



Rejoice in Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near!

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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This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday which gets this name from the entrance antiphon which in Latin is, "**Gaudete in Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Dóminus enim prope est,**" which is the Latin translation of the title of this bulletin.

The season of Advent is meant to be a time for repentance and reflection, so that we might prepare our hearts and our minds for the coming of Christ. So, in the midst of this penitential season, the call to rejoice brings a welcome break from the otherwise somber mood of Advent. The liturgical color even changes from violet to rose joyfully reminding us that our salvation is near.

Our first reading from Isaiah presents to us a vivid and hopeful prophecy that conveys that God comes to fulfill his promises to heal and make us whole. The second reading encourages us to be patient, prepared and firm in our faith as we await the coming of the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus is asked by John's disciples, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus answers them by telling them to report to John what they hear and see, then lists all that he has done leaving it up to them discern that he is the Messiah that prophets foretold would come. Gaudete Sunday is the halfway point in the Advent season, and it commands us to prepare for Christ's coming not just with prayer and penance, but with joy.

Each day, the Clergy and many of the Laity pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church, which marks out the hours of each day with structured prayers, psalms, readings, and hymns. It is meant to sanctify the day and all human activity as it invites its participants to remain in constant communion with God throughout the day. During the last seven days of Advent, from December 17th to the 23rd, the "O Antiphons" are sung or recited before and after the Magnificat during Vespers (Evening Prayer). You may not have heard of these antiphons, which are short chants or refrains, but you would recognize them as the verses for the popular Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Here is the title of each antiphon.

12/17: O **Sapientia** (O Wisdom)

12/18: O **Adonai** (O Lord of Might)

12/19: O **Radix Jesse** (O Root of Jesse)

12/20: O **Clavis David** (O Key of David)

12/21: O **Oriens** (O Day-Spring)

12/22: O **Rex Gentium** (O King of Nations)

12/23: O **Emmanuel** (O God with Us)

The first letter of these messianic titles spells out the Latin words ERO CRAS, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come." I encourage you to take up the practice of praying the Liturgy of the Hours using either a breviary or an app. I know it will help to bring you closer to God in your everyday life and I pray that this Advent season may be a time of refreshing renewal for you and your family as we all await the arrival of our newborn King and his second coming at the end of time.

-Deacon Phillip



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Order your smoked Brisket (\$150) and/or Pork Loin (\$75) by December 14th.

*Brisket and Pork Loin will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, 12/23.



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OLBH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, 12/24 at 4 PM
The Nativity of the Lord Mass, 12/24 at 8 PM
The Nativity of the Lord Mass, 12/25 at 9 AM



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
FOLLOWING ALL MASSES
DECEMBER 20-21



OLBH
CAROLING

- All ages welcome!
- **Meet at OLBH at 2:30pm** to warm-up and organize groups. Caroling in nearby neighborhoods starts at 3pm.
- Meet back afterwards for hot cocoa and cookies at OLBH
- Dress warmly!



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

WINE & CHEESE NIGHT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
FOLLOWING 5 PM MASS
FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Deck a Yard!
OLBH Steubenville Fundraiser
Have your friend's house
'decked' between now and
Epiphany for a donation. Call the
office to send a 'decking.'



Bring your Baby Jesus
Children can place their Jesus in the manger on the altar at all Christmas Masses. Pick him up at the end of Mass.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss III

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

Monday, December 15

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday, December 16

8 AM Mass for the repose of Judy Wilson

6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

8 AM Mass for the repose of Marj Waits

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, December 18

8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory

[4-7 PM Advent Penance Liturgy at Blessed Sacrament]

Friday, December 19

8 AM Mass for the friends and benefactors of the Immaculate Heart Hermitage

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the repose of Mark Marshall

10:30 AM Funeral for Loretta Wiehl

Saturday, December 20

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for the wellbeing of Dean and Jean Hohm

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

Wine & Cheese

Sunday, December 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 AM Mass for the repose of Joe George

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of Kenel, Bullhead, and McLaughlin

St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

2:30-4 PM Christmas Caroling

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/13 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean Bestgen (lead) Otto and Oliver
Lector: Steve Colgan (1st) Sue Colgan (2nd) Hospitality: Alan and Marie Rundell

Sacristan: Jan Evans

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Clarke

12/14 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Tom Collings (lead) Thomas and Will R.
Lector: Marty Quinn (1st) Joyce Williamson (2nd)
Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister: Jeremy Thompson

12/14 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: NOT FILLED (lead) Alex and James
Lectors: Emmett Edwards (1st) Sheila Keeler (2nd)
Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek

Eucharistic Minister: David Edwards

Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on 89.9 or 94.7 FM in Rapid City or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com

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

December 6-7, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	25	79
Sunday Collection	3,654	3,709	7,363
Building Fund	42	100	142
PV Food Pantry	-		1,500
Immaculate Conception			354
Steubenville			580
Reimbursement			7,000
Total Contributions	3,749	3,834	17,017.31

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 December:

Pope's Intention: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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 Wyrstek, 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, Richard, Joyce Kinney, Gary Sexton, Kathleen Espinosa, Deacon John Osnes, Ann Garrido, Shawna Wood, Mel Flottmeyer, Rebecca Lyle, Joesph Walizer, Cathy Luedtke, Marcia Senn, Karen Bestgen, Jim Ball

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. Loretta Wiehl

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25
Friday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25
Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38
Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

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:

- December 15 Elisa Maria Chedel (2016)
- December 17 Rev. Micahel S. Roach (1989); Harold A. Swallow (1998)
- December 18 Rev. Albert Grueter, S.J. (1967); Leona Maria Jensen (2012)
- December 19 Rev. Francis P. Bensorfer (1946) Mary Arlene Ricard (2005); Barbara (Shinnick) Schroeder (2023)
- December 20 Rev. Joachim Huwylet, O.S.B. (1899); Rev. Louis Gall, S.J. (1946); Rev. Richard A. Plante (2001)

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.

TERRA SANCTA RETREAT CENTER'S

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

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with special guests
Fr Andrzej Wyrstek &
Hayley Johnson

in concert

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 19 | 6:30PM
HOLY CROSS CHAPEL AT TERRA SANCTA

Thank you!

Thank you to Clover Construction, Justin Carlin, for heading up the library/office project. Special thanks to Jeremy Thompson for lending us his expertise, to Paul and Tom Caouette for completing all of the electrical changeovers, to Mark Weishaar for the wood components, to Tony Palli for your assistance, and to Patti Cresalia for helping us clean up. Thank you also to the crew giving helpful hints and tips throughout the project.

The library is OPEN!



Thank you!



BLACK HILLS AREA
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FOUNDATION

for the \$1,500 grant to the Piedmont
Valley Food Pantry.

Thank you to all who donated gifts to the giving tree. Over 70 families received gifts and Christmas meal fixings in Piedmont, Summerset, and Black Hawk. This was organized by the PV Food Pantry and PV Sewing Club.

BISHOP BULLOCK'S ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

for the
JUBILEE YEAR OF *Hope*

February 20th
**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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