

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
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GIVE ELECTRONICALLY! WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG/GIVE
 Create a profile with an e-mail address and a password, set-up a way to give, and begin giving electronically (e.g., e-tithing). So far, we have **26 registered families** and are **processing \$904.55/week over 24 weeks so far in FY21**. Interested? Contact Joan at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through December 13, 2020

General Collection	\$ 4,117.22	Major Capital Fund	\$ 152.00
- via e-giving	\$ 1,433.66	Votive candles	\$ 136.00
Children's Coll.	\$ 0.00	Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 69.00
Special Collections:		Flowers (Christmas)	\$ 120.00
HD: IC of BVM	\$ 52.00	Insurance Claim Proceeds:	
RFReligious	\$ 122.00	Roofing (shingles)	\$ 39,580.80
General Fund Income, Actual (to date)		: \$ 83,786.10	
General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date)		: \$ 83,287.68	
Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-)		: + \$ 498.42	
<i>Note: Avg. \$3,470.32/week needed for FY21 budgeted income.</i>			
Major Capital Fund (to date)		\$ 43,260.93	

WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, HOT SPRINGS

Note: *all social/formational activities and events at parish facilities are at the discretion of the pastor at this time.*

Third Week of Advent (Fr. Gerlach in Custer)

- 12/21 Mon.** 7:00A Most Holy Rosary & LHs: Morning Prayer (MP)
- 12/22 Tues.** 4- 5P Eucharistic Adoration concluding with LHs: Evening Prayer (EP) and Eucharistic Benediction
- 12/23 Wed.** 4- 5P Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Most Holy Rosary, LHs: EP, and Eucharistic Benediction
- 12/24 Thurs.** 7:00A LHs: Office of Readings & MP
Holiday: Christmas
 (Parish Church Office closed)
- 12/25 Fri.** **Holiday: Christmas**
Christmas Time (Parish Church Office closed)
Holy Day (HD): Nativity of Lord (Christmas)
10:30A * Limited HD Mass (Day) ^
 (Int.: Margaret & Martin Farrell †)
- 12/26 Sat.** 7:30A Eucharistic Adoration (1hr) with LHs: MP
- Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
- 12/27 Sun.** 10:30A **Limited Sun. Mass ^**
 (Int.: Poor Souls †)

Note: ^ Sun. & HD Masses limited to 78 "registered" people.

HOLIDAYS & HOLY DAYS: Mary, Holy Mother of God: Thurs., Dec. 31, 8P (at SJA, Edgemont) and Fri., Jan. 1, 2021, 8A (at SAP, HS).

In the charity of your prayers: All those who care for those vulnerable to the COVID-19 disease (esp. Dr. Heather Preuss), Kat & Brandon Becker and Rose Bergen, Mary Breyer, Rachel Brickey † and Cathy & Jim Brickey and their family, Mary Helen Bruce, Roger Burkinshaw, Bobbie & Bill Christman, Carol Collette, Kathie Collins, Don Gannon †, Shirley Green, Leo Hagenson †, Dn. Jim Hayes, Marty Hicks †, Dale Kleinsorge †, Liz & Henry Marquard, Kathy Meyer, Joanne Panka, Charles Joseph Roe, Brenna & Troy Schmit, Tom Sedlacek, Cecile Tays, Leonard Vellek †, Kathleen Weisbruch, Darrell Wilcox, and all residents of Pine Hills RC, Seven Sisters LC, the SVH, and the VA campus in HS.

Beginning with Advent, those on this list will be listed for 3 months at a time; they can be re-listed for an additional 3 months.

Spiritual Hospice Ministry: Our mission is to pray for dying souls. To request prayers for the dying, call 605/209-0667 or visit WWW.SPIRITUALHOSPICE.COM.

"Remember the Rosary" ~ WWW.REMEMBERTHEROSARY.COM
"Rosary Evangelization Apostolate" ~ WWW.ROSARYEA.ORG

Thank You! for refraining from parking on the street opposite the church building's main entrance on University Ave.

Church, Christ, & Coffee (CCC) w/ Dn. Craig: has resumed, first and third Wed. of the month, 9A.

Options for Mass via TV and/or online is available at WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG via the "Mass via TV/online" menu item, along with other resources for prayer.

Health & Care Facilities in Hot Springs continue to have Visitation Policies that restrict visitation to their residents due to proactive protocols... please be attentive to these policies before visiting any facilities. Thank you! ~ **Note:** This applies to the **FRHS hospital**, the **Seven Sisters LC**, the **Pine Hills RC**, the **SVH**, and the **VA campus**. **In need of a visit?** Contact the parish church office or Dn. Pearson.

"Live-Streamed" Masses (now includes Sunday!)
WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG; on right side

Monthly Devotion (Dec.): Immaculate Conception of BVM

~ Limited Public Masses ~

Register for Limited Sunday Masses!
Note: you no longer need to register for weekday Masses.
[HTTP://SAP-HS.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://SAP-HS.EVENTBRITE.COM)
 It's free! All that's needed is an e-mail address.
 (Contact the parish church office for any assistance.)

CATECHETICAL CORNER: Two “In-A-Year” Series (and more!): Tidbits from the Catechism at WWW.FLOCKNOTE.COM/CATECHISM; Tidbits about each Pope at WWW.FLOCKNOTE.COM/POPES. These tidbits are sent only on weekdays. And... it’s never too late to start!
Prayer + Study + Formation = a recipe for a Lively Faith!

STEWARDSHIP SPOT: Fourth Sun. of Advent: In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” – “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” – that the promise finds fulfillment. ~ **Nativity of Lord (Christmas):** The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

The Catholic Daughters would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all those who purchased a gift or donated cash to be used toward a gift for the residents of Seven Sisters Living Center. The gifts were dropped off on Tuesday and by now given to the residents. Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas and God bless to all.

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~ Limited Public Masses ~

Please see the notes below for instructions when attending these limited public Masses (on any day of the week):

General Notes (for “Limited Public Masses”, i.e., “these Masses”):

- Catholics (in the Diocese of Rapid City) remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass
 - However, Catholics are encouraged to attend these Masses throughout the week, if/when possible

Guidelines for attending these Masses with a limited number of people:

- If you have face mask, you are encouraged (but not required) to wear it
 - If you don’t have one, some will be available at the church building
- Please wash your hands before leaving home
 - Sanitizer will also be available at the church building
- You/your household will be checked-in at the exterior door of the church building
- Upon entering the church building, maintain six (6) feet of distance between yourself/your household and others
- Please be seated (by an usher) in designated pews and maintain proper distancing

Adjustments to these Masses include:

- A collection basket will be located near the entrance to the worship space
- Communion will be distributed in a single-file line with proper distancing; other directions may be given
 - Receiving Communion in the hand is encouraged; if receiving on the tongue, please wait until all others receive

Other Notes:

- Please maintain six (6) feet of distance when socializing/visiting after Mass (and do so outside the worship space, please)
- Pews where people were seated during these Masses will be sanitized following Mass
- Please wash your hands when you return home

These instructions are also available on the parish’s EventBrite page
[HTTPS://SAP-HS.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://SAP-HS.EVENTBRITE.COM)

~ WWW.CSSRAPIDCITY.COM ~
~ SNBLACKHILLS.FORMED.ORG ~
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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS ST. JAMES, EDGEMONT

12/24 Thurs.

Christmas Time

Holy Day (HD): Nativity of Lord (Christmas)

5:00P * Limited HD Mass (Vigil) ^

(Int.: *Pro Populo* [“for the People” of the Parishes])

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

12/27 Sun. 4:15P Penance/Reconciliation (30min)

5:00P **Limited Sun. Mass ^**

(Int.: Grace of Conversion)

Note: ^ Sun. & HD Masses limited to 32 people.

In the charity of your prayers: Jackie Heinen, Kim Koen † (daughter of Bev & Dave Gehman), Ralph Miller †, Casey Shaffer, Lizzy Tidball, and all homebound parishioners.

EDGEMONT FOOD BANK: Donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to the church building (main entrance doors) and they will be eventually delivered to the Edgemont Food Bank. Thank you!

FROM THE OFFICES OF THE BISHOP

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Advent (“to come”) – John 1:14

And the Word became Flesh: Like Us in All Things

What is the “coming” you are preparing for this Advent? Yes, God comes *to us* in the Christ-Child, yet God also *becomes us* in Christ: like us in *all things*! We, as Christians, prepare to receive this *merciful gift of the Incarnation of God in Christ*: God *becomes* human, and we *become* divine, in Christ! So, **the Gift of Christmas** is this *Joyful Mystery*: not only that “*God so loved the world that He gave his only Son*” (John 3:16) in the *past*, but that *God so loves us that He becomes us in all things in the Present (triple-meaning intended)*! I encourage you to meditate on this great mystery this Advent! – Fr. Gerlach

NEW DRC VOCATIONS PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in the Diocese of Rapid City. Look upon us with favor and choose from our homes those who are needed for your work. Send your Spirit to strengthen us and give us open hearts and minds ready to say “Yes” when you call. Help our parishes and families encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.