

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sun., Oct 12:** No Adult Catechism class

**Mon., Oct 13:** Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

**Wed., Oct 15:** No Religious Education classes

**Mon., Oct 20:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., Oct 12:** For the People

**Mon., Oct 13:** No daily Mass

**Tues., Oct 14:** No daily Mass

**Wed., Oct 15:** No daily Mass

**Thurs., Oct 16:** No daily Mass

**Fri., Oct 17:** No daily Mass

**Sat., Oct 18:** †For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus



**Offertory Collections:**

**St. Joseph's**

**Sat., Oct 4:** \$ 677.00

**Sun., Oct 5:** \$ 2,146.45

**Month of August, 2025**

**Income:** \$ 9,569.20

**Expenses:** \$ 8,267.60

**St. Mary's**

**Sun., Oct 5:** No Mass

**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**

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**Director of Religious Education:** Celeste Geier

|              | Commentator     | Lector           | Extraordinary Ministers           |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat., Oct 11 | Celeste Geier   | Julie O'Dell     | Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell      |
| Sun., Oct 12 | Genne Taganahan | Sue Seykora      | Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez |
| Sat., Oct 18 | Julie O'Dell    | Celeste Geier    | Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell      |
| Sun., Oct 19 | Liezel Ferido   | Candy Wells      | Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora      |
| Sat., Oct 25 | Celeste Geier   | Julie O'Dell     | Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell      |
| Sun., Oct 26 | Angela Ramirez  | Visencia Ramirez | Sue Seykora & Candy Wells         |

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

*Thank you! Thank you!*

Now that the painting of the Rectory is completed, we would like to thank the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana for the \$4500 grant award to our parish! This grant allowed us to complete our project and make our Rectory look like new.

**Religious Education classes have begun**  
**Please contact Celeste Geier,**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
**for further information 406.679.1679**

*October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, on October 7th, commemorates the decisive Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, a triumph attributed to the power of the Rosary.*

*During this month, Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily to meditate on the life of Jesus through Mary and to ask for her intercession.*



**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*(Lect 144-Year C)*

The word that runs through today's readings is gratitude. The Aramaean king Naaman is cured of his leprosy when he follows the word of Elisha the prophet, to whom he returns to give thanks and offer a gift. Jesus cleanses ten lepers while traveling through Samaria, but only one of them returns to thank him. Naaman's gratitude leads him to bring two mule-loads of earth back home to Aram so that he can offer sacrifice to the Lord at home. The Samaritan's gratitude leads him to glorify God loudly and publicly. The word gratitude comes from the Latin word gratus, from which is also derived the word grace. God's grace is freely offered to us, not for anything good that we have done, but simply out of the infinite love God has for us. Significantly—one more etymological lesson here—the word for gratitude in Greek is euchariston; this is the word Luke uses in this passage. When we receive the Eucharist, we are giving thanks to God: to Jesus for offering himself for our salvation; to the Father for sending the Son, allowing him to die for our sins, and raising him to eternal life. May we, unclean with sin, receive the Lord in gratitude, then go forth to glorify God by our lives.

*How will you return to a place of grace to give thanks to the Lord this week?*

**Father Cally will be on vacation to  
Nigeria thru October 23rd.  
We wish him a safe trip!**

*While Father is gone we will have substitute  
priests from St Dennis Parish in Crow  
Agency to celebrate the weekend  
masses. Welcome!  
There will be no daily Mass or Adoration.*

# Dear Padre

October 12, 2025

***Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?***

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is "in" or "out." St. Paul teaches us, "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right" (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a "good conscience" is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

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For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

### 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.

## Good News!

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Here is a quick self-test:** *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

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