



Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Hill City, South Dakota

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Keystone, South Dakota

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“Spreading the Kingdom of God as a home of belonging, of healing, and of transformation.”

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday, June 1st, 2025

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St-Rose Lima

Reconciliation

Hill City, Saint Rose of Lima:

Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, 10:00–11:00 a.m. 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Keystone, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:
30 minutes prior to Masses

Mass Schedule & Intentions—

(†)indicates deceased

Monday, June 2nd (No Mass)

Tuesday, June 3rd

(Hill City) 6:00 p.m.: (†) Margot & (†)William Don-
delinger-Thilges

Wednesday, June 4th

(Keystone) 8:00 a.m.: Brad & Jen Zettl
(anniversary)

Thursday, June 5th

(Hill City) 8:00 a.m.: Susan Beaton

Friday, June 6th

(Hill City) 7:30 a.m.: Rosalie San Giovanni

Saturday, June 7th

(Hill City) 6:00 p.m. (Vigil of Pentecost): (†)Pearl &
(†)Carl Johnson

Sunday, June 8th

(Keystone) 8:00 a.m.: Pro populo



The Ascension of Jesus is one of the more confusing—and neglected—mysteries of our Catholic Christian faith. Most of us know that it commemorates Christ leaving earth and returning to heaven forty days after Easter. But beyond these basic facts, many of us aren't entirely sure why the Ascension matters, or why the Church celebrates it as a solemnity every year. So what might be the deeper significance of this final act of Jesus's earthly life?

Three Effects of the Ascension In his *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas addresses the question of what effect the Ascension had on our salvation (see ST III.57.6). The Angelic Doctor offers a threefold answer: First, [Christ] prepared the way for our ascent into heaven, according to His own saying: “I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2) . . . For since He is our Head the members must follow whither the Head has gone: hence He said: “That where I am, you also may be” (John 14:3). In sign whereof He took to heaven the souls of the saints delivered from hell.

Aquinas explains that our own entry into heaven is made possible by Christ returning there. A glorious foreshadowing of this is found in the triumphant entry of all the souls who had been stuck in hades since the fall of Adam. For Aquinas, the Ascension brings to completion the process which Christ initiated forty days earlier on Holy Saturday. While His body lay in the tomb, Jesus descended into the underworld to bring tidings of salvation to the righteous souls held in captivity there, and to remove all their pains. Now, on Ascension Thursday, those patient souls are finally brought into heaven together with their Savior. What's more, we too now receive the assurance of eternal life, provided we remain faithful to Him.

Second, because as the high-priest under the Old Testament entered the holy place to stand before God for the people, so also Christ entered heaven “to make intercession for us,” as is

said in Hebrews 7:25. Because the very showing of Himself in the human nature which He took with Him to heaven is a pleading for us, so that for the very reason that God so exalted human nature in Christ, He may take pity on them for whom the Son of God took human nature. This second point is something we modern Christians rarely think about, but for Aquinas it is crucially important: Jesus ascends to heaven in order to continue interceding for all mankind. Standing before God in the holy place, Jesus is the eternal High Priest who in His glorified body still bears the marks of His Passion. With these wounds of love, the Son of God continues to make satisfaction to the Father on behalf of sinners everywhere. Thirdly, that being established in His heavenly seat as God and Lord, He might send down gifts upon men, according to Ephesians 4:10: “He ascended above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.”

The third effect the Ascension had on our salvation is that it returned Jesus to His rightful place at the right hand of God the Father. In one sense, of course, that's where Jesus was for all eternity prior to the Incarnation. But what changes following His Ascension is that Jesus now takes His heavenly seat not just in His divinity but also in His humanity. It is this heavenly enthronement of the God-Man which provides the most fitting context for Him to distribute His gifts to all mankind. The Ascension is for Our Benefit When writing about the Ascension, Aquinas raises an interesting objection (see ST III.57.ad3). The objection states that it sure seems like it would have been better for us if Jesus had remained on earth, and that this would have increased our chances of salvation. Aquinas begins his reply with the following clarification: Although Christ's bodily presence was withdrawn from the faithful by the Ascension, still the presence of His Godhead is ever with the faithful, as He Himself says: “Behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world” (Matt 28:20). For, “by ascending into heaven He did not abandon those whom He adopted,” as Pope Leo says (*De Resurrec.*, Serm. ii). But Christ's Ascension into heaven, whereby He withdrew His bodily presence from us, was more profitable for us than His bodily presence would have been. Next Aquinas shows how Christ's Ascension is effective in helping us to grow in the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. First of all, in order to increase our faith, which is of things unseen. . . . For “blessed are they that see not, yet believe” (John 20:29) . . . Secondly, to uplift our hope: hence He says: “If I shall go, and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will take you to Myself; that where I am, you also may be” (John 14:3). For by placing in heaven the human nature which He assumed, Christ gave us the hope of going thither . . . Thirdly, in order to direct the fervor of our charity to heavenly things. . . . And since the Holy Ghost is love drawing us up to heavenly things, therefore our Lord said to His disciples: “It is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you” (John 16:7). We see, then, that far from being an obscure or meaningless event, the Ascension of Christ is one of the foundational mysteries of our Christian faith, as well as a cause for great celebration and joy. By Clement Harrold

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
& 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Adoracion Eucaristica

Martes 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Jueves 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Y 6:30-9:00 p.m.



When we cry 'Abba! Father!' it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Rom 8:15,16

Mass Schedule/ Community Events

Birthday Breakfast Sunday, June 1st after 10:00 a.m. St. Rose Hall. Both parishes welcome!

Pastoral Council Sunday, June 1st @ 6:00 p.m. Both parishes welcome!

Vigil of Pentecost Celebration. Saturday, June 7th 6:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass. Celebrate the birth of the church.

Bishop's Fishing Tournament Monday, June 9th 6:30 a.m. in Pierre, SD.

Holy Hour for Max Vetch Thursday, June 26th from 5-6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral in Rapid City. Adoration and Reconciliation is canceled at St. Rose church that evening, please join us in praying for Max!

Ordination of Max Vetch, Friday, June 27th @5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, Rapid City, SD.



Bishop's Annual Fishing Tournament

JUNE 9, 2025

PIERRE, SD

Bass & Walleye Tournament • Meet Our Seminarians

Mass with Bishop DeGrood • Social

Outdoor Prime Rib Dinner • Silent Auction

Cash Raffles • Knights of Columbus Challenge



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BENEFITTING
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St. Rose of Lima Pastoral Council meeting Sunday June 1st@ 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Pastoral Council Members: Father Mark Horn , Bob Ackerman, Deacon, Chuck Loehr, Deacon, Roger Severson, *Chairman* , Cheryl Schwarz, *Secretary/Recorder*, Nettie Saylor, Alesha Wozny, Edgar Ortiz, Josie Simental & Bobbi Jo Dondelinger.

ST ROSE PRAYER MINISTRY:

PARTNER WITH US for your prayer concerns. Be a part of a number of friends who will ask healing, peace and comfort from our Lord Jesus, for those loved ones you desire to help. Collectively we'll seek the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother for the needs in all requests. SEND REQUESTS to Marie Askew 605-872-1519. Marie sends your requests to: Julie Gray "text" team #1; 8 members, Peg Noem "text" team #2; 9 members, Mary Larson "call" team #1; 4 members, Marie A. email"team#1; 7 members. You decide what way to receive the requests for your prayer time: texts, calls OR email...JOIN US, THERE'S POWER IN NUMBERS!

Confessions at St. Rose this week: Tuesday 6:30—8:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00-11:00 a.m. & 6:3—9:00 p.m., Saturday 3:30p.m. —4:30 p.m.

Ordination of
DCN MAX VETCH
to the
PRIESTHOOD

June 27 ~ 5:30p.m.

rapidcitydiocese.org/live
[Facebook.com/DioceseofRapidCity](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofRapidCity)



summer
WITH THE
saints

**Formed.org parish
code: QTC7QR**

Formed is celebrating heavenly friends this summer with a new initiative called Summer with the Saints. This free journey with the saints offers two tracks, one geared toward families with young children and one geared toward adults. Both tracks provide weekly opportunities to celebrate saints' feast days with movies and shows on Formed, and the family track includes related activities that kids of all ages will enjoy.

Father's Day Candles
\$2.00 available at the back of the church.



Join us for Birthday Breakfast after 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday June 1st in the Parish Hall.

The Linen Ministry of Love INC is in need of laundry detergent ~ the preference is liquid detergent rather than powder. Your generous donations are used for washing donated linens (bed, bath, kitchen) before distribution to clients. Kitchen Ministry is in need of pots, pans, coffee pots, toasters, dishware and utensils, small appliances. Furniture Ministry is in need of twin, double, queen bed sets, couches, recliner/chair, kitchen table and chairs, stands, patio items, small decor, lamps, end tables and accent tables. Thank you for assisting in making the needs known to parishioners and helping bless participants. Did you know.....Love INC. Hill City-Keystone has office hours in Hill City on Monday from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 605-574-1023 for an appointment and/or to confidentially speak with someone.

Donations for Kitchen Ministry and Linen Ministry may be delivered directly to the Love INC facility in Rapid City or 24-hours a day in the weather-proof tote located at Lighthouse Assembly of God Church in Hill City. Thank you for your heartfelt donations!

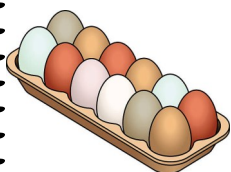


Eggs for sale \$5.00 / dozen

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Can meet in
Hill City.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

- ♥ Pope Leo XIV
- ♥ Marie Askew
- ♥ Fr. Andrzej
- ♥ Ray Berberich
- ♥ Doug Siemonsma
- ♥ Raylie Clemens
- (†) Pope Francis
- (†) Lois McVey
- (†) Adrian Voorhees



All the sick & shut-ins of our parish and community

For the revival of peoples' devotion to the Eucharist in our country and the world.
(†) indicates deceased

Confessions at Our Lady of Mt Carmel: 30 minutes prior to Mass

HILL CITY PARISH SUPPORT May 25th, 2025	
Envelopes:	\$735.00
Plate:	\$743.25
Ascension Catholic Communications	\$50.00 \$50.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
TOTAL:	\$1,623.25

KEYSTONE WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT May 18th, 2025	
Envelopes:	\$438.00
Plate:	\$175.00
TOTAL:	\$613.00

Dear Parishioners, June is our month to support the Hill City Food Pantry at the Little White Church. We need 2 volunteers for each shift on Mondays and Fridays from 9a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. Thank you for prayerfully considering this service. You can sign up on the calendar hanging on the clip board at the back of the church. Any questions... contact Joanne Farland @ (605) 484-8136.



Coming to your inbox each month, The Monthly Messenger is jam packed with happenings from around our parish family — upcoming events, retreat links, faith formation schedules, parish family photos, volunteer opportunities — every event listed is customized to our parishes of Saint Rose and OLMC. Be in the know, register to receive your electronic communications today. Look in your inbox for the Monthly Messenger around the first of each month.

Would you like to give an E-gift to support St. Rose of Lima Church? **Just scan the QR code** (open the camera app on your phone, place it over the QR Code, tap the link on your phone screen) and follow the link to give a donation **safe and secure** through our Flocknote Parish App.

Thank you!!!



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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 Victim Assistance Coordinator Irene Lee. To ensure confidentiality in our outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities.

In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children, young people, and vulnerable adults by priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated.

The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.