

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11)

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.

On this second Sunday of Advent, Jesus encounters us in the desert, speaking through John the Baptist. John the Baptist wasn't an ordinary guy, but he didn't share an ordinary message either. In the world full of business and full of worldly wisdom, John needed to do something extraordinary to catch peoples' attention. He lived in the desert, ate locust and wild honey, wore camel skin. Odd looking fellow, and yet people came to him to listen to him. As they listened, they received the Baptism of Repentance. In some odd way, they saw John as a messenger from God whom they needed to listen to. But John, knew that it was not about him, he drew attention, but he was quick to point out to a greater person, to a greater reason for his behavior and for his message.

We are in the second Sunday of Advent. The time is moving fast and before we know it, we will be celebrating the day of Christmas. After all that is what we are preparing for. But do we know what we truly are preparing for? Do we really spend time on praying and mediating on what Christmas is all about? Do we ask ourselves, what does it mean for me to prepare myself for the birth of Messiah? These are some questions we may wrestle with as we decorate homes, put up the Christmas trees and send Christmas letters. Emmanuel means God is with us. And if God is with us, do we remember to ready a place for him in our homes and in our hearts.

In many ways, we work hard on making the coming of Christ, a special time. The joy that can be felt in our environment is great experience. Our life is lifted by the generosity and kindness we share with each other. That spirit of Christmas is already being felt, but let's not forget that Christ will look not only at our "feel good" experiences, but also at the reason we do them. One may ask, in all I do during Advent, as I prepare for Christmas, where do I see God present. Where is the message of the Gospel present? How do I help others on their journey with God? These are just some of the thoughts we could wrestle with, as we continue the journey of Advent. The time is near, and God is ready to Baptize us with the fire and the Spirit. May he find in us worthy people of His grace and mercy.

Happy and blessed Advent.

Fr. Andrzej

Advent Penance Liturgies:

Tuesday, 12/9, 6-7:30 PM, Our Lady of the Black Hills - Piedmont Tuesday, 12/16, 6-7:30 PM, St. Rose of Lima - Hill City Thursday, 12/18, 4-7 PM, Blessed Sacrament Church - Rapid City Tuesday, 12/23, 5-8 PM, St. Therese - Rapid City

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Smoked Brisket & Pork Loin

Order your smoked Brisket (\$150) and/or Pork Loin (\$75) by December 13th.

*Brisket and Pork Loin will be ready for pickup on Sunday, 12/21.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary [holy day of obligation] Monday, 12/8, Mass at 8 AM & 6 PM.



PARENT'S

Need a date night or time for Christmas shopping? The Steubenville Teens will babysit for a donation to support their trip in Summer 2026!

MOVIE, COOKIES & CRAFTING FUN!



December 12th, 6pm - 10:00pm









Tuesday, 12/9 6-7:30 PM

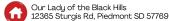




OLBH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass, 12/24 at 4 PM The Nativity of the Lord Mass, 12/24 at 8 PM The Nativity of the Lord Mass, 12/25 at 9 AM









Veck a Gard **OLBH Steubenville Fundraiser**

Have your friend's house 'decked' between now and Epiphany for \$10. Call the office to send a 'decking.'









Drop off UNWRAPPED presents at Our Lady of the Black Hills by 12/10.

> Help us WRAP PRESENTS on Thursday, 12/11 beginning at 9 AM until we finish (about 4 PM). You can come and go.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE PSS II

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

Monday, December 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [holy day of obligation]

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

8 AM Mass for Eloise Harwood

10 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the repose of Marc Marshall

6 PM Mass for the wellbeing of Terry and Bonnie Palmer 7 PM Women's Cursillo in the Library

Tuesday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlahtoatzin

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Joyce Williamson

6-7:30 PM Advent Penance Liturgy at OLBH

Wednesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

8 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Aaron Hohm

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 11

Saint John Damasus I, Pope

8 AM Mass for the repose of Greg Overholt

6 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8 AM Mass for an end to agortion

6-10 PM Steubenville Babysitting Night

Saturday, December 13

SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

7 AM Men's Cursillo

3:30-4:30 PM Confessions

5 PM Mass for Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, December 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation

11 AM Mass for the wellbeing of Alice Shatz

*birthday blessing weekend for children 18 and under

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/8 8 AM Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Altar Servers: Bruce Lehman (lead)

Lector: Joyce Williamson (1st) Deacon Walt Wilson (2nd)

Hospitality: Ken and Pam Freeman Sacristan: Ermma and Bruce Lehman Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

12/8 6 PM Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Altar Servers: Todd Curtis (lead) Julia

Lector: Carisa Gerving (1st) Jeremy Thompson (2nd)

Hospitality: Bernadette and John Usera

Sacristan: Stacy Tate

Eucharistic Minister: Samantha Hough

12/13 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Sean Bestgen (lead) Otto and Oliver Lectors: 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 Jr., William R.

Lectors: Marty Quinn (1st) Jay Hammerquist (2nd)

Hospitality: Gary and Sandy Langfeldt

Sacristan: Richard Long

Eucharistic Minister: Jeremy Thompson

12/14 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej

Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) Alex and James W.

Lectors: Emmett Edwards (1st) Sheila Keeler (2nd)

Hospitality: Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek Eucharistic Minister: David Edwards

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

November 29-30, 2025

_	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	5	59
Sunday Collection	3,654	5,728	9,381
Building Fund	42	-	42
PV Food Pantry	-		500
Living the Mission			12,953
Steubenville			260
Mass Intentions			150
Total Contributions	3,749	5,733	23,345.21

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.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14 Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Zechariah 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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 8 Rev. Matthew Connell, S.J. (1957)

December 9 Rev. James D. Becht (2002); Marc Steven Jacobs (2024)

December 10 Janice Y. Kosters (2021); Dean A. Antonsen (2024)

December 11 G. Carol Maicki (2004); Alan Jeffers Kinney (2016)

December 12 Mary V. Keller (1986)

December 13 Most Rev. Harold J. Dimmerling (1987); Lyle Leroy Tennyson (2024)

December 14 Rev. John J. Groell (1955)

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.

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, Adrianne 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

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. Klare Schroeder and Jean Schacher

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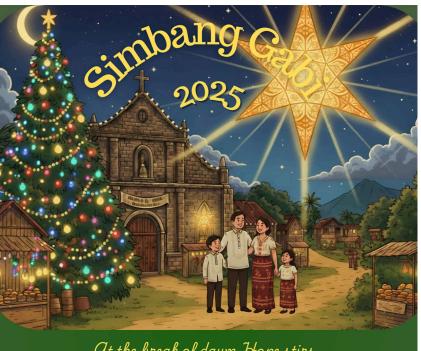
Most Rev. Scott Bullock and Priests of Our Diocese December 12, at 5:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Church 4500 Jackson Blvd Rapid City, SD 57702

Everyone is welcome Questions call: 605-342-3336

Celebrante

Reverendísimo Scott Bullock y Sacerdotes de nuestra Diocesis 12 de Diciembre a las 5:30 p.m. Iglesia de Blessed Sacrament 4500 Jackson Blvd Rapid City, SD 57702 Todos son bien venidos Preguntas llame al 605-342-3336

ROSARIO BILINGÜE Y MÚSICA DE ALABANZA a las 8:00 am, y a las 4:30 pm BILINGUAL ROSARY AND PRAISE MUSIC at 8:00 am, and at 4:30 pm



At the break of dawn, Hope stirs, Faith watches, and Love fulfills the Promise.

Come, join us in celebrating Simbang Gabi 2025 on December 15-23, 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Dr., Rapid City, SD 57701.

The main celebration will be on December 19, starting with the Children's Annunciation Play, followed by Mass and a festive Filipino meal. Our celebrant will be Father Jason Marco from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wyoming.





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Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During December 13-14, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This important annual appeal benefits more than 20,500 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church, including the Benedictine Sisters of Saint Martin Monastery, who have so generously served our diocese.

On the third Saturday of November, I met with the religious women and men who serve the Diocese of Rapid City. During our conversations, I was inspired by the dedication and joy they bring to their ministry. These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health. Please pick up an envelope from the table in the entry way or put retired religious in the memo of your check.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

+ Seatt E. Bullon

Most Rev. Scott E. Bullock, JCL

Bishop of Rapid City



December 7, 2025

Written by
THE
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Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 | Rom 15:4-9 | Mt 3:1-12

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

Today's Gospel is a challenging one, inviting us to consider how much spiritual fruit we are bearing in our lives. St. John the Baptist tells us, "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," reminding us that the depth of our conversion will be measured by our fruit. Speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John says it is not enough to say that "'We have Abraham as our father."" If he were speaking today, John might put it this way: it's not enough to say "I'm Catholic!" or "I belong to X Parish." Our lives must show outward evidence of the inward conversion we have undergone. The good news for us today is that we can pause and take stock of how well we are bearing spiritual fruit. Pay attention to what areas might need pruning or fertilizing to ensure that when we come to the Lord's threshing floor at the end of our lives, there is a bountiful harvest he can gather into his barn.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading gives us a glimpse of God's kingdom: The Son of David will rule with wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge, judging "the poor with justice" and striking "the ruthless with the rod of his mouth." In his kingdom "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb" and yet "there shall be no harm or ruin." What a poetic way of describing the harmony and wholeness that God longs for in society! As disciples, this is our mission. We're called to work so that God's kingdom vision can become reality. As we work for peace and justice, we're doing our part in the Church's work of evangelization. As the U.S. bishops reminded us in their letter *Communities of Salt and Light*, "social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission."

REFLECT

In the Gospel, John the Baptist says of Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Our ability to bear spiritual fruit comes from the power of the Holy Spirit within us. Take a moment to reflect on where you see the gifts (see the first reading from Isaiah!) and fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life. How might the Spirit of God be working to increase your spiritual fruitfulness this Advent?





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