

Weekly Calender

**Mon., Sept 14:** Catholic Daughters, 5:00 pm  
Installation of officers, followed with  
monthly meeting at 6:00 pm  
**Tues., Sept 15:** Bible Study, 6:00 pm,  
church basement  
**Wed., Sept 16:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Mon., Sept 21:** Knights of Columbus monthly  
meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Mass Intentions

**Sun., Sept 13:** For the People  
**Mon., Sept 14:** No Mass  
**Tues., Sept 15:** †For Jim Seykora  
by Steve & Rose Schindler  
**Wed., Sept 16:** †For Jim Seykora  
by Steve & Rose Schindler  
**Thurs., Sept 17:** †For Jim Seykora  
by Steve & Rose Schindler  
**Fri., Sept 18:** †For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus  
**Sat., Sept 19:** †For Jim Seykora  
by Larry & Deb Johnson



God is good all the time:  
All the time God is good!

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

**Parish Bookkeeper:** Colleen Schaak  
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**Bulletin:** Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257  
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**Director of Religious Education:** Celeste Geier

Mass Servers

|               | Commentator     | Lector           | Extraordinary Ministers         |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat., Sept 12 | Patty Kepp      | Celeste Geier    | Celeste Geier & Richelle Link   |
| Sun., Sept 13 | Liezel Ferido   | Genne Taganahan  | Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora         |
| Sat., Sept 19 | Richelle Link   | Julie Ramirez    | Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington |
| Sun., Sept 20 | Cherinda Hopes  | Sue Seykora      | Juvi Mula & Visencia Ramirez    |
| Sat., Sept 26 | Patty Kepp      | Celeste Geier    | Kent Harrington & Richelle Link |
| Sun., Sept 27 | Genne Taganahan | Visencia Ramirez | Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora         |

Marriage Encounter

Married couples – Consider doing  
something great for yourselves and your  
marriage. A Marriage Encounter weekend  
gives couples a rare opportunity to look at  
themselves, at their marriage relationship,  
and their relationship to God, the church,  
and the world.

Upcoming Marriage Encounter  
Oct. 23-25, 2026  
Missoula, MT

Nov. 6-8, 2026  
Casper, WY

Contact:  
John & Brenda Pankratz  
at (406)591-5061  
OR visit: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

Offertory Collections

**St. Joseph’s**  
**Sat., Sept 5:** \$ 641.00  
**Sun., Sept 6:** \$ 1,370.00  
**Annual Catholic Appeal to date:**  
**\$ 12,340.00**

**St. Mary’s**  
**Sun., Sept 6:** \$



Religious Education  
classes for children  
will begin Wednesday,  
September 30th at 2:15 p.m.  
Contact Celeste Geier, DRE at  
406.679.1679 for more information.

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*.

| Monday                                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                            | Saturday                                                                                                          |
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| September 14<br><i>The Exaltation<br/>of the Holy Cross</i><br>Nm 21:4b–9<br>Phil 2:6–11<br>Jn 3:13–17  | September 16<br><i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope,<br/>and Cyprian, Bishop,<br/>Martyrs</i><br>1 Cor 12:31–13:13<br>Lk 7:31–35 | September 19<br><i>Weekday</i><br>1 Cor 15:35–37,<br>42–49<br>Lk 8:4–15                                           |
| Tuesday                                                                                                 | Thursday                                                                                                             | Sunday                                                                                                            |
| September 15<br><i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i><br>1 Cor 12:12–14,<br>27–31a<br>Jn 19:25–27 or<br>Lk 2:33–35 | September 17<br><i>Weekday</i><br>1 Cor 15:1–11<br>Lk 7:36–50                                                        | September 20<br><i>Twenty-fifth Sunday<br/>in Ordinary Time</i><br>Is 55:6–9<br>Phil 1:20c–24, 27a<br>Mt 20:1–16a |
|                                                                                                         | <b>Friday</b><br>September 18<br><i>Weekday</i><br>1 Cor 15:12–20<br>Lk 8:1–3                                        |                                                                                                                   |



Choir members needed.  
Also, those who can play  
an instrument. Contact  
Julie O’Dell @ 406.665.5178

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and...  
every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel  
and bear witness in every environment.... Thus,*



*this people shows its  
catholicity, welcoming  
the wealth and resources  
of different cultures  
and, at the same time,  
offering them the  
newness of the gospel to  
purify them and to raise  
them up.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Good News!

September 13, 2026  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Sirach 27:30—28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew  
18:21–35

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

As we hear today’s Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn’t really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn’t explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one’s own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●



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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact Father Cally

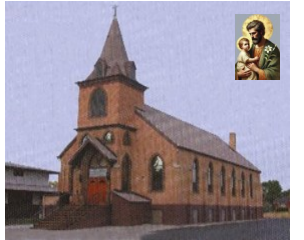
All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

## Dear Padre,

*If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then  
why do we still need to go to confession?*

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Likewise, at Mass, we're so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ's love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one's breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn't a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●



**Mass Schedule**  
**St. Joseph's Church—Hardin**

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass

and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Mission—Custer**

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

