

# Dear Padre,

## Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



# RUMMAGE SALE

## Heads up!!!

CDA Rummage Sale has been scheduled for October 3-4. Be sure to mark your calendar and start saving up any gently used items you would like to donate to the sale. Drop off day will be October 2 at the Mueller Center.

## Calling all SINGERS!!!



Join us for the  
*‘Hallelujah Chorus’*  
– requested by Father Collins!

- Music will be provided
- Weekly rehearsals starting the week of **September 14**
- Day of the week will be chosen based on availability of singers
- Accompaniment will be on tape

If you are interested in singing, please contact Amy Spears at [ameliaspears.02@gmail.com](mailto:ameliaspears.02@gmail.com)

Let’s make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Thank You – Amy Spears

Join us for the All Catholic

# SOUTHERN HILLS COOK-OFF

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 11 AM**  
LOCATED AT GOLD VALLEY CAMP  
(3 miles east of Custer on hwy 16)

A Catholic throw down between St. John the Baptist, St. Anthony of Padua, St. James, and St. Rose Lima

**Why join?**

- Chili Cook-off
- Brownie Cook-off
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Prizes

Registration begins at 11:00.  
Food – Fun – Fellowship begins at NOON.  
Check out the flyer and the QR Code for more details.  
Be sure to bring your own lawn chair and a side dish or chips to share with everyone!

# Welcome to Our Parish Community Sunday ~ August 31, 2025



St Anthony  
of Padua  
Catholic Church  
Hot Springs, SD

## Parish Office: ~ St Anthony Parish

**Office Hours:** 8:00am – 5:00pm  
(closed for lunch ~ noon – 1:00pm)  
**Street Address:** 538 University Ave  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 969  
Hot Springs, SD 57747  
**Phone:** 605-745-3393  
**After Hours:** 605-745-3278  
**Email:** [sohillscatholic@gwtc.net](mailto:sohillscatholic@gwtc.net)  
**Website:** [www.stanthonyhotsprings.org](http://www.stanthonyhotsprings.org)

## Pastoral Staff:

**Pastor:**  
Rev Collins Igwilo  
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**Deacon:**  
Dcn. Craig Pearson  
605-891-9164

**Office Manager / Bookkeeper:**  
Susie Hayes  
605-745-3393

## Parish Office: ~ St James Parish

**Street Address:** 310 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 568  
**UPS/FedEx:** 308 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Edgemont, SD 57735

**Funeral Contact:**  
Linda Tidball 605-685-4301  
**Office Manager / Bookkeeper:**  
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**Mass Information:**  
Greg Lacey 605-662-5048

## Weekend Mass Schedules:

Saturday ~ 5:30pm	St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 8:00am	St John the Baptist Church ~ Custer, SD
Sunday ~ 10:30am	St Anthony of Padua Church ~ Hot Springs, SD
Sunday ~ 5:00pm	St James the Apostle Church ~ Edgemont, SD

# Life Out of Focus

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

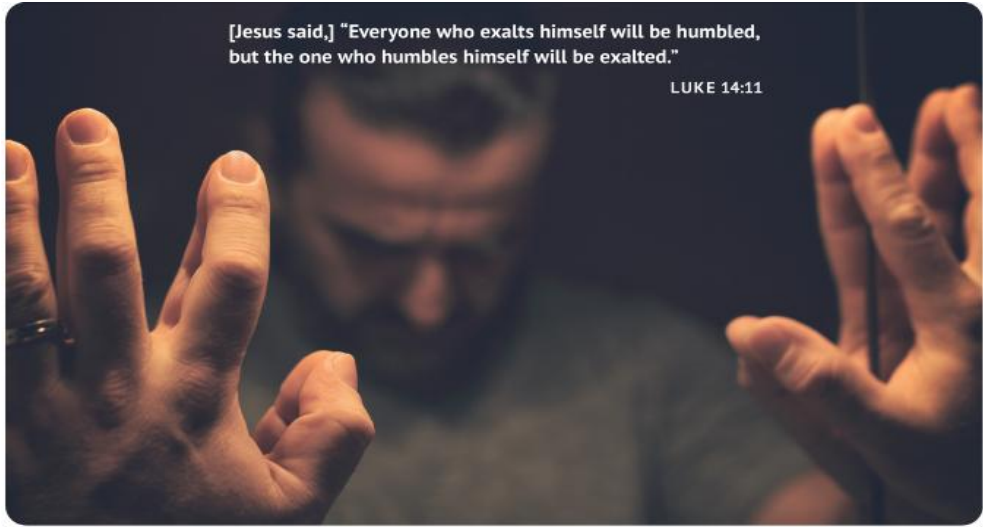
I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,

and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

## Reflect

What is more important to me than it should be?



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