



Our Lady of the
Black Hills



**I will leave as remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly,
who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord.**

(Zep 3:12)

Jubilation from John

Tuesday mornings, my wife Joni and I have the privilege of leading prayer at Friendly Horizons, an Alzheimer and dementia care facility about a mile from our parish. We always begin by singing a classic and unforgettable hymn. In spite of memories dimmed by age and disease, the residents often recall the words from the recesses of their minds. Last Tuesday, we began with What a Friend We Have in Jesus, and as we sang, the lyrics took on a contemporary meaning for me. "Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer." "Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer."

With the turmoil in the Twin Cities fresh in mind, I couldn't help feeling a mixture of discouragement, frustration, anger, and uncertainty. I truly felt weak and heavy laden, encumbered by a load of care. A recent FaceBook post by our oldest daughter, Jennifer, expressed feelings similar to mine: "How it is my neighborhood, but it isn't. How it is my country, but it feels foreign. How I want my kids to know I stood for what's right but I also care so much about their safety, my safety—and I tell myself I can do more good by staying in the room, keeping my position, waiting for the right moment. Which may never come."

So many of us have friends and even family members in the midst of the trouble in our neighboring state to the east. A sense of helplessness and hopelessness, of quiet yet anxious acceptance, may numb us to the powerful possibility of taking it to the Lord in prayer—prayer may just seem too passive and the Lord too remote.

In his Angelus message last Sunday, Pope Leo XIV captured our feelings and frustrations so succinctly: "In our lives, both individually and as a Church, interior struggles or circumstances we deem unfavorable can lead us to believe that it is not the right time to proclaim the Gospel, to make a decision, to make a choice, or to change a situation. In this way, however, we risk becoming paralyzed by indecision or imprisoned by excessive prudence." Our Holy Father continued with encouraging yet challenging words: "[but] the Gospel calls us to dare to trust. God is at work at all times; every moment is 'God's time,' even when we do not feel ready or when the situation seems unfavorable."

All three of this Sunday's scripture readings offer encouragement and hope for our troubled hearts and times. The Prophet Zephaniah counsels: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed the law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger" (Zep 2:3). St. Paul encourages you and me as he did the Corinthians: "Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world... to reduce to nothing those who are something" (1 Cor 1:26-28).

The Beatitudes provide the capstone to the prophet's counsel and the apostle's encouragement. Jesus Christ prescribed humility, being "poor in spirit," not pride and self-centeredness; meekness, not power; purity of heart, pursuing goodness not greatness; being merciful, not vengeful; accepting insult, not seeking acclaim; bearing suffering and distress, not a life of comfort and ease. These are the attitudes of blessedness that offer peace in the midst of turmoil—and true joy beyond the troubled times in which we live. The Gospel calls us to dare to trust—and take it to the Lord in prayer.

Keep the faith, Deacon John

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) - January 31-February 1, 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

CLERGY

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Deacon Phillip Thompson

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and SEC



First Saturday Devotion

CONFESSON: 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.

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. The supply drive is coordinated by OLBH parishioners attending Sturgis Brown High School.

OLBH TEEN **Bowling** **NIGHT**

6 PM - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

\$4 PER GAME & \$3 SHOE RENTAL

MEADOWOOD LANES
3809 Sturgis Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57702

RSVP by Fri Jan 30

call the church office at 605-787-5168 or email angela.howard@olbh.org

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. Please visit often!



St. Blaise
Blessing of the Throats
Tuesday, 2/3
following 8 AM Mass

GARDEN OF GRACE

A CATHOLIC FAITH-BASED BALLET PROGRAM



Grace Steffen

gardenofgrace.amdg@gmail.com

605.484.6135



Parish Dinner
Taco Bar
hosted by the Men's and Women's Cursillo Groups
February 4
5:30-6:30 PM
The first Wednesday of the month.



Knights of Columbus
BREAKFAST
2/8 following 8 AM Mass

Benefitting the Carlo Acutis Newman Center
to purchase Bibles, please support these students.

The second Sunday of each month following 8 AM Mass



Aquam in vinum amicus
'Water into wine with friends.'

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT
OUR LADY OF THE BLACK HILLS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH
FOLLOWING 5 PM MASS

FREE CHILDCARE

live now!

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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
BAKE SALE
February 7-8
following all Masses
*Donate baked goods by 2/7 at 9 am.



Coffee & Desserts
The first Wednesday
of the month, following 8 AM Mass.
Bring a treat to share!
February 4

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Pss III

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

Monday, 2/2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, 2/3

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop

8 AM Mass for the repose of Aaron Orbeck

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, 2/4

8 AM Mass for the repose of Paul J Keeler, Sr.

Coffee & Desserts following Mass

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

4:30-5:45 PM Faith Formation

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions

5:30-6:30 PM Parish Meal - Taco Bar

6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, 2/5

SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8 AM Mass for the repose of Marvin Matthews

9 AM "Just Men Bible Study

9 AM Women's Bible Study

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, 2/6

SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8 AM Mass for the repose of Edwin Weaver

First Friday Devotion, following Mass

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the wellbeing of Barb Walzel

Saturday, 2/7

BVM

7 AM Men's Cursillo

First Saturday Devotion

7:30 AM Confessions

8 AM Mass

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, 2/8

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for OLBH and our sister parishes of

Kenel, McLaughlin, and Bullhead

9 AM Knights of Columbus Breakfast

benefitting the St. Carlo Acutis Newman Center

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Ryan and Elizabeth Tate

UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

2/7 5 PM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean Bestgen (lead) Oliver, Otto

Lector: Dcn Walt Wilson (1st) Dave Allardyce (2nd)

Hospitality: Connie and James Johns

Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

2/8 8 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Fred W. (lead) Reese

Lector: Lynelle Sazama (1st) Christine Pulaski (2nd)

Hospitality: Robert and Suzanne Thompson

Sacristan: Bob Weaver

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

2/8 11 AM MASS with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb (lead) Talia and Leo

Lectors: Joni Osnes (1st) Emmett Edwards (2nd)

Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

Intentions of the Holy Father for February:

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



January 24-25, 2026

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	4,250	7,904
Building Fund	42	-	42
Coffee and Rolls	-	-	72
Scheels Donation			500
Bulletin Ad			1,200
Mass Intentions			140
Total Contributions	3,749	4,250	9,911.56

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

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.



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, 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

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:

Feb 2: Deacon Hanes (Heavy) Garnett (2022), Victor J. Hummel (1987); Dorothy Mae Norman (2009)
Feb 4: Rev. Leo S Feuerbach (1978); Isaac Conway (2020)
Feb 5: Kathleen Morgan (1987); Helen Chilarski (2017)
Feb 6: Rev. Charles E. Quinn (1978)
Feb 7: Rev. Patrick W Dowd (1989)

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 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.

 **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: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Mon: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Tues: 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Thurs:- 2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Wed: 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thurs: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12d; Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mk 6:14-29

Sat: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10-14; Mk 6:30-34



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Married Sweethearts Event

Come for an evening of prayer, delicious food, and dancing at Terra Sancta.

4:00 Holy Hour in Holy Cross Chapel

5:15 Mass in Holy Cross Chapel

6:15 Dinner & Dance

Cost: \$85/couple

Register at rapidcitydiocese.org/ms26

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Girls Grades 10-12, June 8-12

Girls Grades 7-9, June 9-12

Boys Grades 10-12, July 12-17

Boys Grades 7-9, July 14-7

Register and learn more at
rapidcitydiocese.org/tt26/

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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.

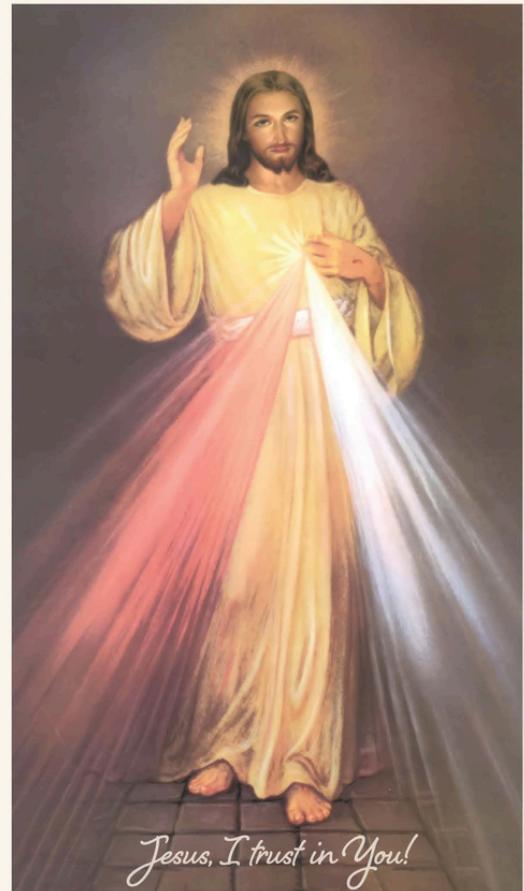
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Mass – Adoration With Healing



PASTORAL MINISTRY DAYS

For Leaders of the Faith

Pastoral Ministry Days welcomes Dr. Zena Hitz, tutor in the Great Books program at Saint John's College in Annapolis, MD, and author of *A Philosopher Looks at the Religious Life* and the acclaimed *Lost in Thought*. **March 15-17**, at Terra Sancta. She covers the joys of learning and the search for understanding. Come, experience renewal for your ministry. Register at rapidcitydiocese.org/pmd26/, please call the parish office if you would like us to register for you.

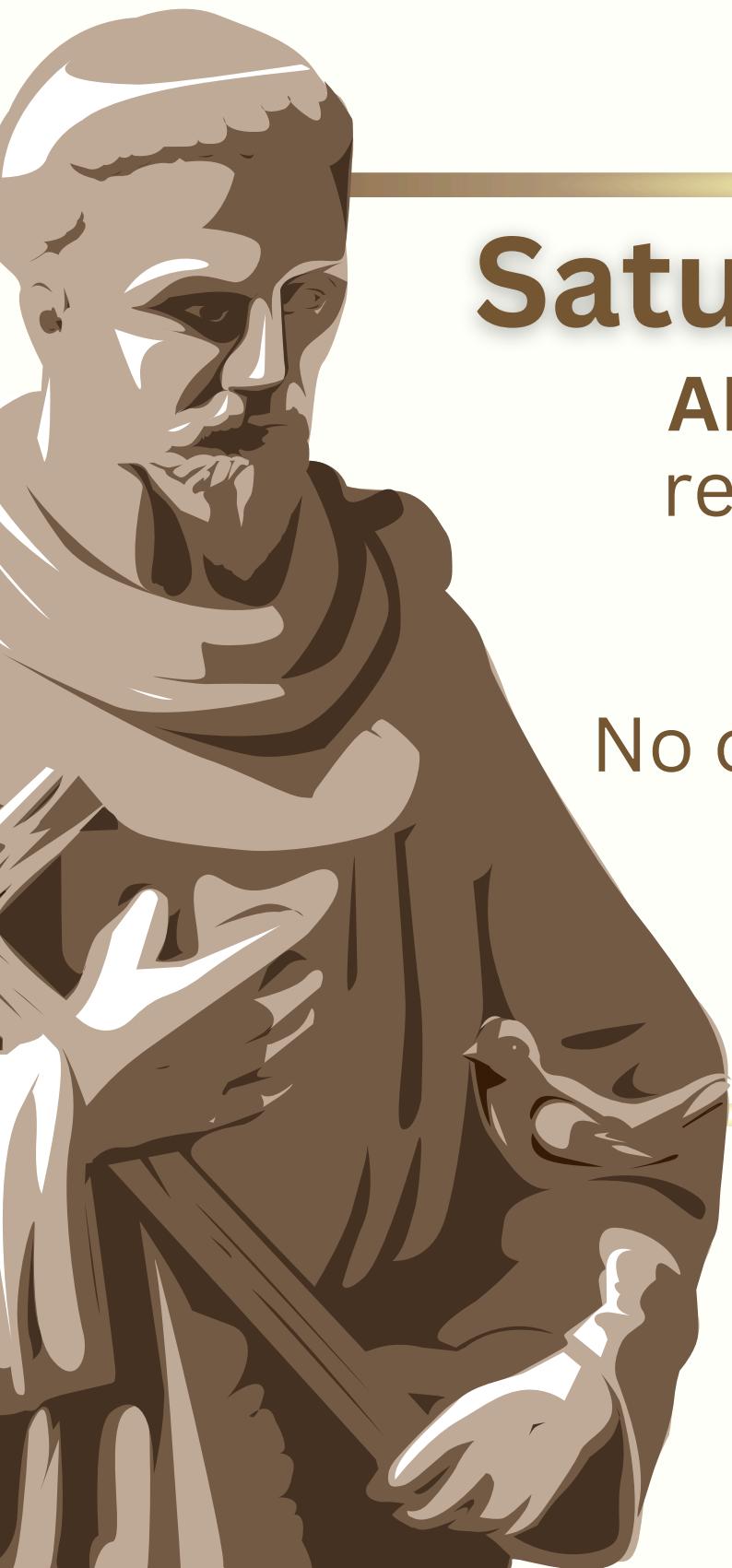


Lenten day of Prayer & Reflection

Hosted by the Living Stones Secular Franciscans
Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters the Knights of Columbus

LAUDATO SI: BECOMING THE LIVING PRAISES OF GOD

Learning from St. Francis of Assisi



Saturday, February 28th

ALL MEN & WOMEN are invited to a
retreat led by Sr. Jacque Schroeder
A catered lunch and continental
breakfast are provided

No charge, free will offering accepted

Mass, 9 AM
Retreat, 9:30-3:30 PM

RSVP to Diane at 605-721-3065
or by text at 605-484-2824
By February 21st

at Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont
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Catholic Cuisine



FASTING BREAD FOR LENT

OLBH Catholic Daughter Court #2805 will be selling loaves of FASTING BREAD for your Lenten journey.

Loaves will be on sale before and after Ash Wednesday Mass.

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White Flour: A reminder of the manna given by God to the Hebrews during their forty years in the desert as Moses led them to the promised land. Manna foreshadowed the Holy Eucharist, also the called “:Bread from Heaven.” Exodus 16:35, Jn 6:41

Yeast: Unifies many parts into one; a symbol of the kingdom of heaven and of the Church. Mt 13:33

Salt: Christ said to his Apostles: “You are the salt of the earth.” Mt 5:13

Water: Giving life to all things; a symbol of baptism; cleansing. Lenten penances aid the washing away of our sins. Holy water carries a blessing just by its use and when introduced with the sign of the cross. “He who drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst.” Jn 4:15

Olive Oil: Acclaimed throughout history as a source of strength, olive oil was used by the athletes of ancient Greece to prepare them for the contests. Mixed with wine it is useful in healing the wounds of those injured on the battlefields of medieval Europe. Olive oil is used by the Church in the Holy Oils applied in sacramental anointing.

Pure Maple Syrup: Collected in pure form flowing from a tree; symbolic of the cross and of the sweetness of the Blood of Christ which flowed freely from the tree of his cross, the tree of life; shed so that “sins may be forgiven.” A symbol of God’s love by making this sweet nutrient a gift to be discovered.

Walnuts and Pecans and Cherries: These pleasant gifts found in abundance from prolific trees are reminders of Christ’s command to go forth and “produce good fruit.” They are reminders of our own call to perform works of charity, prayer, fasting and almsgiving; the fruit of good works to be undertaken during Lent. Jn 15:16

Raisins: Made from pure grapes, raisins are the fruit of the vine; a reminder of the miracle of water changed into wine at the wedding feast in Cana; of the wine changed into the Blood of Christ at the Last Supper and at the Consecration during Mass. These serve as reminders of that mystery where wine is described as the “fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our Spiritual Drink.”



KIDS MOVIE MORNING: PHILO AND SOPHIE



Saturday, February 14 | 9:30 AM
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