

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Feb 1: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm
Tues., Feb 3: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Feb 4: Children's Catechism class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Feb 4: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Feb 5: First Friday Healing Mass, 5:30 pm
Mon., Feb 9: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb 1: For the People
Mon., Feb 2: No Mass
Tues., Feb 3:
Wed., Feb 4: Healing for Betty Besel by Kenny & Patty Kepp
Thurs., Feb 5:
Fri., Feb 6:
Sat., Feb 7: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus

Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's **Month of Nov. 2025**
Sat., Jan 24: \$ 460.00 **Income:** \$ 9,432.87
Sun., Jan 25: \$ 791.00 **Expenses:** \$ 11,027.86
St. Mary's **Loss** (\$ 1,594.99)
Sun., Jan 25: No Mass

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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Mass Servers

Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Jan 31	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier
Sun., Feb 1	Sheila Mae Pocadol	Genne Taganahan
Sat., Feb 7	Patty Kepp	Richelle Link
Sun., Feb 8	Juvi Mula	Candy Wells
Sat., Feb 14	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp
Sun., Feb 15	Visencia Ramirez	Liezcel Ferido
		Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
		Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
		Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
		Sue Seykora & Nancy Krebs
		Patty Kepp & Richelle Link
		Juvi Mula & Candy Wells



Beginning in February

Bible studies will be held every other Tuesday in the church basement.

The first Bible study will be Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church.

Everyone is invited!



Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal! Your generosity supports faith formation, priestly care, and diocesan ministries throughout Eastern Montana. If you have not yet made your gift, there's still time to join our diocesan family in this important work.



February is dedicated to the Holy Family and as we honor Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and Jesus—the

ultimate model for our own families—we are invited to reflect on how we can entrust our faith to future generations. One meaningful way to do this is through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana which helps families and individuals secure a strong future for Catholic churches, schools, and ministries through nearly 200 endowments. In fact, the Held by the Holy Family Endowment supports ministries that help parents provide faith formation for their children in their own homes and families. If you'd like to make a gift or learn more about the Foundation, please visit

www.catholicfoundationmt.org

or call 406-315-1765.



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

Good News!

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 /

Matthew 5:1-12a

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call "Ordinary Time" is full of Jesus' teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today's readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of "Thou shalt not," they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The "poor in spirit" get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today's first reading, saw the shift coming, from "don'ts" to "dos," from bossy to beatitude: "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land" (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be "a people humble and lowly" who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with "none to disturb" you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	February 3 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43	February 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34 10-12 Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34 10-12 Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29	February 8 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



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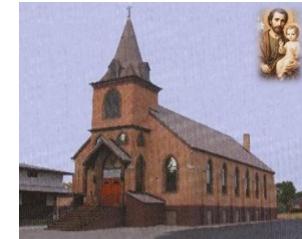
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm

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

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



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.



Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●

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