



They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. (Is 2:4)

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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Jubilant from John

When I was 16 years old in the summer of 1969, I won a weeklong visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. One of my most vivid recollections of that visit was walking past the Isaiah Wall across 1st Avenue from the headquarters each day. Etched into the blocks of the wall are the words: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations shall not lift up sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war any more” (Is 2:4). These words literally jumped out of the stones to me because of the state of our nation at the time. The Vietnam War had escalated and was spilling beyond the borders of Vietnam, spreading overtly and covertly into Cambodia and Laos, and the heat of war had come to our home shores in the form of increasingly violent protests. Swords and spears seemed to be becoming sharpened, not being beat into instruments of fruitful agriculture.

As we begin the Season of Advent, we hear the same inspiring words of the Prophet Isaiah. However, with conflicts simmering in the Middle East and a prolonged war raging in Ukraine, Isaiah’s vision of peace and harmony seems no closer to reality than when I read his prophecy etched in stone more than five decades ago. The immediacy of the reign of the Prince of Peace anticipated in St. Paul’s letter to the Romans seems long delayed: “You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand” (Rom 13:11-12).

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, Jesus places the messianic prophecy of Isaiah and the eager expectancy of St. Paul into the proper timeframe: “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come... So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Mt 24:42,44). Indeed, the Season of Advent is a time of preparation—not just impatiently waiting to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, but also patiently anticipating his everlasting reign of true peace and justice at his Second Coming.

The candles of our Advent wreaths are not birthday candles. Traditionally each candle has a meaning beyond the proximity of Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Hope that awaits the dawn; Peace that calms the storm; Joy that overcomes the darkness; and Love that warms cold hearts. As you light each candle over the next four weeks, I encourage you to meditate upon its symbolism as you offer up the blessing of Psalm 122:6-9:

Keep the Faith!

Deacon John

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!/ May those who love you prosper!/May peace be within your walls,/ prosperity in your buildings./Because of my brothers and friends/ I will say, “Peace be within you!” Because of the house of the Lord, our God,/ I will pray for your good.



**Middle and High School
Adoration Night**
with Praise and Worship
Wednesday, December 3
at 6:30-7:30pm
following the monthly meal
(All YDisciple groups will meet at OLBH)

**Advent Penance
Liturgy**
Tuesday, 12/9
6-7:30 PM

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CHRISTMAS GIVING

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

Gifts and food boxes are given to all ages. Clothing items, socks, and outerwear are especially appreciated.

If you know a person(s) or family in the Piedmont, Black Hawk, or Summerset area who could use Christmas giving please call Judy at 605-716-4647 before 12/10.

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Order your smoked Brisket
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(\$75) by December 13th.

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be ready for pickup on
Sunday, 12/21.



Grief Support Group
Begins Wednesday, December 3rd
1-2:30 PM
6-8 Sessions
Led by Joni Osnes
Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont

For information
or to register
call Katie in the office.

'Prepare the Way'

**Advent Scripture
Study on Sunday's
Readings**

booklets available in the
Narthex on the Advent table



*The Immaculate
Conception of Mary*
(holly day of obligation)

Monday, 12/8
Mass at 8 AM & 6 PM

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**PARISH
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FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH | 5:30-6:30 PM
December 3rd

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To cook and serve a meal, call Angela in the office.



Come and Meet **ST. NICHOLAS**

following all Masses
December 6 & 7th.

There will be a treat for the children of the parish.



Thank you to Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek, for all of your work on the Gratitude Concert! It was beautifully done. Lorraine led practices, wrote and coordinated music, and helped the students understand what they were singing. Please thank her! Thank you to all of our catechists who helped her in these endeavors.



PARENT'S *Night Out* **STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER**



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to support their trip in Summer 2026!

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THE **STAR**



WEEKLY SCHEDULE Pss I

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

Monday, December 1

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

Tuesday, December 2

8 AM Mass for the repose of Genevieve Walz
6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST
8 AM Mass for the repose of Bertha Lee Witte
Coffee & Desserts, bring a dessert to share!
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 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8 AM Mass for the repose of Sidney Pulaski
7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, December 5

8 AM Mass for the repose of Sister M. Helen Borszich
First Friday Devotion
8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the repose of Aaron Orbeck

Saturday, December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop
7 AM Men's Cursillo
7:30 AM First Saturday Confessions
8 AM First Saturday Mass for the teachers and catechists in our parish
8:30-9:30 AM First Saturday Adoration
1-3 PM First Reconciliation Retreat
3:30-4:30 PM Confessions
5 PM Mass for the Diocesan Masses for Life

Sunday, December 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 AM Mass for the repose of Klare Schroeder
9:30-10:45 AM Faith Formation
11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the Black Hills and for our sister parishes of Kenel, Bullhead, and McLaughlin

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

12/6 5 PM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Marty Reeve (lead) NOT FILLED
Lectors: Samantha Hough (1st) Tony Berendse (2nd)
Hospitality: Steve and Sue Colgan
Sacristan: Joe and Linda Schacher
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

12/7 8 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Freddy Weishaar (lead) NOT FILLED
Lectors: Bernadette Usera (1st) John Usera (2nd)
Hospitality: Jack and Deb Jensen
Sacristan: Brad Blauvelt
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes

12/7 11 AM Mass with Fr. Andrzej
Altar Servers: Kaleb Arellano (lead) Talia and Leo
Lectors: Joni Osnes (1st) Kelli Siemieniak (2nd)
Hospitality: Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristan: Nikki and Robert Dyczek
Eucharistic Minister: Deacon John Osnes



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

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

November 22-23, 2025

	Automatic	Basket	Total
Adopt a Seminarian	54	-	54
Sunday Collection	3,654	10,941	14,595
Building Fund	42	-	42
Priest Retirement	-		2
Silent Auction			120
Steubenville			50
Mass Intentions			40
Total Contributions	3,749	10,941	14,902.48

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 November

Pope's Intention: For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to die by suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The weekly readings are on the USCCB.org website.
Monday: Isaiah 4:2-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

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 1 Msgr. Robbert F. Dube (1958)
- December 2 Rev. Robert Ready, O.S.B. (1975); Shayann Amy Lenz (2012); Trista MARie Meyer (2012)
- December 3 Deacon Le Roy DeCory (2017)
- December 4 Sidney James Pulaski (2023)
- December 5 James Skaags (1973)
- December 6 Rev. James Michalski, S.J. (2014); Milton H. Gray (2000); Ember Erin Smith (2004); Alice Donley (2010); James Darwin Weisbeck (2010)
- December 7 Msgr. Vincent J. Christie (1953); Gene Albrecht (2017)

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, 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

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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*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.

MISA BILINGÜE EN HONOR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE BILINGUAL MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Celebrant

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 Diócesis
12 de Diciembre a las 5:30 p.m.
Iglesia de Blessed Sacrament
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Todos son bien venidos
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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

Messengers of Hope

Thank you again for your participation in the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your charitable contribution is vital to the diocese, so please help by completing the pledge card if you have not already done so. You can place your pledge card in the collection basket, turn it into the parish office, or mail it directly to the diocese in the pre-addressed pledge envelope.

“It is the hour
now for you
to awake
from sleep.”

(Rom 13:11)



November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

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

For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It's providential, then, that our first reading calls us to “walk in the light of the Lord!” Paul tells us that we do this by “throw[ing] off the works of darkness” and “put[ting] on the armor of light.” While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those “works of darkness” Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should “always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

PRAY

Take a moment to pray this week for those “divine appointments” – those individuals who might come your way – seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be “awake” so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love.

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