

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

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St James the Apostle ~ Edgemont

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Join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm for Daily Mass or Communion Service. Watch the Calendar inside this bulletin for details!

Religious Formation / Faith Enrichment classes for Youth and Adults will begin in September. If you are interested in helping with classes, please contact Deacon Pat Coy at 605.209.4636.

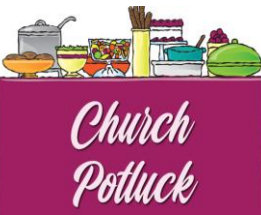
There will be a Catechetical Retreat at Terra Sancta on August 22. See the Diocesan website for more information.

Edgemont Food Pantry:

4th & D St (next to United Church)
HOURS: Monday 1-2pm and Thurs. 5:30 – 6:30p
Donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to the church building (main entrance doors). Thank you!



In the charity of your prayers:
Margo Anderson, Dick Porter, Linda Tidball, and George Trundle.
Repose of Soul: John Aberlet



Every Third Saturday

Join us at St James for potluck dinner immediately following Mass. Bring a dish to share and your appetite, everyone is welcome!

St Anthony of Padua
538 University Ave
Hot Springs, SD
Sunday Mass 9:00am

Welcome to Our Parish Community

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 9, 2026

St James the Apostle
310 3rd Ave
Edgemont, SD
Saturday Mass 5:00pm



One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?

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