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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3:30 PM

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Monday-Thursday 12:10 PM

(unless there is a funeral,
call to confirm)

MAY 16, 2021 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."*

*And when he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.*

*And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood
by them in white robes,*

and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?

*This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

Acts of the Apostles 1:8-11

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Isaac Jogues Parish, recognizing our rich Native American history and Jesuit identity are a Catholic community empowered by the Holy Spirit, the sacraments and prayer. Using our unique and diverse gifts, we are called to grow in Christian faith and love, to proclaim the gospel values and to minister to one another and all the people of God. With God's grace, we continue our Apostolic Mission to spread the Good News and to follow our baptismal call to be the Body of Christ.



Sunday Collections

4/25—5/2

Deposit \$4614.00

Mindfulness Moments:

Probiotics are live beneficial bacteria and yeast that live naturally in our body and are good for our gut and immune system. Millions of bacteria and yeast live in our gut harmoniously when in the correct proportion. It is when an imbalance occurs, "dis-ease" occurs. Antibiotics, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, excess caffeine, alcohol, drugs, smoking, sugar, the Standard American diet (SAD), stress, and lack of water all disrupt the normal balance within the gut.

All diseases start in the gut. Feed your gut wisely. Next week, how to make homemade sauerkraut.

Lead with Love,

Dr George

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Derek Adams, Donna Anderson, Jim Augustine, Scott Benson, John Carlson, Laura Clarke, BJ Cole, Sharon Colombe, Alisha Conroy, Guy Davison, Della Foolishbear, Deacon Heavy Garnette, Alta Hertal, Kayla Hertel, Rose Larose, (Brewer), Ron & Lavonne Kocer, Nicole Kiewel, Pearl Lyons, Bobby Lyon, Shane McCarthy, Melissa & Jake Meyer, Beverly Monday, Kreaara Overby, Patrick Paur, Kathy Reed, Joel Rivera, Pat Weber, Richard Thomas, Weston Thomas, Darren Vasquez, Kevin Woster.

If you have the person's permission, you may request their name be included in the bulletin's *Prayer Request List*. Call Abby Seales at 341-5552 or the parish office at 343-2165 to leave the name of the individual in need of prayer. If you wish to have the person's name remain on the list for more than one month, please contact the parish office every subsequent month with your request.

Holy Communion to the Sick:

If you are at home, please call the parish office to request that an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (EME) bring Holy Communion to you. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are a Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office if you need to receive the anointing of the sick at home. In emergency situations when the office is closed, call the Cathedral at 342-0507 and they will have someone available for the anointing.

DIocese OF RAPID CITY YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE

AUGUST 11-15, 2021 NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS AND EAST COAST SAINTS

Join Fr. Brian Christensen and other young adults from across the Diocese as we experience the rich history of the Catholic faith in America! The east coast is filled with inspiring stories of the Saints who lived out the faith in very difficult circumstances! Our trip will take us from the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, to the tombs of Ven. Fulton Sheen and Ven. Pierre Toussaint. The trip also includes Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral – a 19th Century gothic cathedral in the heart of downtown New York City. We will pray at the shrines of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Our Lady of Czestochowa, and the National Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel! For more information, please visit rapidcitydiocese.org/yapilgrimage.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 16, 2021

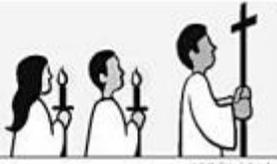
7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart. If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & NEWS

Altar Servers



Annual Altar Servers Day Camp

When: June 14 to 17, 2021

Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Mother Butler Center

231 Knollwood Dr, Rapid City, SD

For all who made their First Communion and present Altar Servers.

Registration will be in the Lobby or email **Deacon Lou** at lausij@rushmore.com



The Parish Council voted to have the Annual Bazaar this year on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Now we need to plan the Bazaar. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Mother Butler Hall.

If you are interested in helping with this year's Bazaar, please come to the meeting. It will take many helping hands to have another successful Bazaar.

National Pastoral Musicians Summer Meeting

Saturday, June 5, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hot Springs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free will lunch will be provided. To help us secure an accurate lunch count, please contact James Washbaugh, our **NPM chapter secretary/treasurer 605-342-6300 or email: jpwash@rushmore.com by Monday, May 31.**

Pimps market and sell people for sex on line, in truck stops, on streets, and even in homes. Be aware of the programs your child watches and those that come across your screen. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org), 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator, **Barbara Scherr. To ensure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 605.209.3418 (cell).** The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and code of conduct are on the diocesan website at rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-documents. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at usccb.org. It is also linked through our diocesan website at: rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment.

Diocese of Rapid City

Two Vacancy Announcements
Administrative Assistant to Director of Pastoral Ministries and Director of Communications/Human Resources — to apply — job descriptions and a diocesan application form can be found on the website by clicking on the employment icon at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/>. The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

Sacred Relics of the Saints Tour

Treasures of the Church, presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross, is an exposition of relics beginning with a multi-media presentation that is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional. After the presentation, those in attendance will have the opportunity to venerate some 150 relics, including those of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. The supreme highlights are one of the largest relics of the True Cross in the world, and a piece of the Veil that is believed to have belonged to Our Lady. The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith, asking for their powerful intercession. Many people have reported outstanding blessings and conversions through this ministry, and many have reported healings. Attendees are encouraged to bring their articles of devotion such as rosaries, holy cards, etc, or photos of ill loved ones which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer. Please spread the word and do not miss this wonderful opportunity on May 24, at 7 p.m., at St. Francis of Assisi in Sturgis!

Vacation Bible School

Theme: Breathe
A child's guide to Ascension, Pentecost,

and the growing time.

When: June 7 to 10, 2021

Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Mother Butler Community Center
231 Knollwood Dr.

Rapid City, SD

How can Jesus go away, yet promise to be with us always? Invites the children to explore the comings and goings of Jesus and the Spirit through telling of the biblical stories of Ascension and Pentecost, as seen through the eyes of a child. Moving beyond long ago and far away events, Breathe guides the young to wonder about and watch for the presence and work of the Spirit here and now, in practices of prayer and mindfulness, through acts of justice, generosity, and the sweet taste of kindness, and even in each other.

Who are invited: For all ages 5 to 12 years old. Registration will be in the Lobby of the Church. There is a small fee of 10 dollars—this will take care of treats, lunch and materials. Hope to see you at this event. Help will be needed to be part of this. Anyone interested in helping out, leave your name, phone number with the office at 605-343-2165 or e-mail your information to lausij@rushmore.com

Father's Corner**The Ascension of the Lord**

Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "***He ascended into Heaven.***"

Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus, his return to his Father with "Mission Accomplished." Jesus' Ascension is the grand finale of all his words and works done for us and for our salvation. It is a culmination, but not the conclusion. One wonder is that, though Jesus is now with God in glory, he continues to remain with us, dwelling within us together with the Father and the Holy Spirit: "***Lo, I am with you always.***" The Feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. He did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That had already happened at his Resurrection. Like the 40 days after Easter during which He appeared to many in Israel, this public Ascension into Heaven was given to us for our sakes. The 40 days allowed many to experience personally Jesus' Resurrection and his being alive in a glorified body as fact to be counted upon, reality, and the fulfillment of prophecy. The focus of this Feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ, and the Lord's being "seated at God's right hand," meaning He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space, or culture. It is there, at the "right hand of God," that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Thus, the Paschal Mystery — Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit — is a single, unbroken Reality, which is to be understood by Faith. By His Ascension, Jesus, the risen Christ, True God and True Man, is **One with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory forever.**

COMMUNITY



St Isaac Jogues Catholic Church First Communion Class 2021:
Princeton Ward, Jayden Munoz, Elektra Hamlyn, Sophia Two Bulls, Shaya Reagle, Cruz Reagle, Kingston Jackson, Top row:
Fr. Ed Witt SJ and Brenna Jackson

Religious Education

On Tuesday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. there will be teachers, Catechists, meeting for the upcoming Religious Education program. We need to come together to plan the up coming year. If you are interested in helping with this mission please plan on attending. We are looking for all classes in the program from pre-school through 5th grade, Confirmation, Adult Education, and youth group (post confirmation students). If you are currently helping with the program, please plan on attending the meeting. This gives us an idea what we will need for next year.



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