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Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 & 11 AM

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Tuesday-Friday 8 AM

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prior to Daily Mass

**First Friday Devotion
following Mass on first Fridays

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Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

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In the Gospel today, Jesus does something that in the mindset of the time would have been shocking and surprising. He, the Son of God, comes to be baptized by John in the baptism for the repentance for sins. Jesus is without sin, He is the Son of God, so why did he submit to John's baptism? In fact John himself is so taken aback he says, "I am not worthy to stoop and loosened the thongs of his sandals" (Mk 1:9). A little bit like Peter who when Jesus went to wash his feet said, 'oh no Lord, you can't wash my feet.' We see there the humility of the Lord.

Think about the fact that the eternal living Son of God became a baby. He had to be fed and clothed. He had to grow up like every human being. He had to learn things as a human being. And he, though he was without sin, submitted to the baptism of the repentance for sins. That is a foreshadowing of his whole mission which is not to stand apart from sinners; those people over there who are alienated from God, but to step right into the place of sinners. In fact, he is crucified between two thieves.

We can tend to think of Jesus as this exalted king, this glorious figure who can't relate to us at all and yet think of the people that Jesus most enjoyed hanging around with... sinners. People who were outcasts of society, people who didn't have their act together because he came to help them put their act together. So when John is so taken aback he says, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (Mt 3:14). Jesus says to him, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Mt 3:15). What he meant was his whole goal is to fulfill the Father's plan. That he would be a Messiah not of victory after victory and complete success in worldly ways, but He would be the Messiah who identifies with sinners and who bears all the consequences of human sin on the cross. It is through that, that he wins his victory that we can all share in.

Now the interesting thing is we tend to think of Jesus' ministry and all the things he did; his miracles, his healings, his raising of the dead; as things he was able to do because he is God, and that is true. Yet in a very real way, Jesus did those things as man, empowered and anointed by the Holy Spirit. That is pretty amazing because through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus did. When a person is baptized and confirmed they hear the same words as God the Father in the depth of their heart. They hear, "This is my beloved Son." (Mt 3:17), this is my beloved Daughter. God gives each one of us a mission, a role in his plan that is completely unique and that can't be fulfilled by anybody else. Through His Holy Spirit that he gives us through these sacraments, we are anointed and empowered to carry out that mission that the Father has given us.

Transcript from the Opening the Word video presentation by Mary Healy, "Baptism of the Lord", produced by the Augustine Institute on Formed.org.

In Christ,
Fr. Andrzej

Thank you for the prayers, kindnesses, and sentiments you have shared with me this Christmas. I am grateful for each of you. ~Fr. Andrzej



JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST

led by Deacon Phillip Thompson

Wednesdays in the Parish Hall

6:30-7:30 PM

Begins 1/31

Sessions include: What's Our Story?, Who Is Jesus?, Am I Saved?, Why a Church?, God is with Us, The Story of the Eucharist, Bread for the Journey

Wine & Cheese - Aquam in Vinum Amicus

Join us Saturday, January 20, following 5 PM Mass for Wine & Cheese. Come, sip, savor, and smile! Childcare provided.



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.

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

MONTHLY OLBH EVENTS

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.

WEDNESDAY
1/24
**Teaching Tuesday - Eucharistic
Miracles by Dcn Greg Sass**
6:30-7:30 PM
In the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY
1/31
**Jesus and the Eucharist -
Wednesdays**
6:30-7:30 PM
In the Parish Hall.

FRIDAY
2/2
First Friday Devotion
8:30 AM
In St. Joseph's Hall.

FRIDAY
2/2
Ordination of Robert Kinyon
5:30 PM

MONDAY
2/5
Coffee and Desserts
8:30 AM
In St. Joseph's Hall.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss 1

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

Monday, January 8
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, January 9
8 AM Mass for the repose of Clay Wilson
8:30 AM UN-decorating, help us take down the Christmas decor

Wednesday, January 10
8 AM Mass for the repose of Brittany Holzer
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 11
8 AM Mass for the repose of Sidney Pulaski
9 AM Women's Gospel of John Study
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study
6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, January 12
8 AM Mass for the repose of Rose Weber
8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton for the repose of Lorraine Erickson

Saturday, January 13
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, January 14
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 AM Mass for the communities of Our Lady of the Black Hills and our sister parishes of Bullhead, Kenel, and McLaughlin
No Faith Formation
11 AM Mass for the repose of Devyn Siemieniak

Christmas UN-decorating
Tuesday, January 9 following
8 AM Mass Please come and help us.

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1/13 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead) Stella Curtis and Ethan Heisinger
Lectors: Jean Hohm (1st) Dave Allardyce (2nd)
Hospitality: Ken and Pam Freeman
Sacristan: Jan Evans
Eucharistic Minister: Samantha Hough


1/14 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Westin Edwards (lead) Talia and Leo Edwards
Lectors: Emmett Edwards (1st) Marty Quinn (2nd)
Hospitality: Barb and Mike Coyle
Sacristan: Gary and Barb Erickson
Eucharistic Minister: Larry Williamson

1/7 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Sydney Bremer (lead) James Wynn and Robby Thompson
Lectors: Cathy Long (1st) Kim Wynn (2nd)
Hospitality: Cathleen and Aaron Denekamp
Sacristan: Richard Long
Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

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](https://gods-call.com)
Contact our Vocations Office: tcooper@dlorc.org, 605-343-3541



STEWARDSHIP

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
December 30-31, 2023 & January 1, 2024			
	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,263	8,049	11,313
Building Fund	44	-	44
Steubenville	-	-	335
Priest Retirement	2	10	12
Solemnity of Mary			934
Votives			232
Total Contribution	3,364	8,059	12,923.92

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
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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, 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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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 8 Gene Bartlett (1965)
Nick Wyckoff (1988)
January 12 Rev. Michael J. Conley (1961)
January 14 Msgr. John P. Connolly (1964)
Joseph Whealey (1989)
Verlan Lee Erickson (2020)



Informational Meeting & Snacks

Sunday, 1/21

12 Noon

St. Joseph's Hall

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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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The Catholic Parent will empower parents :

- *Faithfully take their families to Sunday Mass, even in difficult seasons*
- *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*
- *Give generously to those in need, even when it requires a lot of trust*
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Adoration of the Magi by Bartolomé Estéban Murillo, CCO

January 7, 2024

Written by
THE
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The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

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

It's interesting how an event can be interpreted by different people. God's revelation of himself in the birth of the child Jesus is clearly one such event. The Magi, Gentiles from the east, had heard of this "newborn king of the Jews" and undertook a long and arduous journey to see him and offer him homage. They were edified and eager in their search. Herod, himself a king – of the Jews – did not have the same reaction. The very thought of this "newborn king" threatened him and filled him with rage and suspicion. In this moment in human history, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (i.e., the Epiphany) unveils the truth of God's redemptive work for all of creation to be reconciled to himself. This truth has been accepted and rejected throughout time, and our celebration of this feast gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a focused and particular way for our acceptance of it – to give thanks for the gift of our faith. Perhaps it is even a moment for us to have our own, colloquial epiphany: an "aha moment," where we once again truly understand the depth of God's love for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ Child; they were warned not to return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body" – the body of Christ. Just as the magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be. Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; he is here with us, in Word and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank him for his enduring presence in our lives.

PRAY *Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star ...
Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*
(from USCCB Epiphany prayer for blessing of home)

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