St James the Apostle ~ Edgemont

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St James Weekly Liturgy & MASS Intentions			
Wednesday	Nov 11	5:30pm	*MASS ~*
		6:00pm	Religious Formation
Sunday	Nov 15	11:00 – 11:25am	*Penance / Reconciliation*
		11:30am**	MASS | *† Linda Matson*

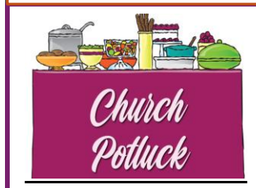
*** Rosary prayed 30 minutes before Mass***

Faith FORMATION
Classes begin at 6:00pm Every Wednesday

Wednesday Schedule:
November 4 Communion Svc
November 11 ~ MASS
November 18 ~ MASS
November 25 ~ no services

Lord, Hear Our Prayer
In the charity of your prayers:
Margo Anderson, Linda Tidball, and George Trundle.
Repose of Soul: John Aberle†, Linda Matson†, Dick Porter†

2026 St James Christmas Bazaar coming up soon!
November 21st



Every Third Sunday

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

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!



Dear Padre,

What happens to the sacred treasures in a deconsecrated Catholic church?



When a diocesan bishop deconsecrates a church, he issues a decree that removes a church's dedication and relegates it to "profane but not sordid use" when it "cannot be used in any way for divine worship and there is no possibility of repairing it" (*Code of Canon Law*, 1222). The impossibility of repairing a badly damaged church doesn't mean only an architectural impossibility. Inadequate finances to maintain the church properly, an insufficient number of parishioners to foster ecclesiastical vitality, and a shortage of priests are also grave causes for a church's closure. Decorative appointments and sacred treasures in these relegated churches often find new homes in other churches and religious institutions.

This traditional custom of dissemination is a sign of solidarity with the broader Church and in continuity with its rich heritage. It honors the faith and sacrifices of the charter members when the church was built and the generations that followed. Remaining religious items in a relegated church, such as an unmovable altar, "lose their dedication or blessing if they have been destroyed in large part, or have been turned over permanently to profane use by decree of the competent ordinary or in fact" (*CCL* 1238). Stained glass windows, mosaics, and other sacred art that remain in a repurposed church don't lose their aesthetic beauty and evocative power, however. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," wrote the poet John Keats. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

Welcome to Our Parish Community

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
November 8, 2026

St James the Apostle
310 3rd Ave
Edgemont, SD
Sunday Mass 11:30am

Keep Your Light Burning Bright

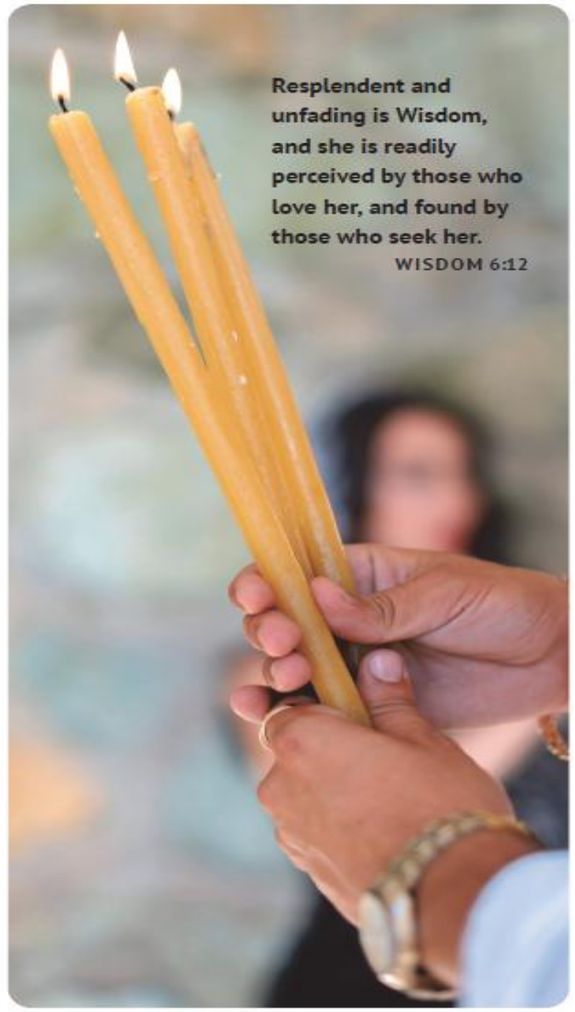
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We have entered that time of year when the readings turn our attention toward the "end of time"—that moment we await in which all of God's dreams for us will be realized. The "kingdom of God come." Jesus, like prophets before him, compared this moment to a wedding feast. In Jesus' time, marriage was the most decisive event of one's life, and the wedding feast was the greatest feast families ever celebrated. There was nothing better than a good wedding party—and nothing more embarrassing than a bad one. So much at stake!

In the parable in today's gospel, Jesus focuses on the role of the bridesmaids in making the wedding feast a spectacular event—or not. They are trusted to provide a parade of light to greet the groom as he arrives at his family's home with the bride, but it turns out that not all have prepared adequately.

The parable forces us to consider our own commitment to the Christian life. In baptism, we, too, were given a special role to serve the coming kingdom of God. We, too, were entrusted with a light and told to "keep it burning bright" until that time in which we "come out to greet him." At the beginning of our faith journey, we often embrace this role with much fervor. But we forget that the Christian life takes a good bit of endurance and involves a lot of waiting. We will need oil to keep that light burning bright—the oil of prayer, participation in the sacraments, time spent in study and renewal. No one else can nourish your relationship with God for you. It is something you will need to do yourself. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*



Reflect

What are you doing to keep your light of faith burning bright right now?

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