

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
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**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!** [WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG/GIVE](http://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 **27 registered families** and are **processing \$1,116.46/wk over 22 weeks so far in FY22**. Interested? Contact Joan at the parish church office.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through November 28, 2021**

General Collection	\$ 2,090.98	Major Capital Fund	\$ 50.00
- via e-giving	\$ 715.73	Major Mercy Fund	\$ 0.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 23.00	Votive candles	\$ 33.00
<b>Special Collections:</b>		Misc. Income (GF)	\$ 710.50
Flowers (Christmas)	\$ 150.00	Misc. Income (MCF)	\$ 250.00
<b>General Fund Income, Actual (to date)</b>		<b>: \$ 75,724.30</b>	
<b>General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date)</b>		<b>: \$ 83,589.29</b>	
<b>Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-)</b>		<b>: - \$ 7,864.99</b>	
<i>Note: Avg. \$3,875/week needed for FY22 budgeted income.</i>			
Major Capital Fund [MCF] (to date)	\$ 3,397.75		
Major Mercy Fund [MMF] (to date)	\$ 51,858.01		

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

**Second Week of Advent** (Fr. Gerlach in Custer)

**12/ 6 Mon.** 7:00A Most Holy Rosary and  
 LHs: Morning Prayer [MP]

**12/ 7 Tues.** 3- 5P Eucharistic Adoration  
*concluding with*  
 LHs: Evening Prayer [EP]  
 and Eucharistic Benediction

**Holy Day of Obligation (HDO):**  
**Immaculate Conception of BVM**  
**6:00P \* HDO Mass**  
 (Int.: Steve Thorton †)

**12/ 8 Wed.** 7:00A Most Holy Rosary and  
 LHs: MP  
 5:30P R.C.I.A. Inquiry Session

**12/ 9 Thurs.** 7:00A LHs: Office of Readings & MP

**12/10 Fri.** 7:00A Mass (“live-streamed” only)  
 8:00A Holy Communion outside Mass

**12/11 Sat.** 7:30A Eucharistic Adoration (Ihr)  
 with LHs: MP

**Third Sun. of Advent** (Gaudete – “Rejoice” – Sun.)  
 (Special Collection: RFR)

**12/12 Sun.** 10:30A \* Sun. Mass  
 (Int.: Daniel Bruner †)  
 followed by KCs Meal

*Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned.*

**Rosary Cenacle on Monday mornings, 10A** in the church building. All are welcome to come and pray!

**Parish Library:** Leading the Way ~ The Spirit leads in many ways. May He guide you to the parish library to find materials to aid this year’s Advent preparation for Christmas.

**MERCY!:** Tues., Dec. 14, 4:30-6:30P ~ Confessions during Eucharistic Adoration. Several Confessors will be available for Confession during this time of prayer.

**Did you know...** that the Parish collects Lynn’s Dakotamart (LD) grocery receipts? For every \$10,000 in receipts collected, the Parish receives \$100, deposited into the “Major Capital Fund” (MCF). Please place any LD receipts in the box located on the table near the bulletin board in the entryway of the church building.

The “Major Mercy Fund” (MMF) was recently established to facilitate exercising the Church’s Works of Mercy in a “major” way. Recently, the Parish was a recipient of a final distribution from the Hagenson Trust, as Mary & Leo Hagenson named St. Anthony of Padua as a beneficiary. Thanks to their generosity, the Parish can live the Works of Mercy in a similar generosity as they did!

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS:** Mary Breyer, Merna Ganshert, Diane Gross, Abigail Rowan, and all residents of Pine Hills RC, Seven Sisters LC, the SVH, and the VA campus in HS.

*Those on this list will be listed for 3 months at a time; they can be re-listed for an additional 3 months.*

“Remember the Rosary” ~ [WWW.REMEMBERTHE ROSARY.COM](http://WWW.REMEMBERTHE ROSARY.COM)  
 “Rosary Evangelization Apostolate” ~ [WWW.ROSARYEA.ORG](http://WWW.ROSARYEA.ORG)

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

**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.

**Options for Mass via TV and/or online** is available at [WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG](http://WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG) via the “Mass via TV/online” menu item.

**Monthly Devotion (Dec.): Immaculate Conception**

**“Live-Streamed” Masses**  
[WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG](http://WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG); on right side

**Flowers during Christmas Time ~ Poinsettias in Memory of a Loved One:** If you would like to remember a loved one by donating money to purchase a poinsettia(s), there is a **sheet with the “Deliver Those in Need” Remembrance Book in the entryway display** where you can list the name(s) of those you would like to remember. A **donation of \$20/poinsettia** would be wonderful! **The closing date is Wed., Dec. 8** (Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM). Indicate on your check/envelope that the donation is for poinsettia(s).

**CATECHETICAL CORNER:** Two “In-A-Year” Series (and more!): Tidbits from the Catechism at [WWW.FLOCKNOTE.COM/CATECHISM](http://WWW.FLOCKNOTE.COM/CATECHISM); Tidbits about each Pope at [WWW.FLOCKNOTE.COM/POPE](http://WWW.FLOCKNOTE.COM/POPE). 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:** Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!”

~ Liturgical Minister Schedule ~  
[WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG/LITURGICAL-MINISTER-SCHEDULE](http://WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG/LITURGICAL-MINISTER-SCHEDULE)

**FEEDING S.D.** is distributing food/produce in Hot Springs at the Butler Park parking lot once a month on Wednesdays in the early afternoon. Contact Feeding S.D. (605/348-2689) for more information. Scheduled distributions: **Dec. 15** and the **2022 dates will be available soon**. Please contact Kay Birkholt (605/891-5030) if you have any ?s.

**Special Collection (Retirement Fund for Religious [RFR]): Give in Gratitude** ~ A donor to the RFR writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.” Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH:** Please visit our parish’s site at [WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG](http://WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG) for more information.

**Pro-Life Quotes:** “I do not believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are just for the strong, the independent, the healthy. They are for everyone – including unborn children. We are a society with enough compassion and wealth and love to care for both mothers and their children, to seek the promise and potential in every life.”  
– Gov. George W. Bush, in a videotaped address to the National Right to Life Convention (June, 1999)

~ Peace with God ~

It seems to me our country is in big trouble. Evil and sin are spreading throughout the entire world. We need to do something to fix it. // We need to listen to and trust in God. We need to help and respect each other. We need to put an end to abortion. We need to save the family unit. We need more politicians we can trust and respect. // We are all God’s children, regardless of race or religion. Eventually, God’s patience with us will end. Remember reading about Sodom and Gomorrah? Their sins were so grave that God destroyed both cities. // We have been warned about things to come but we don’t know when they will happen. Only God does. // We need to pray to God and make peace with him before it’s too late. – Ruth Weber; Davenport, Iowa

Pro-Life Articles ([WWW.PRO-LIFEARTICLES.ORG](http://WWW.PRO-LIFEARTICLES.ORG))

**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

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**St. JAMES, EDGEMONT**

12/ 7 Tues.

**Holy Day of Obligation (HDO):**  
**Immaculate Conception of BVM**

8:00P \* HDO Mass  
(Int.: *Pro Populo* [“for the People” of the Parishes])

Third Sun. of Advent (*Gaudete – “Rejoice” – Sun.*)  
(*Special Collection: RFR*)

12/12 Sun. 4:15P Penance/Reconciliation (30min)  
5:00P \* Sun. Mass (Int.: *TBD*)

Note: \* indicates that incense will be burned.

**In the charity of your prayers:** Jeanne Schoepf † and Kenna Campbell & Joel Thomsen (preparing for Christian marriage).

**EDGEMONT FOOD BANK:** Donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to the church building (main entrance doors). TY!

**FROM THE OFFICES OF THE BISHOP**

Tues  
Dec  
7

**Night of Prayer for Life (Dec. 7):** The Blessed Sacrament (Rapid City) Pro-Life Committee will host the annual Night of Prayer for Life on Tues., Dec. 7. This Night will begin with Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30P followed by Eucharistic Adoration, including the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Most Holy Rosary; Eucharistic Benediction will be at 8P, ending this Night. Because of the many challenges to life this year and the Texas and Mississippi cases being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, prayer is essential. Please join us!

**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.

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~ [WWW.REALPRESENCERADIO.COM](http://WWW.REALPRESENCERADIO.COM) ~

**Family Life Ministries: “Surviving Divorce” – Helping You Find Peace, Power, and Passion After Your Divorce:** 12-week course. Sessions held at **St. Thérèse the Little Flower, Rapid City, Mondays, 6-8P.** For more info, contact Linda Drake (605/343-3541). A registration fee: \$30. // Contact Amy Julian (605/343-3541; [FAMILYLIFE@DIORC.ORG](mailto:FAMILYLIFE@DIORC.ORG)) or visit [WWW.RAPIDCITYDIOCESE.ORG/FLM](http://WWW.RAPIDCITYDIOCESE.ORG/FLM) for info on this ministry.

**Courage** is an international apostolate which ministers to persons with same-sex attraction (SSA) who desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. **EnCourage** is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who experience SSA. Members in both groups support one another through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. For info on Courage please contact [COURAGE@DIORC.ORG](mailto:COURAGE@DIORC.ORG); for info on EnCourage, please contact [ENCOURAGE@DIORC.ORG](mailto:ENCOURAGE@DIORC.ORG) or call or 605/787-3837 for either ministry.