

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Mt 1:20-21

## 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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Dear Friends in Christ,

The end of Advent is here. Only few more days and we will gather together again to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In many ways, we will rejoice, though for many it will also be a difficult time. As much as we want to be happy, our hearts will also remember many of the events of our life, that make us sad. Christmas is hinting that the end of another year is right around the corner. We just got older and somehow farther away from the perfect life we planned on living. But perhaps, all this reminiscing, our nostalgia, and short lived joy of Christmas is not that bad or that unique. As we read the story of Christs' conception and of his birth, we find that the life of the Emmanuel was not that great either. First, Mary finds herself conversing with an angel, then she needs to tell her beloved that she is with a child. Then Joseph is wrestling with his moral responsibility and the love he has for Mary. In the first months of Mary's pregnancy, they need to travel to a distant country, only to be threatened by the Herod. They had to hide and live in exile. The life of Jesus and of his family was not that easy. But despite all these misfortunes of life, the Messiah still comes to live in our midst.

It is the love God has for us, that allows Jesus, Joseph and Mary to carry on the mission of salvation. It is their love for God that allows them to look beyond the difficulties of their circumstances, and to rejoice when they are visited by the angels, when they are cared for by the shepherds and when they are praised by the Maggi. In these last few days of Advent, I encourage you to make room for Jesus in your homes and in your souls. In this Jesus, we find the imperfections of the world we live in, but we also find the fulfillment of what our souls are longing for. Be not afraid to take Jesus, and his Holy Family into your homes.

Fr. Andrzej

## Christmas Masses at Our Lady of the Black Hills

The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, 12/24, at 4 PM & 8 PM


The Nativity of the Lord Mass, 12/25, at 9 AM

# 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.'





The Solemnity of

# Mary, Mother of God

[holy day of obligation]

Thursday, 1/1  
Mass at 9 AM

Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont



# OLBH CAROLING

## THIS SUNDAY, DEC 21

- 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!



Pick up your brisket and pork loin from the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, December 23rd from 8 AM - 3 PM.



## 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.

**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



## Coffee & Desserts

The first Wednesday of the month, following 8 AM Mass.  
Join us in St. Joseph's Hall.  
**January 7**

**Note:** There are no confessions nor Adoration on Wednesday, 12/24. There will be Adoration and confessions on Wednesday, 12/31.



Knights of Columbus

# BREAKFAST

1/11 following 8 AM Mass

The second Sunday of each month following 8 AM Mass

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss IV

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

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

**Saint John of Kanty, Priest**  
**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Judy Wilson  
5-7 PM Advent Penance Liturgy at St. Therese in Rapid City

Wednesday, December 24

[office closed]  
**4 PM Christmas Vigil Mass** for the repose of Brittany Holzer and Cheryl Rohl  
**8 PM Christmas Vigil Mass** for the wellbeing of Starette Nash

Thursday, December 25

**The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day**  
[office closed]  
**9 AM Christmas Day Mass** for the repose of Bernadine Gerving

Friday, December 26

**SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**  
[office closed]  
**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Greg Overholt

Saturday, December 27

**SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**  
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

Sunday, December 28

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**  
**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Jerome and Lora Kramer  
**11 AM Mass** for the repose of Bernie Gerving

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/24 4 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Tom Collings (lead) Keeana, Kyah, and Thomas  
Lector: Carisa Gerving (1st) David Allardyce (2nd)  
Hospitality: Debbie & Paul Roberts and John & Bernie Usera  
Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher  
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John and Bernie Keeler

12/24 8 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Dominic Hoiten (lead) Isaac and Luke, Bruce Lehman (MC)  
Lector: Joyce Williamson (1st) Benjamin Funk (2nd)  
Hospitality: Benjamin and Heather Funk  
Sacristan: Jan Evans  
Eucharistic Minister: Larry Williamson and Samantha Hough (Blood), Lorinda Collings (Body)

12/25 9 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Bruce Lehman (lead) **NOT FILLED**  
Lector: Jeremy Thompson (1st) Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)  
Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt  
Sacristan: Stacy Tate  
Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Flottmeyer

12/27 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Meaghan Allen (lead) Julia and Stella  
Lector: Jonathan Allen (1st) Jean Hohm (2nd)  
Hospitality: Sue and Steve Colgan  
Sacristan: Cindy Creager  
Eucharistic Minister: Jan Evans

12/28 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Fred Weishaar (lead) Eli and Yazmin  
Lector: Lori Caouette (1st) Joshua Weaver (2nd)  
Hospitality: Jack and Debra Jensen  
Sacristan: Bob Weaver  
Eucharistic Minister: Marty Quinn

12/28 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej  
Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) James and Alex Lectors:  
Mary Blauvelt (1st) Kim Wynn (2nd)  
Hospitality: Becca and Joe Cuiba  
Sacristan: Kelli Siemieniak  
Eucharistic Minister: Brad Blauvelt

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

December 13-14, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	350	404
Sunday Collection	3,654	8,180	11,834
Building Fund	42	100	142
PV Food Pantry	-		1,500
Immaculate Conception			354
Steubenville			580
Reimbursement			7,000
<b>Total Contributions</b>	3,749	8,630	21,813.31

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](http://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](mailto: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.

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67-79

Thursday: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## 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 22 Mrs. Joe Ricard (1942); Marc L. Farabee (1987)

December 23 Rev. Florentine Dignam, S.J. (1931); Shirley A. Foight (2001); Mary Kay Young (2012); Darwyn F. Stebbins (2017)

December 24 Msgr. James P. Walsh (1968); Rev. William M. Philbin (2000); Deacon Eugene Heckathorne (2014); Lloyd Francis Foight (2003)

December 25 Rose Virginia Knecht (1983)

December 26 Rev. Larry Hellmueller, S.J. (2002)

December 28 Msgr. James R. Creahen (1948)

## 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, 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, Gloria Allardyce

## 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 and Jim Ball

### 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](http://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/>

## 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!



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for the \$1,500 grant to the Piedmont  
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## BISHOP BULLOCK'S ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

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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)**

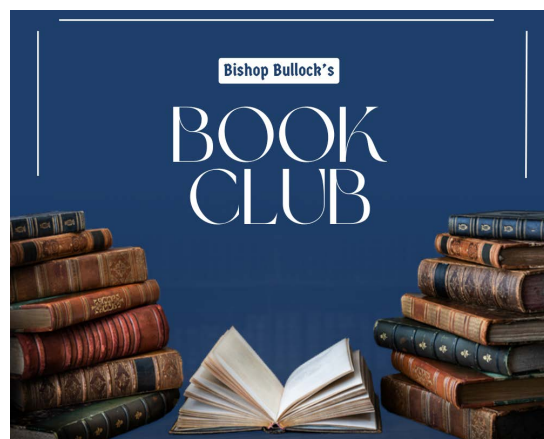
December 4th  
**SAFETY LAST (NR)**

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

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Time:  
**6:30 PM**

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