

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
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 HOT SPRINGS, S.D. WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG

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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 **27 registered families** and are **processing \$1,088.38/wk over 23 weeks so far in FY22**. Interested? Contact Joan at the parish church office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: through December 5, 2021

General Collection	\$ 2,099.23	Major Capital Fund	\$ 45.00
- via e-giving	\$ 470.73	Major Mercy Fund	\$ 0.00
Adopt-A-Seminarian	\$ 3.00	Votive candles	\$ 19.00
Special Collections:			
RFReligious	\$ 20.00	Flowers (Christmas)	\$ 140.00
General Fund Income, Actual (to date)		: \$ 77,982.53	
General Fund Income, Budgeted (to date)		: \$ 87,464.29	
Difference of YtD Actual against Budgeted (+/-)		: - \$ 9,481.76	
<i>Note: Avg. \$3,875/week needed for FY22 budgeted income.</i>			
Major Capital Fund [MCF] (to date)	\$ 3,442.75		
Major Mercy Fund [MMF] (to date)	\$ 51,858.01		

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

Third Week of Advent (Fr. Gerlach in Hot Springs)

12/13 Mon. 7:00A Mass (Int.: Roberta Salinek †)
 7:00P **Christian Funeral Vigil**

12/14 Tues. 10:00A * **Christian Funeral Mass**
 (Int.: Ray Ecoffey †)
 4:30P- **MERCY!** – Confessions
 6:30P during Eucharistic Adoration

12/15 Wed. 7:30A Penance/Reconciliation (1hr)
 9:00A CCC with Dn. Craig
“FinD” Night 4- 5P **Young Disciples (Grades K-5)**
 5:30P Mass (Int.: Martin Lane)
“FinD” Night 6:30P **Young Disciples (Grades 6-12)**
 preceded by a meal (30min)

12/16 Thurs. 7:00A Mass (Int.: Mary H. Bruce †)

12/17 Fri. 7:00A Mass (“live-streamed” only)

12/18 Sat. 7:30A Mass (Int.: Human Life)
 followed by Eu. Adoration
 11:30A Penance/Reconciliation (1hr)
 2:00P * **Christian Nuptial Mass**
 (Int.: Kenna Campbell & Joel Thomsen)

Fourth Sun. of Advent

12/19 Sun. 10:30A * Sun. Mass
 (Int.: Tonya & Gabriel Little)
 followed by
 CDAs Sweets & Songs

*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: A Time of Waiting ~ Advent is a time of waiting with patience and hope. Check out a book from the parish library to spark these virtues in your life.

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, Ray Ecoffey †, Merna Ganshert †, Diane Gross, Marv Jensen, 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.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.

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 via the “Mass via TV/online” menu item.

Monthly Devotion (Dec.): Immaculate Conception

“Live-Streamed” Masses
WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG; on right side

~ Liturgical Minister Schedule ~
WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG
LITURGICAL-MINISTER-SCHEDULE

The Catholic Daughters will be taking the Christmas gifts to the **Seven Sisters Living Center on Dec. 14**, so if you took a name from our list, please bring your gifts to the church building **no later than Mon., Dec 13**. We thank all those who continue to help us give the residents a little extra bit of Christmas.

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: Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

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]): Help Aging Religious ~ Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the RFR helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously!

HOLIDAYS & HOLY DAYS: Nativity of Lord (Christmas): **Fri., Dec. 24, 5P**, at SJA (Edgemont) and **Sat., Dec. 25, 10:30A**, at SAP (HS); **Mary, Holy Mother of God: Sat., Jan. 1, 2022, 8A**, at SAP (HS); **no Mass @ SJA (Edgemont)**. Visit WWW.STANTHONYHOTSPRINGS.ORG for more locations and dates/times of Holy Day Masses.

Pro-Life Quotes: “A truly welcoming society must be a culture of Life ... We must appreciate the dignity of Life in all its seasons ... and look toward the day when every child, born and unborn, is welcome in Life and protected in law.”
– *Gov. George W. Bush*

~ **Abortion, Harbinger of Decline** ~

It has been said that there is nothing worse for a mother than to lose a child. If this is so, just think of the 62 million women in our country who are suffering from their great loss after having had an abortion. They must be devastated knowing it was their own decision to kill their baby. // Then we ask how these terrible abortions could be allowed? Back in 1973, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled to make abortion legal. It made a horrible mistake. Those justices were only human and we humans, led on by the devil, make mistakes called sin. // They took it upon themselves to override God’s Fifth Commandment, which states ‘Thou shalt not kill.’ Absolutely no one can change God’s law – ever. // And since then, it seems our country has gone downhill, anything goes. If it’s OK to kill babies, then they believe it’s OK to kill anyone. If it’s OK to kill, it’s OK to steal; then it’s OK to pedal dope and to use dope, and so it’s OK to lie and to cheat. // We are in big trouble people. We need our elected officials to stop squabbling and turn our country around and put God back into our lives where He belongs. Now.
– *Ruth Weber; Davenport, Iowa*

Pro-Life Articles (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

12/18 Sat. 2:00P * Christian Nuptial Mass
at St. Anthony of Padua (Int.: Kenna Campbell & Joel Thomsen)
in Hot Springs

Fourth Sun. of Advent

12/19 Sun. 4:15P Penance/Reconciliation (30min)
5:00P * Sun. Mass
(Int.: *Pro Populo* [“for the People” of the Parishes])

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In the charity of your prayers: Jeanne Schoepf † and Kenna Campbell & Joel Thomsen (wedding this Sat.; *see above*).

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

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.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION (*outside the confessional*): O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they [have] offend[ed] Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION (*during a confession*): My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us!

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~ SNBLACKHILLS.FORMED.ORG ~
~ 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) or visit

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; for info on EnCourage, please contact

ENCOURAGE@DIORC.ORG or call or 605/787-3837 for either ministry.