



“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John the Baptist was asked by the priests and Levites, “Who are you?” He responded, “I am not the Messiah.” So, he was asked, “What are you then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He said, “No.” When pressed to reveal who he was, John said, “I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’” They asked him, “Why then do you baptize with water if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?” He answered, “I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said,” ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made know to Israel.”

The word behold, means to see or observe something with attention and admiration. It carries a sense of awe or contemplation, inviting the viewer to pause and reflect on what they are witnessing.

John the Baptist therefore invites us to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, the perfect sacrificial Lamb who offers Himself for the redemption of humanity. Just as lambs were used in the Old Testament as sacrifices for atonement, Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice, fulfilling and surpassing these ancient rites by offering Himself once and for all for the salvation of mankind.

During the Communion Rite at every Mass the priest takes the host and, holding it slightly raised above the chalice, while facing the people, says aloud: “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

To which we all respond: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

In these moments, we are invited to pause and reflect on whom we see which is Jesus present body, blood, soul and divinity. Jesus is the bread of life and he said whoever comes to him will never hunger and whoever believes in him will never thirst.

As we enter ordinary time, we are invited to deepen our relationship with Jesus as we learn more about who he is and what it means to follow him. I encourage you to set aside some time to sit with Lord in Eucharistic adoration, to gaze upon and pray before the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Eucharistic adoration is offered each Wednesday from 8:30am to 7:30pm. Come spend some time with the one who takes away the sins of the world.

-Deacon Phillip

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17-18, 2026

WELCOME TO OLBH!

Mass

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 & 11 AM
Tues.-Fri. 8 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30-7:30 PM

Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 PM
Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

First Friday Devotion

Follows 8 AM Mass

First Saturday Devotion

7:30 AM Reconciliation
8 AM Mass
8:30-9:30 AM Adoration

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New or Visiting?

We look forward to meeting you. Please join us again! To become a registered member of our parish, we invite you to stop by the office or visit olbh.org. You can also pick up a welcome packet from the counter on the back wall of the gathering space. You are welcome to visit often!



First Saturday Devotion

CONFESSION: 7:30 AM

MASS: 8 AM

ADORATION: 8:30-9:30 AM

8:30 AM Rosary

9 AM Silent Prayer

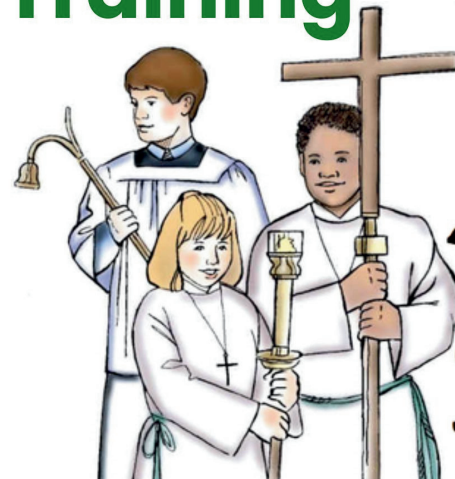
9:30 AM Benediction

First Saturdays are a rich tradition and a principal request from Our Lady during her apparitions at Fatima.

Altar Server Training

Sunday, 1/25
9 AM

Meet Deacon Phillip at the top of the stairs.



Crisis Intervention Shelter Service Women's Supplies Drive

Item's needed can be donated in the Narthex:
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.

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January 28th
6:15-7:30pm

Wisdom
Wednesday



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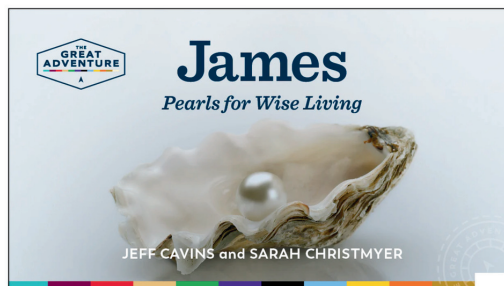
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<https://www.facebook.com/soulcore605>



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)**

Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life.

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Silent Auction for Steubenville

closes Sat Jan 31 during the Spaghetti Dinner
Visit the office for more details!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss II

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

-Monday, 1/19-

Office Closed

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

-Tuesday, 1/20-

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8 AM Mass for Catholic Schoolhouse

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

-Wednesday, 1/21-

SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

5:30 PM Confessions

*No Faith Formation

-Thursday, 1/22-

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8 AM Mass for the repose of Jerome and Lora Kramer

9 AM "Just Men Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

-Friday, 1/23-

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

8 AM Mass for the repose of Darrell Ahlers

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton School for the repose of Margarita Gutierrez

-Saturday 1/24-

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for a special intention

-Sunday, 1/25-

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Larry and Joyce Williamson

9 AM Altar Server Training

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for OLBH and our sister parishes of Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

January 10-11, 2026

| | Automatic | Basket | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Adopt a Seminarian | 54 | 395 | 449 |
| Sunday Collection | 3,654 | 10,977 | 14,630 |
| Building Fund | 42 | 20 | 62 |
| Steubenville | - | | 1,024 |
| Funeral | | | 250 |
| Bulletin Ad | | | 400 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | | | 576 |
| Total Contributions | 3,749 | 11,392 | 17,390.31 |

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 faith journey.



Please prayerfully consider automatic donations at olbh.org/donate.

Intentions of the Holy Father for January:

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.



UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1/24 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Meaghan A. (lead) Ethan H.
Lector: Teresa Thompson (1st) Jonathan Allen (2nd)
Hospitality: Benjamin and Heather Funk
Sacristan: Todd and Jenny Curtis
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

1/25 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: NOT FILLED (lead) Alexandria and Elaina
Lector: Brenda Flottmeyer (1st) Lori Caouette (2nd)
Hospitality: Justin and Kodi Carlin
Sacristan: Emma and Bruce Lehman
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

1/25 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: NOT FILLED
Lector: Brad Blauvelt (1st) Mary Blauvelt (2nd)
Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristan: Stacy Tate
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Phillip Thompson

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE ILL & HOMEBOUND

call to add a name
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, Judy Schumacher, Deb Curl, Coleen Short, Kodi Carlin, Rick Siewert (father of Jess Bernhagen), Ryan Wilson, Patty Tapp, Mary Antonsen, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Shawna Wood, Mel Flottmeyer, Cathy Luedtke, Karen Bestgen, Cathy Long, Derrick Siemieniak

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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:

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| Jan 21 | Rev. John Novak (1957) |
| Jan 22 | Henry J. "Duke" Maicki III; Lynda Diann Reed (2024) |
| Jan 23 | Msgr John J. O'Reilly (1951) |
| Jan 24 | Maynard "Babe" Traversie |
| Jan 25 | Rev James J. Donahoe |

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is 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 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.

PRAYER MINISTRIES



PRAYER CHAIN To add an intention to the private OLBH prayer chain, text Shanessa 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.



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION 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.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 18

Find the weekly readings and more at USCCB.org.

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Mon: 1 Sam 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tues: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wed: 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs: 1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sam 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

SAVE THE DATE!

THE HEALING POWER OF DIVINE MERCY LENTEN MISSION

EVERY EVENING, MON – WED
MARCH 23-25, 2026



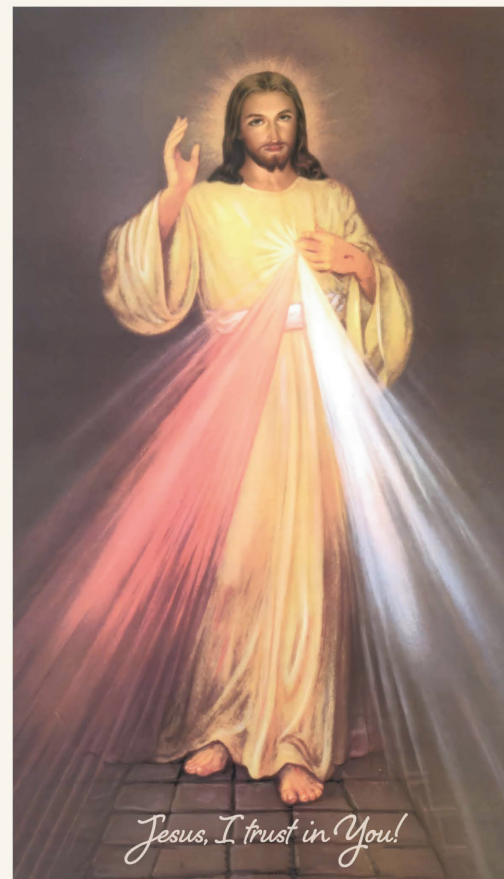
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Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City is hosting a Divine Mercy Lenten Mission with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC, from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on the evenings of Mon-Wed, March 23-25, 2026. Confessions, Adoration and a Healing Mass on Wednesday with Bishop Scott Bullock. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Come and receive the merciful love and healing that Our Lord Jesus desires to give you.

Check the blessedsacramentchurch.org/divine-mercy-mission website or scan the QR code for details.

Unfathomable Divine Mercy Graces Explained – Prayers – Confessions –
Mass – Adoration With Healing



World Day for Consecrated Life

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on 1/31-2/1, 2026. Consecrated life includes religious sisters and brothers, monks and nuns, religious priests, hermits, consecrated virgins and members of secular institutes. Please pray for all consecrated men and women. Thank them for the gift of themselves given to Christ and to His body, the Church. Pray for vocations to consecrated life and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life. Visit Gods-call.com.

The 16th annual RCCSS Packing Hope Event

is on the March 31st! The purpose of Packing Hope is to answer Christ's call to bring hope to the poor and vulnerable. We work with Then Feed Just One, www.thenfeedjustone.org/, a non-profit organization in LeMars, IA that distributes nutritious food to hungry children in the USA, Honduras, and around the world. Each STM student in grades PreK-12th donates \$30 and with that money, added to what we our fundraising campaign, we purchase bulk ingredients from Then Feed Just One and then work as Jesus' hands and feet to carefully funnel ingredients into packages that we weigh, seal, box and ship to children in need on behalf of the Rapid City community. Since 2008, the RCCSS has packed and shipped over 1,500,000 meals, thanks in large part to donations from the parishioners at OLBH.

Vespers 'Round the Rink

Bundle up and join us for a night on the ice, Tuesday, 1/27! We'll meet at St. Ambrose Church for evening prayer, then head to Outlaw Square for a few hours of skating. Coffee + cocoa will be provided. Ages 20-30. Time: Vespers at 5:30pm, ice skating from 6-8pm Location: St. Ambrose (760 Main St, Deadwood) Cost: \$10/person (includes rink & skate rental) Register at rapidcitydiocese.org/yya/sodalitas by Friday, 1/23, to reserve your spot!



United in Faith and Community *All are welcome!*
National Catholic Schools Week
Come Celebrate with Us January 25 - 31, 2026

Monday, January 26

- All-System Mass with Bishop Scott Bullock 9:00 am The Cathedral
- Men in Black Basketball Game at St Thomas More High School
Dinner 5-6:30 PM, SES Game 5:30, MS Game 6:15, and Priests vs. STM 7:00

Tuesday, January 27

- Fidelis Blue Mixer at St. Joseph's Hall,
The Cathedral 5:30-6:30 PM



We form hearts and minds in the Truth!



January 18, 2026

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Jn 1:29-34

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

I have struggled when doing work that feels unseen. Has anyone noticed that the floors were mopped today? Do my students care about the feedback I provide on their writing? Does my supervisor notice the extra time I put into my work? In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist announcing Jesus as "the Lamb of God." John has been preparing for the coming of Christ and now that Jesus has arrived, his role is to step aside and encourage his followers to move their gaze toward Christ, the Messiah. Although we know John's name and his faithfulness, it would have been easy for him to assume that his work would have been forgotten — overshadowed by the signs and wonders of Christ himself. But in his humility, this is exactly what John seemingly wanted. His life and words were focused solely on proclaiming the coming of Christ. While I may have been tempted to say, "Please don't forget about what I did," John responded faithfully to God's call to preach and prepare for Christ's coming, without worry of receiving credit for his actions. And in our lives, too, what matters is not whether our work is appreciated or noticed, but whether our actions are in response to God's call to holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite not knowing whether his work would extend for years or decades, John the Baptist continued to lead others toward repentance. He did not know the full scope of his role in the plan of salvation, but he trusted in the voice of God. Like John, we are called to persevere in faithfulness to the work that God has called us to do, right where we are. When we persevere in our faith, living according to the teachings of Christ and our vocation, we give witness to the truth that the God who called us is worthy of our trust.

WITNESS


Consider the countless men and women who have gone before us who remained faithful to God's call. Their lives bear witness to their trust in God, in big and in small ways, sometimes visible, but often hidden. What simple acts of faithfulness are you being called to persevere in today? Recommit to practicing faithfulness in the big — as well as mundane — aspects of daily living.

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