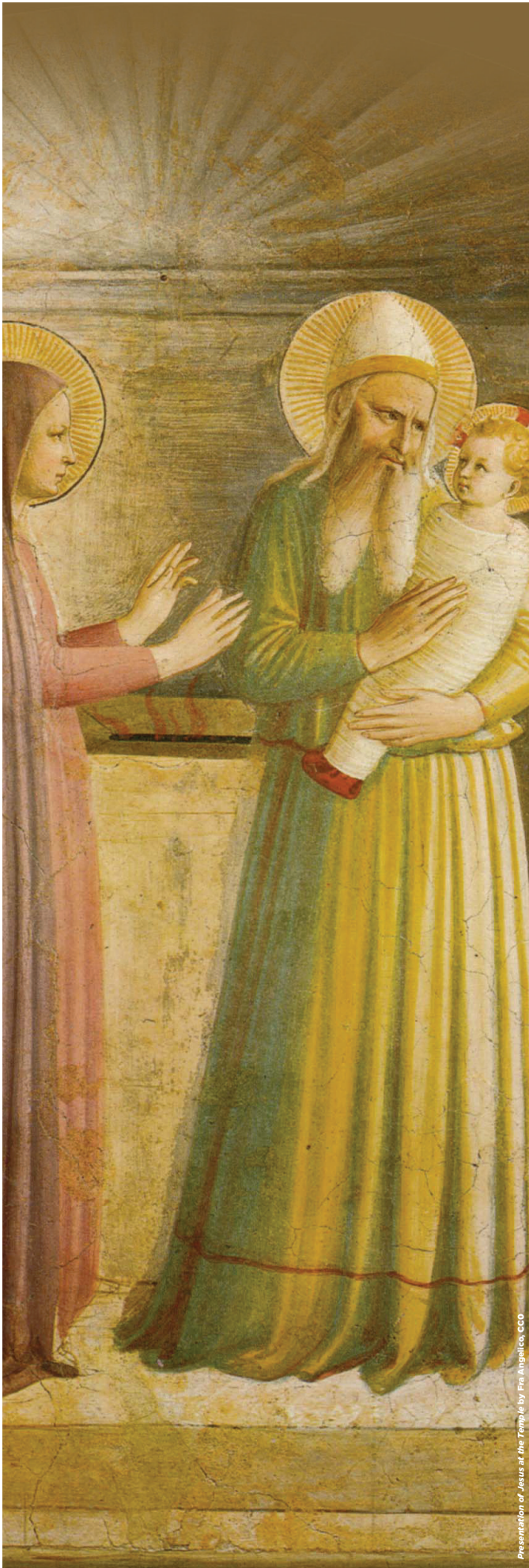
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December 31, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, “If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world.” In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it’s worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it’s tempting to think, “well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?” let’s remember we are celebrating the Feast of the HOLY Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were *holy*. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St. Teresa spoke. They gave to God first – in today’s Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was “filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a *holy* family is not unattainable. St. John Paul II once said: “The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth.” (2001) In other words, God’s will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let’s make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let’s try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.

PRAY Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*

The Catholic Parent



Welcome to The Catholic Parent, a video series created *for* Catholic parents *by* Catholic parents!

Created through a collaboration between the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, each of the six short episodes in this stunning video series features real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. Through *The Catholic Parent*, the Catholic families you serve will find solidarity and encouragement as they embrace their vital role as formators of their children.

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- Commit to praying as a family, even when life is hectic
- Receive Jesus' forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, even when it's hard to face our sin
- Live sacrificially for each other out of love, even when it's uncomfortable
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