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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

##### Pastor:

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

##### Deacons:

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Deacon. John Osnes

Deacon Greg Sass

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# “They prostrated themselves and did him homage.”

(Mt 2:11)

## *Jubilation from John*

In the midst of the festivities and joy-filled celebrations of the Christmas season—filled with bright lights, gaily decorated trees, and beautifully wrapped gifts—there is one place in the Osnes home that exudes peaceful calm and serene tranquility: a wooden creche sheltering figures of Mary and Joseph and the Christ child lying in a manger, surrounded by sheep and shepherds, with angels hovering above. However, our nativity scene would be incomplete without wise men and gifts and a star shining in the heavens. These figures and signs complete the Christmas story—they announce the birth of a king whose kingdom is not limited by borders and whose reign extends beyond his earthly life.

But on this Feast of Epiphany, I want to complete our nativity scenes with another image drawn directly from today's Gospel reading—an image too easily eclipsed by the splendor of the star and the grandeur of the treasures offered to the infant Jesus. Upon entering the house where the child was—before offering him their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh—the magi first “prostrated themselves and did him homage” (Mt 2:11). These wise and wealthy men fell upon the dirt of a stable floor—and they adored a tiny baby lying in the humblest of surroundings.

Our nativity scenes seldom capture this overwhelming moment of adoration and exaltation that truly reveals the divine nature of the Holy Child to the world. Our figurines of the three kings often are still regally mounted on their camels, high above the filth of the stable floor. Or they are on a bended knee, eyes set upon a babe in Mary's arms, offering precious but pitiable gifts to the priceless gift of God.

The great masters of art—from Giotto in the thirteenth century to Rubens and Rembrandt in seventeenth—portrayed a very different picture of this moment of Epiphany. Almost without exception, the masters focused on the Adoration of the Magi—painting magnificently dressed men falling down before the Holy Child—eyes lowered as those who are not worthy to look upon the face of God—humbly and delicately kissing the feet of the newborn king like a lowly servant kissing the feet of his master.

During this Christmas season, how much time have you spent simply adoring the Christ child? With the giving and the receiving, the family gatherings and the worship services, the decorating and the undecorating, have you had the time to simply sit before your nativity scene and pay homage to the Reason for the Season?

It's not too late. At the Vatican, nativity scenes are never dismantled until the Presentation of the Lord. I encourage you follow the Roman tradition this year and leave your nativity scene in place until February 2. This tradition will give you another month to bow down before the babe in a manger and truly contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation. Prayerful time spent in homage and adoration will reveal the depths of love that God has shown in the Christmas story. In turn, the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ—Emmanuel, God-with-us—will open your heart to more fully receive and respond to the priceless gift of His presence throughout the year.

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

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.

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast with the Knights and help them raise funds for the charities they support. Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 8 AM Mass.

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

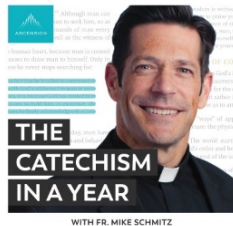
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*Come  
let us  
adore Him  
Christ the Lord*

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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## 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).



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Saturday | February 11

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10am - 3pm

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, January 9

#### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

### Tuesday, January 10

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Brittany Holzer

### Wednesday, January 11

**8 AM Mass** for Vocations

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

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

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

**6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation**

### Thursday, January 12

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Rose Weber

9 AM 'Just' Men's Bible Study

9 AM Lectors/Women's Bible Study

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

### Friday, January 13

**Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

**8 AM Mass at OLBH** for Aaron Hohm

**First Friday Devotion**

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School** in thanksgiving for the faculty and staff of the RCCSS

### Saturday, January 14

**BVM on Saturday**

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

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

### Sunday, January 15

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Joseph Leutenegger

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

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

## WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### 1/14 SATURDAY 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Gabriel Gehlsen (lead)  
Kyah and Keeana Pesek

Lectors: David Allardyce (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Joni Osnes (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Ken and Pam Freeman

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister – Deacon John Osnes

### 1/15 SUNDAY 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Dustin Hoiten (lead)  
Dominic Hoiten and Paige Phillips

Lectors: Diane Clarke (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Brenda Flottmeyer (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: Marie and Eric Langfeldt

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister – Body: Deacon John Osnes

### 1/15 SUNDAY 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Mya Lyon (lead)  
Dakota Lyon and Robby Thompson

Lectors: Tony Berendse (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Cathy Long (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hospitality: John and Bernie Usera

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister – Deacon John Osnes

## STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
December 31-January 1, 2023			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	2,759	5,257	8,016
Building Fund	42	-	42
Mass Intention	-	-	70
Priest Retirement	2	-	2
Christmas			420
Catholic Schoolhouse			300
<b>Total Contribution</b>	2,857	5,257	8,903.90

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](http://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 JANUARY**

Pope's Intention: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fellowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; PS 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; PS 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-13; PS 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**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 12	Rev. Michael J. Conley (1961)
January 14	Msgr. John P. Connolly (1964)
	Joseph Whealey (1989)
	Verlan Lee Erickson (2020)
January 15	Rev. Raymond Deisch (2014)
	Albert Marcotte (1928)
	Dean Foucault (2018)
	Patricia Sitzler (2018)

**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 Arlo Tinnell (brother of Dorothy), Marie Ptacek (mother of Richard Ptacek)

**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!

## Make a New Year's resolution to invest in your relationships.

# MARRIAGE MATTERS

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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### MUST PRE-REGISTER

Tuesdays - 8 Weeks

January 31st - March 21st, 2023

Host: Catholic Social Services 529 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD

Class: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.ccsrapidity.org/events/>  
Call: (605) 384-6086 Email: [css@ccsrapidity.org](mailto:css@ccsrapidity.org)



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Contact our Vocations Office: [tcooper@diorc.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@returningcatholics.net).

## 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

## TRUTH & RACIAL HEALING CONFERENCE

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4:00 Mass

5:00 Meal

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