

Our Lady of the Black Hills

2023

Ministry Guide

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt. 4:10).

How are you called to serve with Christ’s love? This ministry guide lists many opportunities available at OLBH in which you could offer your time and talent. Please prayerfully reflect on these opportunities and ask: “What gifts have I received from God, and how can I share them with others in order to continue the redemptive work of Jesus Christ?”

If you are new to our parish, this booklet will help you see what ministries are available. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

If you are seeking to use your gifts as a faithful steward, the Ministry Guide is a great resource for discernment.

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and
remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you
(Jn. 15:10-12).

In Christ,

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM **Daily Liturgy:**
Tuesday through Friday 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 8:30 AM-7:30 PM

Rosary: Tuesday-Friday, 7:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM and Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

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The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young adults.

All priests, deacons, and lay employees, as well as adult volunteers who work with children and young people, must pass a background check and receive Safe Environment Training.

All children and young adults involved in diocesan, parish, or school programs and their parents/guardians are offered annual age-appropriate Safe Environment Training.

The Safe Environment Program for the Diocese of Rapid City is managed by Sister Christine, the chancellor of the diocese. For information about the program, contact her at 605-343-3541.

The Ministries listed with a leading asterisk (*)
require Safe Environment Training prior to
beginning the ministry.

Finance Council

Chair: Leisa Nash

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The Finance Council provides assistance to the pastor in applying the principles of good stewardship to the use of all parish resources, both human and financial. It meets quarterly with the pastor in order to review and approve the annual budget, recommend business management policies of the parish and human resource issues such as salaries and insurance, offer long term recommendations on management of the financial resources of the parish, advice about the maintenance and improvement of the physical plant (facilities).

***Pastoral Council**

Chair: Bridgette Fode

bridgette.fode@gmail.com

The purpose of this council is to act as consultative body to the pastor. By collaborative exchange it seeks to discern the pastoral needs and goals of the parish. It promotes the best interests of the parish and to make recommendations for its management and development, both spiritual and temporal. Finally, it serves as medium whereby any and all members of the parish may make known their views of parish matters.

Stewardship Council

Chair: Andrew Boyd

andrewb@boyder.net

This committee will plan the stewardship effort of time, talent, and treasure on an annual basis. The group will promote a comprehensive vision of stewardship for the parish and explore effective ways to inspire stewardship as a way of life through communication and discussion with the fair formation ministries, the welcoming committee, etc. The members will be responsible for coordinating the Ministry Fair, updating the Ministry Guide, ensuring that volunteers are integrated into the various ministries, etc.

Administration Ministries

Administration Commission

Chair: Katie Harwood

The Administration Commission communicates with the various groups of Our Lady of the Black Hills to ensure the proper administration of the parish as a whole. Liaisons to each ministry provide updates on previous business, discuss progress on current activities, share information on future activities, and when needed, seek guidance and assistance from the commission as a whole.

Time commitment is one monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month along with the time required to communicate with the groups and ministries within the commission (three-year term).

***Building and Maintenance Committee**

Contact: Jeremy Thompson jcthomp76@hotmail.com

The Building and Maintenance committee is responsible for the planning, operation, and supervision of the maintenance and improvements of all parish equipment, facilities and property. The committee coordinates with the parish maintenance staff and makes recommendations regarding projects for the parish facilities. Projects may include work in carpentry, electrical, painting, plumbing, general repair, and/or cleaning/maintenance of the buildings and properties.

Time commitment is flexible. Meets upon request (No set date/time) Open to youth Grades 9-12 and adult.

General Volunteers

Contact: Administrative Assistant olbh@olbh.org

Volunteers provide their time and talent on an as-needed basis in a variety of areas such as:

Mailings	Telephoning	Bulletin Folding
Typing	Computer Work	Collection Counting
Meal donation	Meal Preparation	
Cleaning	Office help	

***Landscaping**

Contact: Gary Langfeldt sjlangfeldt@hotmail.com

Volunteers assist with keeping the outdoors looking attractive. If you like gardening and/or working outdoors, we welcome your help!

Time commitment is flexible. Open to youth Grades 9-12, adults, and children working with parents; a great family ministry.

Community Ministries

Boy Scouts

Contact: Sweet P 605-381-9936

Organizational Representative: Mark Weishaar markweish30@gmail.com

Boy Scouting is a program of fun outdoor activities, peer group leadership opportunities, and a personal exploration of career, hobby and special interests, all designed to achieve the BSA's objectives of strengthening character, citizenship and personal fitness. Open to boys 10-17 years old who have earned the Arrow of Light Award or are age eleven. This organization adheres to its own youth protection program.

Cub Scouts

Contact: Paula Foster 605-786-6432

In Cub Scouting you will have lots of fun and adventure as you participate in activities with your den and pack. If you like to learn by doing than this is just the place for you. You can learn to tie knots, set up a tent, and shoot a bow and arrow. Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire? Sent a secret code to a buddy? Built a birdhouse? Played Ultimate? Hiked? Earn rewards for doing these things in Cub Scouts.

As a Cub Scout you will be part of your own pack. The pack is divided into smaller groups called dens. Each den has about six to eight boys. The Cub Scout pack belongs to a church, a school, or some other group of people in your community or neighborhood. The group gets help from the Boy Scouts of America, which is part of Scouting around the world. Being a Cub Scout means you are a member of a worldwide youth movement that stands for certain values and beliefs. Cub scouting is more than something to do. It's all about the boy you *are* and the person you will *become*. Open to boys in Grades 1 - 5. This organization adheres to its own youth protection program.

***Celebration Committee**

Contact: Lorinda Collings lorinda.collings@olbh.org

The mission of the Celebration Committee is to bring the family together by providing an environment that promotes family faith lived out in the community of the church. The responsibilities of this committee includes Sacramental Receptions, (Confirmation, Easter Vigil, First Reconciliation, First Communion Retreats, and Masses in May); planning and organizing family fun events (ex. ice skating, swimming, etc.).

Coffee & Rolls Committee

Contact: Office 605-787-5168 **CHAIR NEEDED**

Coffee and rolls are served following the 8 AM Mass most Sundays. Service includes set up and preparation, serving and clean up.

***Funeral Committee**

Coordinator: Helen Riedlinger drriedlinger@rapid.midco.net

The primary mission of this ministry is to offer compassion and support through the serving of a meal following the funeral Mass to those who grieve a loved one. Individuals are needed who are willing to help prepare, serve, provide a salad or dessert for a meal, or help with set-up and clean up.

***Hospitality Team**

Contact: Pam Freeman pamfree1@icloud.com

Our vision statement for hospitality is: "Welcoming all Guests as Christ." The purpose of the Hospitality Team is to strengthen the welcoming of new families, reach out to inactive members, and enhance the atmosphere of hospitality for all people.

The group seeks to build on the many aspects of hospitality already being practiced (e.g., Welcome Dinners, Hospitality Ministers at Masses, Daycare, Coffee and Rolls on Sunday, etc.).

***Knights of Columbus Council 7079**

Contact: Grand Knight Tom Collings stubscustomwelding@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Roman Catholic fraternal service organization. It was founded in 1882, by the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Many early members were recent immigrants who often lived in unsanitary conditions and performed hazardous jobs for poor pay. Since its founding, a primary mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect families against the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. While this method originally was intended to provide a core group of people who would support a widow and her children after the death of their husband and father, it has expanded into much more. Today the Order offers a modern, professional insurance operation with more than \$80 billion of life insurance policies in force as of June 2011. The Order is also still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. In the 2010 fraternal year the Order gave more than \$154 million directly to charity and performed over 70 million man hours in volunteer service.

Membership meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Time commitment varies

Open to practicing Catholic men 18 years of age and older.

Discipleship Ministries

Discipleship Commission

Chair: Deacon Greg Sass gsass@diorc.org

Its purpose is to support the faith formation program and guide its development in accordance with the Parish Purpose Statement, Vision, Core Values, Priorities and Goals. The role of the commission is to foster cooperation, coordination, and communication among the various groups and individuals involved in faith formation at Our Lady of the Black Hills. Time commitment is one monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month along with the time required to communicate with the groups and ministries within the commission. (three-year term)

Evangelization Commission

Chair Angela Hart angela.hart@olbh.org

Its purpose is to support the Parish Purpose Statement, Vision, Core Values, Priorities and Goals. This group will develop and recommend a 3-year evangelization plan for the parish to the Pastoral Council by April of 2016. Time commitment is one monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month along with the time required to communicate with the groups and ministries within the commission (three-year term).

Parish Library

Contact: Mary Coffin library@olbh.org

The OLBH Library has been developed to support the goals of the parish and faith formation programs. It contains more than 2,500 books for children, youth, and adults as well as CD spoken word recordings, DVD's, and other audiovisual materials. Volunteers are welcome.

Discipleship Programs

Grades PreK-6 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Contact: Mary Marich mary.marich@olbh.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is rooted in the Bible and liturgy using Montessori educational principles. The children gather in an “atrium” which is designed with the child in mind; centered on simplicity, order, prayer, work and community.

Grades 4-6 Traditional Faith Formation

Contact: Mary Marich mary.marich@olbh.org

Finding God: Our response to God’s gifts reflects a vision of our Catholic faith grounded in Scripture and Tradition and an Ignatian recognition of the presence of God in all things. This year 6th Graders will journey through the Old Testament. This will give them a strong foundation before they begin Confirmation preparation next year.

Grade 7 Confirmation Preparation

Contact: Angela Hart angela.hart@olbh.org

Confirmation preparation occurs during the seventh grade year. Our parish accommodates Confirmation for high school and/or adults as needed. If you or your middle or high school child, needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

Grades 8-12 High School Youth Ministry

Contact: Angela Hart angela.hart@olbh.org

The youth have formed small disciple groups based on age and sex. Each of these groups have two adult mentors using the YDisciple ministry format, <https://formed.org/ydisciple/>. This ministry uses video studies, engaging discussion guides, and parent resources combined to create an ideal environment for teens to take ownership of their faith. socially such as movies, ice skating, hiking and more.

Adult Discipleship Formation

Contact: Angela Hart angela.hart@olbh.org

The mission of Adult Life is to deepen our awareness and relationship with God through ongoing educational programs focusing on conversion, community, and service to others.

Discipleship Catechist Opportunities

***Adult Discipleship Catechist**

Contact: Angela Hart anglea.hart@olbh.org

Programs offered in Catholicism, scripture, liturgical celebrations, sacraments, the Church, and current issues are offered throughout the academic year. Volunteers are needed for program planning and implementation.

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechists**

Contact: Mary Marich mary.marich@olbh.org

Adults who love children and are willing to share their love for Christ are encouraged to serve. Training is required for those individuals who are interested in completing 90+ hours of instruction in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Let the spirit move you and join our team today.

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Assistants**

**Contact: Mary Marich* mary.marich@olbh.org

You are invited to assist a catechist with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—no training required. This is an opportunity to learn and grow in your faith. Children offer amazing insight and share with you their undeniable love for Jesus. Be inspired by the future of the church and join our team today.

***Grades 7 – 12 Catechist**

Contact: Angela Hart anglea.hart@olbh.org

We are looking for adults who have a desire to share their faith journey using an easy-to-use curriculum with middle and high school students. Adults can expect to put an hour or so preparation time into a lesson per week. The middle & high school youth meet at various times and locations on Wednesday evenings.

***Youth Ministry Retreat/Service Chaperone**

Contact: Angela Hart anglea.hart@olbh.org

Retreats and Service Projects are an important aspect of our Youth Ministry Program. If you enjoy working with the youth and can only dedicate short periods of time, then this ministry is for you!

Sacramental Preparation - Adult

***Marriage Preparation Ministry**

Contact: Administrative Assistant 605-787-5168 olbh@olbh.org

Our parish uses a team approach with couples preparing for marriage. Married couples, a deacon couple and the pastor help couples delve into practical “life skills,” reflect on marriage as a sacrament, and grow in foundational virtues for a healthy relationship. Our diocese requires six months to prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

***RCIA**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact: Bob Wentz bpwentz@gmail.com

Our parish welcomes individuals who want to learn about the Catholic Church, individuals who want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and Catholics who want to learn more about the church into a weekly education and faith sharing process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The first seven weeks of the RCIA process is an inquiry stage in which you learn about the process and steps to being welcomed into the Catholic Church, being baptize and or confirmed and becoming more informed about scripture, prayer and church teachings. We invite you to take part in this weekly session held on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM.

Sacramental Preparation – Children & Youth

***Baptismal Preparation**

Contact: Brianne Edwards bri.edwards5@gmail.com

Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God. Parents have the responsibility to arrange to have their infants baptized at the earliest time possible. Contact the parish office for information.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, Baptism preparation covers the theology of baptism, parental obligations, and the ceremony. Training is provided. This is an excellent ministry for couples.

***First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation**

Contact: Mary Marich mary.marich@olbh.org

First Reconciliation and First Communion are open to all children in the second grade. Parents are active in their child's formation and serve as the primary teachers for these two sacraments. A family guide and student handbook are provided to each family. There are a series of informational parent meetings as well as two retreats for parent(s) and child. Preparation begins in September and concludes in May.

***RCIC**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

Contact: Mary Marich mary.marich@olbh.org

Any child who is 7 years old or older and has not been baptized has the opportunity to participate in the RCIC program: a spiritual journey which helps them experience and understand the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participants will receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).

***Confirmation Preparation**

Contact: Angela Hart anglea.hart@olbh.org

Our Lady of the Black Hills confirms students in the seventh grade year; preparation class begins in sixth grade and officially takes precedence in the seventh grade year. However, our parish can also accommodate Confirmation for high school and adults.

Social Justice Ministries

***Social Justice Commission**

Chair: Barb Landers barbland@rushmore.com

The Outreach Commission communicates with the various groups of Our Lady of the Black Hills in order to provide the members of our Catholic community opportunities to help those in need both within and beyond our parish community. Liaisons to each ministry provide updates on previous business, discuss progress on current activities, share information on future activities, and when needed, seek guidance and assistance from the commission as a whole. Time commitment is one monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month along with the time required to communicate with the groups and ministries within the commission. (three-year term) Open to confirmed adults.

Card Ministry

Contact: Sheila Keeler thequeenbeep@hotmail.com

Volunteers prepare and send cards to parish families experiencing special occasions or suffering a loss. Time commitment is flexible. Open to all ages.

***Cornerstone Mission Ministry**

Contact: Steven and Sue Colgan ssacolgan@gmail.com

Volunteers help to cook and serve meals at the Cornerstone Mission in Rapid City. Our parish volunteers on the first Tuesday of each month (each volunteer rotates and goes about once every 4 months). Time commitment is from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. Open to teenagers and adults.

***Jail Ministry**

Contact: Brad Blauvelt brad.blauvelt@k12.sd.us

Volunteers make weekly visits to the local jail to support the spiritual needs of the current inmates by leading Bible studies and prayer.

***Returning Catholics**

Contact: Greg Sass gsass@diorc.org

Volunteers seek out and encourage those who have left the Church.

***Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound**

Contact: Kathy Van Asma kvava@proton.me

Ministers to the sick and homebound bring the gift of presence, prayer, and Holy Communion to those at home or in healthcare institutions. Ongoing training and formation are provided. Time commitment is flexible. Open to adults who have been confirmed.

Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association Food Pantry

Contact: Chair Curt Johnson 605-490-9527

Volunteers collect and organize food to distribute to families in need in the Black Hawk, Piedmont and Summerset areas. Open for food distribution Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 AM to Noon in the church basement. Time commitment varies. Open to adults.

Prayer Chain

Contact: Shanesa Rhodes shanesarhodes@gmail.com

This is a ministry for everyone who prays! People give their prayer intentions to the coordinator. The intentions will be phoned to members of the prayer chain. Prayer intentions are passed as they are received, usually one to two times each week. You are invited to include these intentions in your daily devotions, at Mass, or in Adoration.

***Sister Parish Committee**

Contact: OPEN

In 1996, Our Lady of the Black Hills parish established sister parish relationships with churches located on the Standing Rock Reservation in Corson County: St. Bernard, McLaughlin; St. Aloysius, Bullhead; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kenel and St. Bede, Wakpala The Sister Parish Committee is committed to nurturing an ongoing spiritual relationship and familial bond between the people of the OLBH and these parishes. This is not a mission response of one parish giving and the other receiving, but a mutual engagement to embrace faith sharing.

***St. Vincent de Paul Conference**

Contact: Vicki Crowley mamacrowley12@gmail.com

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. For assistance please call 605-389-6739.

Worship Ministries

Worship Commission

Chair: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

The Worship Commission communicates with the various ministries and groups of Our Lady of the Black Hills to provide vision and direction for the spiritual and liturgical life of the community. Liaisons to each ministry provide updates on previous business, discuss progress on current and future activities. Time commitment is one monthly as scheduled along with the time required to communicate with the groups and ministries within the commission (three-year term).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Contact: David Allardyce 605-791-2303

The following is taken from the June 10, 2007 address of Pope Benedict XVI on the Feast of Corpus Christi: "There is an intrinsic connection between celebration (of the Eucharist) and adoration. The holy Mass is the Church's greatest act of adoration. Adoration outside holy Mass prolongs and intensifies what happened in the liturgical celebration and renders a true and profound reception of Christ possible. I would like to take the opportunity that today's solemnity [Corpus Domini (Body of Christ)] offers me to strongly recommend to pastors and all the faithful the practice of Eucharistic adoration."

"A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit the Blessed Sacrament for adoration lasting at least a half hour." [Manual of Indulgences (USCCB, 2011) 48.]

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM. There is a need for parishioners who are willing to sign up for a specific hour in adoration every Wednesday.

***Liturgy Committee**

Chair: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

The Liturgy Committee's purpose is to assist in liturgical planning so that it "leads to a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful both in body and in mind, a participation burning with faith, hope, and charity" (#18, *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*). In conjunction with the Liturgy Coordinator/Music Director and the Pastor, the committee discusses, offers feedback and helps plan for worship services throughout the liturgical year.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server

Contact: Office 605-787-5168

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Servers carry the cross or the processional candle(s), hold the book for the priest celebrant, carry the incense and censer, wash the hands of the priest, and assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary. Training is provided. Time commitment is flexible but altar servers must attend every Mass that they have been scheduled. When a server cannot be present they must arrange for a replacement. Open to grade 3-adult.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Contact: Todd & Barb Phillippe 719-207-1245

“The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption and sanctification” (CCC 1360). Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers distribute the Precious Body and Blood of Christ during liturgy. Training is required. Time commitment is up to 2 Masses per month. Open to confirmed adults and youth over the age of sixteen.

Hospitality Minister

Contacts: Steve and Sue Colgan 605-394-5586

Hospitality Ministers create an atmosphere of warmth and welcome as parishioners arrive for the weekend and holy day liturgies. They also assist with the offertory collection, distribute bulletins, and straighten the worship aides in the pews after Mass. Time commitment is approximately 30 minutes before and after each Mass. Open to adults and youth Grades 9-12.

Lector

Contact: Deacon John Osnes josnes@diorc.org

Lectors proclaim the scriptures and the Prayers of the Faithful at liturgies. Training for skilled proclamation is provided. Lectors are also required to arrive 20 minutes prior to every Mass that they have been scheduled. When a Lector cannot be present, they must arrange for a replacement. Open all confirmed.

Sacristan

Contact: Office olbh@olbh.org

A sacristan is an individual who helps prepare the worship space before and after each liturgy. They carefully arrange the liturgical books, sacred vessels, vestments, linens and gifts for each Mass. A sacristan typically arrives 30 minutes before Mass and readies the church by performing a variety of duties such as lighting candles; preparing for baptisms; verifying that all other ministries are present. Sacristans remain after the liturgy to ready the church for the next celebration. Though most liturgical ministries serve the assembly, the role of the sacristan is to minister to the presider, providing sacristans a unique opportunity to interact with the presider and deepen their knowledge of Catholic traditions, while helping to ensure that the liturgy proceeds smoothly. Training is required.

Music Ministries

***Cantor**

Contact: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

The cantor/song leader leads the congregation in the music of the liturgies (songs, psalms and acclamations). Initial training required, possible other continued education. Time commitment includes one half hour (some services require an hour) before the Mass scheduled and additional rehearsals as needed for special celebrations. Dress code required. Open to adults and youth Grades 9-12; auditions are required. *(Age waiver in special circumstances and ongoing training for youth with an adult)*

***Instrumentalist**

Contact: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

Various instrumentalists and pianists/organists use their talents to add richness to the musical Worship environment. Time commitment is flexible and may include special seasonal participation. Open to adults and youth Grades 6-12. Auditions are required to determine skill and competency level adequate to the enhancement of the liturgical music setting.

***OLBH Choir**

Chair: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

The OLBH Choir leads the assembly in the music of the liturgy at the 5 PM Saturday evening Mass. The addition of harmony/part singing is welcomed and adds to the richness of the worship.

Time Commitment: The Choir rehearses at 10:30 AM, one half hour before the 11 AM Mass; additional rehearsals are as needed for special celebrations. Open to Adults and Youth Grades 9-12.

***Organ Choir**

Chair: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

Regena Thrall 787-5105

The Organ Choir leads the assembly in the music of the liturgy, accompanied by the organ, at the 9 AM Sunday morning Mass. The addition of harmony/part singing is welcomed and adds to the richness of the worship.

Time Commitment: The singers rehearse at 8:30 AM, one half hour before the Mass; additional rehearsals are as needed for special musical preparation. Open to Youth Grades 9-12 and Adults.

***The Covenant Band**

Chair: Lorraine Ptacek lorraine.ptacek@olbh.org

The Covenant is a core group/band consisting of piano, guitar, bass, drums, and occasional other instruments (strings) that lead the singing of the assembly with a more contemporary musical style at the 6 PM Mass on Sunday evenings. Other services include various forms of prayer and worship (XLT, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Taize). Time commitment includes weekly setup at 4/4:30 PM with rehearsal from 5 PM or earlier as needed on Sundays and possibly Wednesday evenings for special musical preparations. New members are requested as needed, auditions are required.

Special Worship Ministries

Alb Care

Contact: NEEDED

The priest and server albs are checked once a week to make certain they are clean. Soiled ones are taken to the volunteer's home to be laundered and returned to the church in time for Saturday night services. Time Commitment is approximately four hours each week. Open to adults.

Altar Linen Ministry

Contact: Sister Mary Catherine

The purpose of this ministry is to serve the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills in the collecting, washing, ironing, and returning of the linens used at Mass. The skill needed includes the knowledge of laundering linens while handling with respect the linens used for the sacred liturgy. There are no meetings to attend. Time commitment is flexible. Open to youth Grades 9-12 and adults.

Art and Environment

Contact: Joyce Williamson joycew@rap.midco.net

The Art and Environment committee enhances our worship experience through the visual appearance of the church and gathering area. Volunteers help with setting up and taking down decorations, banners, and with the tending of plants in the worship space. Time commitment varies by project, meets upon request (No set date/time). Open to youth Grades 9-12 and adults.

Votive Candle Ministry

Contact: Todd & Barb Phillipe 719-207-1245

A tradition in prayer is to light a candle in honor of a personal intention as a symbolic reminder that as the candle's burning flame flickers forth so to do our prayers and intentions rise to the heavens. Accordingly, Catholics light Votive Candles as part of faith, believing that as long as the candle burns the prayer is constant. We are a group of volunteers who maintain the candle stands by cleaning the candle stand area, and replacing the candles. Time commitment varies. Open to teenagers and adults.

STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Did you know that Our Lady of the Black Hills is a Stewardship Parish?

As a Stewardship Parish we ask that you give us your time, your talent, and your treasure to support our wonderful parish in building with the mercy of the Father. In return, we pledge to utilize your gifts and talents to provide the resources, facilities, and events to aid you in your faith journey.

Our Lady of the Black Hills knows that you and your family are BUSY . Please consider sharing your time and talents with us. Consider participating in a ministry or working as a catechist. Programs like faith formation are like any other activity your family participates in. It requires many volunteers. PLEASE prayerfully consider helping with a class, childcare, an event, or as a liturgical minister this year so we can continue our mission as a stewardship parish.

As a stewardship parish we will never charge you or your family for participation in parish activities.

Please contact the office to learn more about our stewardship activities and initiatives.

Notes



Our Lady of the Black Hills

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For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith, if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:4-8