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LITURGY & PRAYER

Sunday Liturgy:



Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 & 11 AM

Daily Liturgy:

Tuesday-Friday 8 AM

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

**First Friday Devotion following Mass on first Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

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Deacon Greg Sass

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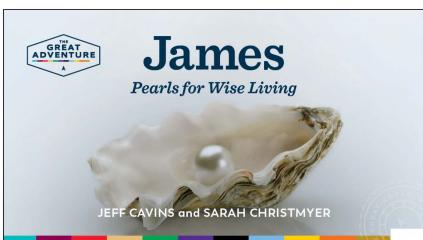
In the Gospel today, Jesus does something that in the mindset of the time would have been shocking and surprising. He, the Son of God, comes to be baptized by John in the baptism for the repentance for sins. Jesus is without sin, He is the Son of God, so why did he submit to John's baptism? In fact John 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



James

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starts **Sunday, January 4th**
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BREAKFAST

1/11 following 8 AM Mass

Benefitting the
Society of St.
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The second Sunday of each month following 8 AM Mass

Thank you from the OLBH Society of St. Vincent de Paul for supporting the Christmas Bake Sale. \$2,439.93 was raised which will enable us to aid an average of 6-8 friends/families in need. Mark your calendar for the St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale on February 7-8, 2026! Thank you all!



Come Join Us!

Saturday, January 31 at 6-8pm
Our Lady of the Black Hills Church
12365 Sturgis Rd, Piedmont SD 57769
(in the downstairs parish hall)

All proceeds help offset the cost for our **youth** attending Steubenville St. Paul this July.

Sundays

9:30-10:45 AM
in St. Joseph's Hall
(upstairs at OLBH)

Aquam in vinum amicus
Water into wine with friends.

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH

FOLLOWING 5 PM MASS

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January 28th

6:15-7:30pm

Wisdom Wednesday



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

Monday, January 12

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study
7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8 AM Mass for the repose of Aaron Hohm

Wednesday, January 14

8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Wilson
8:30-7:30 PM Adoration
4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation
5:30-6:30 PM Confessions
6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, January 15

8 AM Mass for the repose of Deacon Joe Witte
9 AM "Just" Men Bible Study and Witness
9 AM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Catholic Daughters in Bethlehem Cave

Friday, January 16

8 AM Mass for the repose of Brittany Holzer and Cheryl Holzer

Saturday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot
7 AM Men's Cursillo
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of Kenel, Bullhead, and McLaughlin
6 PM Wine & Cheese Night in the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 18

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Dean Hohm
No Faith Formation
11 AM Mass for the repose of Capp Holzer

Crisis Intervention Shelter Service**Women's Supplies Drive**

Items needed:
hygiene products
cleaning supplies
undergarments (for all ages)

CISS is a 24 hour crisis line for victims of domestic and sexual violence. They provide emergency shelter for victims and their children; hospital, legal, and law enforcement advocacy; support groups; counseling and substance abuse referrals.

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE1/17 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED (lead) Luke and Jonathon
Lector: John Usera (1st) Bernadette Usera (2nd)
Hospitality: Ken and Pam Freeman
Sacristan: Cindy Creager
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

1/18 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Tom Collings (lead) Thomas and Yazmin
Lector: Sheila Keeler (1st) Diane Clarke (2nd)
Hospitality: Jack and Debra Jensen
Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman
Eucharistic Minister: Lorinda Collings

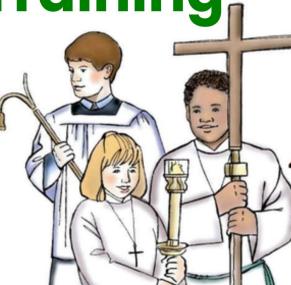
1/18 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Cole Litzen (lead) Emmett and Leo
Lector: Craig Kelso (1st) Laura Kelso (2nd)
Hospitality: Debbie and Paul Roberts
Sacristan: Kelli Siemieniak
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Greg Sass

Altar Server Training

Sunday, 1/25
9 AM

Meet Deacon Phillip at the top of the stairs.



"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above." Jas 1:17

January 3-4, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	25	79
Sunday Collection	3,654	4,887	8,540
Building Fund	42	115	157
Solemnity of Mary	-		1,749
Priest Retirement			3
Steubenville			20
Votives			58
Coffee and Rolls			9
Total Contributions	3,749	5,027	10,614.81

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 at olbh.org/donate.



PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to the private 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 BLANKET 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 January:

Pope's Intention: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mark 2:13-17

Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

OLBH NECROLOGY

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in this parish; and for the clergy that have served in the Diocese of Rapid City, we pray for:

January 12 Rev. Michael J. Conley (1961)

January 14 Msgr. John P. Connolly (1964); Joseph Whealey (1989); Verlan Lee Erickson (2020)

January 15 Rev. Raymond Deisch (2014); Albert Marcotte (1928); Dean Foucault (2018); Patricia Sitzler (2018); Rachel Cecilia Coats (2025)

January 16 Rev. Raymond T. O'Hara (1946); Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B. (1978); Alfred "Fred" Henry Gingras (1972); Joseph Anthony George (2024)

January 17 Rev. Collins P. Jordan (2004)

January 18 Thomas Cotello (1897); Thomas Daniel Harrington (1972)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OUR ILL & HOMEBOUND

call to add a name to the prayer list.

These individuals are in special need of your prayers. We pray for Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Thomas Eimers (father of Kim Harming), Lynn Gerving, Omel Weaver, Arlene Holzer, Linda Schacher, Joyce de Paulo, Charlene Mizenko, Adrienne Ghio, John Mizenko, Crescenia Yanez, Mary-Elizabeth Crane (sister of Sheila Keeler), Sheila Keeler, Kathleen Leutenegger, David Trautman Sr., John Gerving, Mary Ann Pulaski, Tony Corbine, Judy Schumacher, Patricia Cariveau, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Rebecca Boylan, Kodi Carlin, Angie Oberle, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Deacon John Osnes, Shawna Wood, Mel Flottmeyer, Cathy Luedtke, Marcia Senn, Karen Bestgen, Gloria Allardycce, Cathy Long, Derrick Siemieniak

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Patti Cariveau and Joseph Waliser

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). 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, young people, and vulnerable adults by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.



REFUEL RETREAT

The Refuel Retreat is coming on January 23-24, 2026. The keynote speaker is Colleen Carroll Campbell. She is an award-winning author, print and broadcast journalist, and former presidential speechwriter for George W. Bush. This year's Refuel Retreat will draw on her extensive research and writing on saints to reveal how their lives can guide us in evangelizing a resistant culture, overcoming the traps of perfectionism, and resisting both dilution and distraction as we stay focused on our ultimate goal: helping Jesus save souls. The parish will pay for your ticket, select invoice my parish at registration. Register at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/refuel26/>



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Wednesday, January 14
9:00 a.m.**

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STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE (PG)

March 6th
THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (R)

April 10th
A MAN ESCAPED (NR)

May 8th
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (PG-13)

June 5th
THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL (PG)

August 21st
A HIDDEN LIFE (PG-13)

September 18th
CITY LIGHTS (G)

October 16th
THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE (NR)

November 6th
HARLAN COUNTY, USA (PG)

December 4th
SAFETY LAST (NR)

"Hold fast to hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."
Heb. 6:18-19

Location: ST. JOSEPH HALL CATHEDRAL OLPH

Time: 6:30 PM

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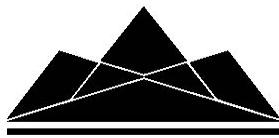
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