

Weekly Calendar

Mon., May 18: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Tues., May 19: Finance Council, 4:00 pm, church basement
Wed., May 20: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Sun., May 24: HS Graduation

Mass Intentions

Sat., May 16: God's blessings on First Holy Communion & Confirmation Children
Sun., May 17: For the People
Mon., May 18: No Mass
Tues., May 19: _____
Wed., May 20: †For Edgar Turney by Jim & Sue Seykora
Thurs., May 21: _____
Fri., May 22: _____
Sat., May 23: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus



Remember your donation to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., May 16	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., May 17	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula
Sat., May 23	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 24	Liezel Ferido	Juvi Mula	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., May 30	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 31	Genne Taganahan	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora

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

Congratulations on your Confirmation and First Communion
Jordan Blacksmith
Josey Fortune
James Peterman

Welcome
Bishop Jeffrey Fleming

"2026 Graduating Seniors"
 If you would like to join the procession in your **Cap and Gown on Sun., May 24th** please be at the church by **8:45 a.m.**

Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's
Sat., May 9: \$ 335.00
Sun., May 10: \$ 1,008.00
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 5,690.00
St. Mary's
Sun., May 10: \$

Month of Mar., 2026 **Month of April, 2026**
Income: \$ 8,979.45 **Income: \$ 8,510.75**
Expenses: \$ 9,649.08 **Expenses: \$ 8,481.53**
Loss \$ 669.63 **Profit \$ 29.22**

Congratulations Scholarship Award Recipients

Catholic Daughters Graduating High School Senior Scholarships

Lucy Fuchs - Maricela Ramirez

Knights of Columbus Graduating High School Senior Scholarships

Lucy Fuchs - Adrian Taganahan

Knights of Columbus College Student Scholarships

Katelyn Fuchs - Chase Wells - Miles Wells



Monday

May 18
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 19:1-8
 Jn 16:29-33

Thursday

May 21
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
 Jn 17:20-26

Saturday

May 23
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
 Jn 21:20-25

Tuesday

May 19
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 20:17-27
 Jn 17:1-11a

Friday

May 22
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 25:13b-21
 Jn 21:15-19

Sunday

May 24
 Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-11
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Jn 20:19-23

Wednesday

May 20
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 20:28-38
 Jn 17:11b-19



Spread the word!
The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is now accepting grant applications for 2026.

Catholic churches, schools, organizations, and ministries in our diocese can apply to receive a grant for up to \$10,000!

Visit <https://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/grants-program>.

The application deadline is Fri, June 19, 2026.

Dear Padre

May 17, 2026

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thesalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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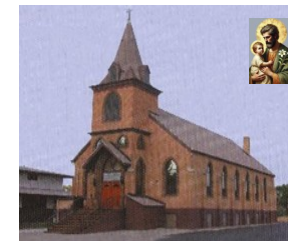
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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.

Good News!

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 / Matthew 28:16–20

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●