

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Aug 3: Adult Catechism, 4:00 pm,
church basement
Wed., Aug 6: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions

- Sun., Aug 3: For the People
- Mon., Aug 4: No Mass
- Tues., Aug 5:
- Wed., Aug 6:
- Thurs., Aug 7: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
- Fri., Aug 8:
- Sat., Aug 9:



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph’s Month of June 2025
Sat., July 26: \$ 872.00 Income: \$ 7,215.50
Sun., July 27: \$ 1,653.89 Expenses: \$ 13,729.85
St. Mary’s \$ (6,514.35)
Sun., July 27: No Mass

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Sun., Aug 10	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 16	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Aug 17	Angela Ramirez	Liezel Ferido	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora

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Fiscal Year ending 6.30.25
Income: \$ 96,494.29
Expenses \$ 110,434.86
Net Loss \$ (13,940.57)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lect. 114—Year C)

“Are you saving enough for . . . ?” We hear this question throughout our lives, about buying a home, paying for college for our children, or retirement. Today’s readings offer a different view, pointing out the folly of obsessing over the pursuit of wealth. “All things are vanity!” says Qoheleth, pointing out that when we die, all our possessions will be left to someone who never worked for them or worried over them (Ecclesiastes 1:2). Jesus’ parable teaches the same lesson. The rich man whose harvest would satisfy all his material needs for years dies that very night. After all that planning! Where did he go wrong? A clue may be found in the word Jesus used to describe that harvest: bountiful. Bounty is something given generously. The rich man seemed to think of the earth’s bounty as something he deserved to possess and could hoard, not as a gift that he could in turn give. “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth,” Saint Paul writes (Colossians 3:2), for what is important is not an accumulation of riches in this life, but eternal life in heaven. We are all offered the bounty of salvation; everything else we gain will pass.

What do you value the most? Where are your riches?

God is good
all the time:

all the time
God is good!



Good News!

August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 /
Luke 12:13-21

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Remember this: Jesus said, “one’s life does not consist of possessions.” But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you’re best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into bed with you at two in the morning because she’s frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one’s possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God. ●

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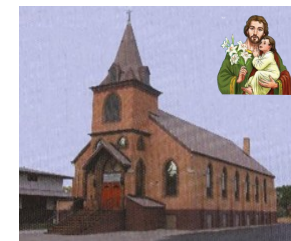
Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

Dear Padre,

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a "Bible church" with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?

The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in "one mind and in one spirit." It is an act of unity, a real "communion." Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●



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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