

# Our Lady of the Black Hills

## Spring 2016

# 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).

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. Easter joy fills our hearts when we pour out our lives for others. It is felt in the abundance of LIFE God pours back to us when we sacrifice. Jesus knew this best of all, so he connected the gift of his joy with his command to love.

“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).

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?”

Additional copies are available in the gathering area and parish office, or they can be downloaded from the website ([www.olbh.org](http://www.olbh.org))

In Christ,

*Fr. Steve Biegler*



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**Daily Liturgy:** Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday, 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM

**Morning Prayer:** After Daily Liturgy

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# **Safe Faith Environment**

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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 Margaret Simonson, the chancellor of the diocese. For information about the program, contact her at 343-3541.

Additionally, Our Lady of the Black Hills requires Safe Faith Environment Training for anyone serving on Councils, Commissions, Committees, or other ministries that are open to youth; and encourages all parishioners to receive the training.

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

# **Finance Council**

*Chair: Eric Scherr 791-4058*

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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: Cathleen Denekamp 787-6398*

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*Vice-chair: Wade Rhodes 605 415-3781*

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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: John Usera 720-9424*

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: Aaron Johnson 721-4295*

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The Administration Commission communicates with the various groups of Our Lady of the Black Hills in order 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 third Monday 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: Erik Haakedahl 209-1492*

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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. The maintenance staff handles most of the day-to-day upkeep and cleaning duties, but additional volunteers are occasionally needed to assist with various projects. 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: Larry Williamson 787-5168

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

Mailings	Telephoning	Maintenance
Typing	Computer Work	Construction
Filing/Organizing	Bulletin folding	Meal donation
Cleaning	Office help	Meal preparation
Collection Counting	Social events	

## **\*Grounds & Landscaping**

Contact: Erik Haakedahl 209-1492

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Volunteers assist with keeping the outdoor plants, grass, and grotto area 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: Peter Jerzak

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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.

## **\*Celebration Committee**

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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.).

## **\*Centennial Committee**

Contact: Cathleen Denekamp 787-6398

Our Lady of the Black Hills will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. The entire parish will need to work together to make this celebration memorable. The Centennial Committee will be in charge of planning and organizing the various events associated with this event. It will oversee setting dates and events, arranging volunteer support, updating historical information about OLBH, developing publicity and proposing a budget. This committee will meet quarterly to monthly beginning in fall 2013 through 2016. Committee members need to make a 3-year commitment. Members need to be age 14 or older. If you would like to be part of the Centennial Committee, or you have pictures or stories that recall the history of the parish, please contact the parish office.

## **\*Climbing/Hiking Club**

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Connect your life to others, nature, and God's Creation. Our Climbing/Hiking Club is a perfect place to explore these connections. We will offer progressions for both disciplines: climbing and hiking regardless of ability or previous experience. The teaching progression will be based on Kurt Hahn's Outward Bound Model which places emphasis on Four Pillars: physical fitness, craftsmanship, compassion for others and self-reliance. Group size will be limited by instructional support, with maximum of (5) learners to each instructor. Currently we have one instructor, Jeff, who is seeking seasoned support. The program will be progressive building toward skills mastery of disciplines and self-reliance. Open to youth 14 – 16 years of age.

## **Cub Scouts**

Contact: Rick Ewing 605 545-0767

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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. All of the Cub Scouts in your den are in the same grade and may even go to the same school.

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.

### **\*Funeral Committee**

*Coordinators: Patty Creek; 390-2249*

*Mary Ann Pulaski 430-3072*

*Judy Gilbert 391-0619*

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: Samantha Hough 786-3759*

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 John Gehlsen 605 391-3939

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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.

## **\*Nursery/Babysitting Ministry**

Contact: Megan Hamer

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The nursery provides childcare during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass, Sunday Faith Formation, and for various parish events. The nursery is open for children 1 to 3 years of age. Time commitment is flexible

Open to adults and teenagers.

# Discipleship Ministries

## **Discipleship Commission**

*Chair: Teresa Thompson 787-5168*

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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 Mike Davies 605 269-2068*

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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*

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The OLBH Library has been developed to support the goals of the parish and faith formation programs. It contains more than 1,650 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 Pre-K – 3**

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

*Contact: Jenny Scherr 787-5168*

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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 2 – 6**

#### **Elementary Discipleship**

*Contact: Megan Hamer 787-5168*

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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.

### **Grades 7 – 8**

#### **Middle School Youth Ministry**

*Contact: Teresa Thompson 787-5168*

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Confirmation preparation is currently in progress for the 6th & 7th graders who will be confirmed in the Spring of 2017 as 7th & 8th graders. During these two years the parish will journey with your child and family using the ‘Chosen’ curriculum, service projects and retreats. Although the Diocese of Rapid City prepares middle school aged children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, our parish will still accommodate Confirmation for high school and/or adults.

### **Grades 9 – 12**

#### **High School Youth Ministry**

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This ministry is currently being modified to best suit our high school youth. Please check in with me to see what is happening.



## **Adult Discipleship Formation**

*Contact: Joni Osnes*

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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**

#### **\*Adult Discipleship Catechist**

*Contact: Joni Osnes*

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Programs offered in Catholicism, scripture, liturgical celebrations, sacraments, the Church, and current issues are offered throughout the academic year. The adult group meets on Sundays at the same times as the classes for children and youth. Volunteers are needed for program planning and implementation.

#### **\*Grades Pre-K – 3 Catechist**

#### **(Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)**

*Contact: Jenny Scherr 787-5168*

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You have the opportunity to share in our Catholic faith with children PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Adults who love children and are willing to share their love for Christ are encouraged to serve. Training opportunities are available for those individuals who are interested in completing a 90+ hours of instruction in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Let the spirit move you and join our team today.

#### **\*Grades Pre-K – 3 Catechist Assistant**

#### **(Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)**

*Contact: Jenny Scherr 787-5168*

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You are invited to assist a catechist with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—no training required. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in your faith. Children often times 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 2 – 5 Catechist  
Elementary Discipleship**

Contact: Megan Hamer 787-5168

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Join the elementary core team and make a difference in our children's lives. A curriculum is provided to the catechists as they invite children and significant adults in their lives into a deeper relationship with God and the Catholic Church in service to the world.

**\*Grades 6 – 12 Catechist  
Middle & High School Youth Ministry**

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It takes a village to raise these kids and we need your help!

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 teenagers. These adults can expect to put an hour or so preparation time into a lesson per week. The middle & high school youth meet weekly on Sunday evenings 4:15 – 5:45 p.m. A team member not only shares their faith but is a friend and mentor.

**\*Youth Ministry Retreat/Service Chaperone**

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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**

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The celebration of 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)

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Parishes welcome new members into the Catholic Church through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process includes several stages marked by prayer, study, and discussion. Included in the process are several Rites, which take place within the context of the Mass. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) describes the RCIA as a process in which participants “undergo ... conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments ... The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism.”

The RCIA is structured over a 24-week period that includes ceremonial steps and lessons beginning in September and culminating on Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil). One may take as much time as he or she needs in the initiation process before becoming ready for full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Initiation within the Church is a journey of conversion that is gradual and ongoing and suited to individual needs. It is a process rather than an educational program and this process takes place within the community of the faithful, the local Church.

## **Sacramental Preparation – Children & Youth**

### **\*Baptismal Preparation**

*Contact: Brianne Edwards 716-1349*

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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: Megan Hamer 719-7620*

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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: Megan Hamer 787-5168*

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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: Teresa Thompson 787-5168*

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In the Diocese of Rapid City, Confirmation preparation begins with middle school youth. However, our parish can also accommodate Confirmation for high school and adults.

# Outreach Ministries

## **\*Social Justice Commission**

*Chair: Pam Brown 484-9029*

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 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: Mary Langbehn 350-1907*

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: Estela Haakedahl 209-2396*

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.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

*Contact: Jerry Meyers 716-7850*

Habitat volunteers build homes for deserving families who are part of the 'working poor' in our communities. Local Catholic Churches have recently completed two homes.

### **\*Healing Meals**

*Contact: Pauline Stoffel 716-0712*

Volunteers cook and deliver meals to families in need due to a variety of circumstances.

### **\*Jail Ministry**

*Contact: Brad Blauvelt 343-6906*

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

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

*Contact: Kathy Van Asma 787-6218*

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: Open*

Volunteers collect and organize food to distribute to families in need in the Black Hawk, Piedmont and Summerset areas.

Open for food distribution Wednesdays 9:00 AM to Noon and Saturdays 9:00 AM to Noon in the church basement.

Time commitment varies. Open to adults.

### **Prayer Blanket Ministry**

*Contact: Suzanne Wilhelmi 791-4977*

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is for anyone in the parish, their family, and friends who are in need of prayer and comfort during a serious illness. In time of anxiety and suffering, people need to know that they are covered in love and prayers by the faith community of Our Lady of the Black Hills. Each blanket is sewn by a member of the parish, blessed by the pastor at a special Mass, and includes special prayers.

## **Prayer Chain**

*Contact: Mary Langbehn 350-1907*

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.

## **\*Returning Catholics**

*Contact: Greg Sass 348-2213*

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

## **Santa Luisa School Sponsorship**

*Contact: Jane Glanzer 431-6572*

This is a ministry to fill a financial need for children at a Catholic School in El Salvador. Volunteers will assist with posting the children's pictures and collecting tuition. Santa Luisa serves more than 500 students per year. Parents of many children are unable to fund the \$52.00 tuition for their children. This is a yearly commitment for sponsors during Lent.

## **\*Sister Parish Committee**

*Contact: Patty Cresalia 787-7613*

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.

The OLBH Sister Parish committee consists of 5-10 people. Meetings are held 5-6 times per year in January, March, May, September and November. During the summer months we meet in connection with an on-site visitation to our sister parishes.

**\*St. Vincent de Paul Conference**

*Contact: Suzanne Wilhelmi 605 791-4977*

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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.

**\*Social Justice Commission Parish Representative**

*Contact: Maureen Wilson 719-9394*

The Social Justice Commission (SJC) Parish Representative, serving under the direction of the parish priest, is a liaison between their parish and the diocesan Social Justice Commission. The Parish Representative assists the Commission and their pastor in enhancing awareness, outreach, and advocacy for concerns included in the Church's social ministry. These concerns are reflected in the seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Volunteers participate in mission projects providing service to others in need and promote Catholic Social teachings.



# Worship Ministries

## Worship Commission

Chair: Lorraine Ptacek

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The Worship Commission communicates with the various ministries and groups of Our Lady of the Black Hills in order to provide vision and direction for the spiritual and liturgical life of the faith 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month along with the time required to communicate with the groups and ministries within the commission. (Three-year term)

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Contact: Joyce DePaolo 605 791-3505

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 8:00 PM. There is a need for parishioners who are willing to sign up for a specific hour in adoration every Wednesday.

## **Liturgical Ministries**

### **\*Altar Server**

*Contact: Marlys Sears 431-8037*

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The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy (hymns, responses, etc.), by looking alert and sitting or standing at the appropriate times.

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 adults and youth who are ten years or older.

### **\*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 1-2 Masses per month with additional opportunities to serve on Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, etc.

Open to confirmed adults and youth.

### **\*Hospitality Minister**

*Contacts: Steve and Sue Colgan 394-5586*

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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**

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Lectors proclaim the scriptures and the Prayers of the Faithful at liturgies. Training for skilled proclamation is provided.

Time commitment includes at least an hour of preparation in order to read and meditate over the scriptures prior to Mass. 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 to confirmed adults and youth Grades 9-12.

### **\*Liturgy Committee**

*Chair: Lorraine Ptacek 716-9239*

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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.

The Liturgy Committee consists of 7-8 people and meets four times a year: October, January, February, June.

### **\*Sacristan**

Contact: Gary and Barb Erickson 716-5052

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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**

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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 716-9239

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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**

Contact: Lorraine Ptacek 716-9239

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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 4:30 PM, one half hour before the 5 PM Mass; additional rehearsals are as needed for special celebrations.

Open to Adults and Youth Grades 9-12.

### **\*Organ Choir**

Contact: Lorraine Ptacek 716-9239

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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**

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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, 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: Marlys Sears 431-8037*

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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: Kathy Amiotte*

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 787-7075*

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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.

### **Bread Baker for Eucharist**

*Contact: Mary Blauvelt 343-6906*

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The practice of baking bread for the Eucharistic celebration is as old as the church itself. It is a sacred task that is performed prayerfully with a holy consciousness of its place in all our traditions and especially in the story of our salvation. In fact, one of the most ancient names for the Eucharist is “the breaking of the bread.” Jesus gave a new and transformative meaning to bread when he shared it with his disciples and said to them, “This is my Body.” How fitting that the members of the mystical Body of Christ are the ones to make the bread that will become the Body of Christ.

Time commitment varies.

Open to adults and children working with parents; this is a great family ministry.

### **Votive Candle Ministry**

*Contact: Walt and Judy Wilson 787-4673*

A Tradition in prayer is to light a candle in honor of a personal intention. It is 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.

The votive candles are located in the alcove on the left side of the church.

The Votive Candle Ministry is 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.













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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

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