

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sun., Mar 15:** Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm  
**Mon., Mar 16:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Tues., Mar 17:** Bible study, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Wed., Mar 18:** Mass, **8:00 am**, no Adoration  
**Wed., Mar 18:** Children's Catechism class, 3:45 pm  
**Thurs., Mar 19:** Lenten Penance Service, 5:30 pm  
**Fri., Mar 20:** Stations of the Cross followed with daily Mass, 5:30 pm  
**Sun., Mar 22:** Feast of St. Joseph, Parish Breakfast after Mass, all are invited!

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., Mar 15:** For the People  
**Mon., Mar 16:** No Mass  
**Tues., Mar 17:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wed., Mar 18:** †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
**Thurs., Mar 19:** No Mass  
**Fri., Mar 20:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sat., Mar 21:** †For Dale Vandersloot by Larry & Deb Johnson



**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**

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**Mass Servers**

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., Mar 14	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., Mar 15	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula
Sat., Mar 21	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Visencia Ramirez
Sun., Mar 22	Juvi Mula	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Mar 28	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Mar 29	Genne Taganahan	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula

**Monday MARCH 16**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Is 65:17-21  
 Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday MARCH 17**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Ez 47:1-9, 12  
 Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday MARCH 18**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Is 49:8-15  
 Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday MARCH 19**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday MARCH 20**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday MARCH 21**  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Jer 11:18-20  
 Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday MARCH 22**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 Ez 37:12-14  
 Rom 8:8-11  
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Scholarships Available**



Elizabeth Brennan Memorial Scholarships and Knights of Columbus Scholarships for High School Seniors and College Students. *Deadline April 15th.*



Catholic Daughters Scholarship and Catholic Daughters Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors. *Deadline May 1st.*

**All applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.**

**Offertory Collections**

**St. Joseph's**  
**Sat., Mar 7:** \$ 465.00  
**Sun., Mar 8:** \$ 766.00  
**Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$2,140.00**  
**St. Mary's**  
**Sun., Mar 8:** \$ 172.00

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



**Christian Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule**

All Catholic men are encouraged to attend.  
 March 18th - Big Horn Calvary Church  
 March 25th - Church of the Open Bible  
 April 1st - First Baptist Church

*Lenten Penance Service  
 Thurs., March 19th, 5:30 p.m.*

**CUM CHRISTO WEEKENDS**

(to be held in Absarokee)  
 Men's weekend, April 16-19  
 Women's weekend, April 23-26  
 Application online at: [bigskycumchristo.org](http://bigskycumchristo.org)  
 Father Cally is the Spiritual Director for the women's weekend.  
 Every one is encouraged to participate.  
 It is a very rich program.



**Holy Week Mass Schedule**

**Holy Thursday:** Mass - 5:30 pm, followed with Eucharistic Adoration after Mass  
**Good Friday:** Good Friday Services and Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm  
**Easter Vigil Saturday:** Easter Vigil - 6:30 pm  
**Easter Sunday:** Holy Mass - 9:00 am (followed with Easter Egg Hunt)  
 Mass at St. Mary's Mission - 11:00 am



**Come to the Chrism Mass**

The bishop celebrates the Chrism Mass with the priests of the diocese. It is a manifestation of the priests communion with their bishop. At this Mass, the Bishop blesses the holy oils that will be used for the celebrations of the Sacraments throughout the year. This is a celebration of the MINISTRY of all in the Diocese. While our diocese is made up of many different parishes and unique gifts and needs, we are in communion with one another: We are ONE church; TOGETHER we are the ONE BODY OF CHRIST.

The Chrism Mass reminds us that when the Church anoints the Sick for healing, it is Christ who heals. When the Church anoints catechumens for strength in their conversion, it is Christ who gives them strength. When the Church anoints the newly baptized with the Sacred CHRISM; confirms the baptism of men and women in confirmation with the CHRISM; anoints the hands of the priest or the head of the bishop in holy orders with CHRISM; anoints a new altar, the Table of the Lord, and the walls of a new church with CHRISM: IT IS THE GRACE OF CHRIST, THE HOLY SPIRIT, that permeates and becomes one with the baptized, the confirmed, the ordained, the altar, the house for the church.

**We should be at the Chrism Mass because the life of Christ dwells within us, because we have been anointed and we have been sent to Go Make Disciples.**

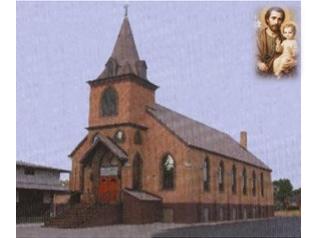
Bishop Jeff invites and welcomes you to the Chrism Mass!

**Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 pm**  
 St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, 215 N. 31st Street, Billings or join the livestream on the Diocesan YouTube Channel.

**Stations of the Cross - Schedule**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Led by</u>
Fri., Mar 20	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Mar 27	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 3	3:00 pm	Catholic Daughters Mary's Way of the Cross

*Also, on Wednesday's during Lent the Children's Catechism Class will lead Stations of the Cross at 4:20 p.m. Everyone is welcome!*



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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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.

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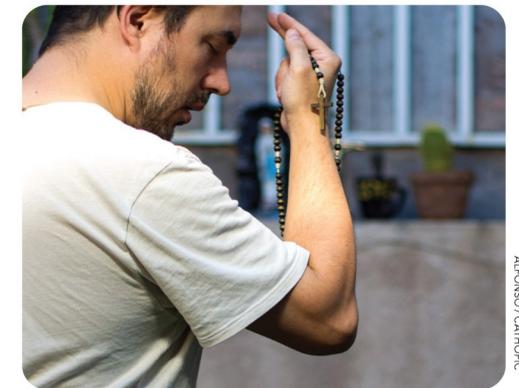
*I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?*

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●



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