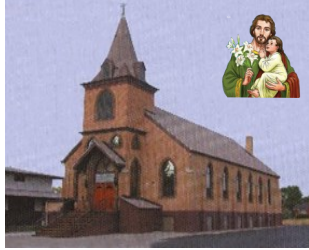


Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: June 25—July 1, 2023



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

710 N Custer Avenue  
Hardin, MT 59034

Father Callistus Igwenagu  
406-665-1432

Website: [stjosephparishhardin.org](http://stjosephparishhardin.org)  
Email: [stjosephparishhardin@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephparishhardin@gmail.com)  
Facebook: St Joseph Catholic Parish—Hardin

### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
Parish Secretary: Deb Johnson  
Bulletin: Patty Kepp  
Website Editor: Julie O'Dell  
Religious Education: Celeste Geier & Bethany Fuchs

### Mass Intentions

Sun., June 25: For the people  
Mon., June 26: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., June 27: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wed., June 28: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thurs., June 29: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri., June 30: +For Connie Medhus  
+For Lowell Medhus  
Sat., July 1: \_\_\_\_\_



**Offertory Collections**  
Sat., June 17: \$ 808.00  
Sun., June 18: \$ 808.00

**Month of May, 2023**  
Income: \$ 6,534.10  
Expenses: \$ 9,381.18  
\$ (2,847.08)



### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., June 24	Katie Fuchs	Patty Kepp	Bethany & Chris Fuchs
Sun., June 25	Sue Seykora	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., July 1	Patty Kepp	Larry Johnson	Deb & Larry Johnson
Sun., July 2	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., July 8	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Bethany Fuchs & Celeste Geier
Sun., July 9	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells

### 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  
St. Mary's Mission – Custer  
Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm**  
**For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Cally**  
**Contact Numbers:**  
**Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions**  
**Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin**

### Calendar

**Wed., June 28:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Tues., July 4:** 4th of July—Independence Day  
**Thurs., July 6:** Finance Council will meet in the Rectory at 6:00 pm  
**Fri., July 7:** First Friday Healing Mass, 5:30 pm

*"Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."*

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

To all born  
in June



### DO NOT BE AFRAID, TRUST IN GOD.

Jesus while sending the apostles on a mission (Matt.10:26-33) instructed them not to be afraid but to trust in him always. The language "Do not be afraid" was used 365 times in the whole bible. And Jesus in the New Testament used it several times. In today's gospel alone he used it three times.

We are the present-day apostles of Jesus. We preach the good news of Jesus every day with spoken words and with our good deeds. Jesus knows that there are many things that can bring fears and anxieties into our lives here on earth while living our daily lives as Christians.

First, there could be people who may hate us because of our Christian faith. There could be people who will insult us, say bad things about us because of our good deeds and the truth we stand for as Christians. This was what Jeremiah encountered in the first reading (Jeremiah 20:10-13). But God was with him to vindicate him. Just like Jeremiah Jesus encourages us not to be afraid of such people that He will be with us to defend us.

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna." The persecutions or challenges we face for being Christians can only affect our physical life; it can only inflict bodily suffering on us, but our souls are in peace and secured for eternal life. But if we deny Jesus and the gospel because of the fear of people, we may lose our salvation. God has the power to deny us salvation if we don't practice our Christian faith publicly out of fear or shy. Jesus emphatically said that whoever denies him before others he will deny before his heavenly father. But whoever acknowledges him before others, he will acknowledge before his heavenly Father. So let us not be afraid of criticism or persecutions in professing our faith. Let us rather honor and obey God in all things and situations. He will reward us adequately at the appropriate time.

Again, as people in the world, we could experience fears arising from social insecurity. Just on

Saturday of last weekend, at night around 10 pm, burglars wanted to break into my house through the side door. When I noticed their attempt to break the door, I had to call 911. I was scared. Our fears could also originate from financial insecurity, health challenges, family problems, uncertainties of life, fear of what the future holds, 'what ifs,' and even fear of death and where we shall spend eternity.

Jesus assures us in today's gospel that God shall take care of us and our concerns. If God can take care of sparrows (birds) which worth little, how much care shall he give us who are created in his image and likeness. 1Peter 5:7 "Cast all your fears unto Jesus for he cares about you." The stronger the faith and trust we have in God the lesser the fears we have. When Jesus tells us not to be afraid, he knows that he is more powerful than our objects of fears. Let us place our trust and faith in him always.

*Psalm 69: Call upon the Lord in faith, seeking His loving response. Endure insults and shame, trusting in His boundless kindness and mercy. Rejoice, for the Lord hears the cries of the poor and oppressed, and let all creation join in praise.*

**Summer Days**

In the morning before the sky turns light  
When you can't decide if it's day or night,  
I go to God with prayer and praise  
To bless the coming of the day.  
I see in thought, the summertime  
When flowers bloom in scattered rhyme;  
The heavens then are crystal blue,  
And all of life seems infant-new.  
My spirit soars when creatures wild,  
Make me feel just like a child  
Seeking knowledge of the unknown:  
The birds on wing, the honeycomb,  
And how life is so fresh and free  
Because Jesus died at Calvary.  
Though Summer lives in heart and mind,  
No matter the season, I always find,  
The time with God has eased the strife  
That I pick up throughout this life.  
With my commune with God, the feeling stays,  
I'm a child discovering Summer days.

-Nancy Watson Dodrill

SALESIAN MISSIONS