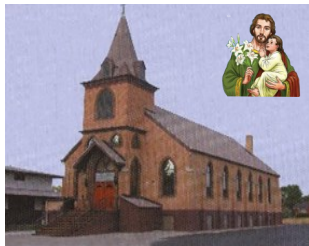


Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 30—August 5, 2023



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., July 30: For the people
Mon., July 31: _____
Tues., Aug 1: _____
Wed., Aug 2: _____
Thurs., Aug 3: _____
Fri., Aug 4: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
Sat., Aug 5: _____



Offertory Collections

Sat., July 22: \$ 115.00
Sun., July 23: \$1,007.38

Fiscal Year ending 6.30.23

Month of June, 2023

Income: \$ 6,226.30
Expenses: \$ 8,966.56
\$ (2,740.26)

Income: \$ 96,416.60
Expenses \$ 104,547.68
\$ (8,131.08)

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

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., July 29	Julie O'Dell	Katie Fuchs	Chris & Bethany Fuchs
Sun., July 30	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Aug 5	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Aug 6	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Aug 12	Richelle Link	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 13	Angela Ramirez	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora

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., Aug 2: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Aug 4: First Friday Healing Mass, 5:30 pm

Stress in Your Marriage? There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

Jesus in today's parable (Matt. 13:44-52) emphasises the extreme importance of salvation. When the person in today's parable found this hidden treasure, he went and sold everything he had, gathered the money together and used it to buy this treasure, this fine pearls. This means that the value of this hidden treasure is more than the man's earthly possessions.

The hidden treasure in the parable represents SALVATION. When somebody realizes the extreme importance of salvation, he/she can sacrifice a fortune to possess it. The most important treasure in life is the treasure of knowing God and securing salvation. St. Alphonsus of Liguori said that the most important business on earth is the business of saving our souls for when the soul is lost everything is lost. The scripture said, "what will it profit a person to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul." (Mark 8:36)

When we discover the endless blessings waiting for us in heaven, we will do everything humanly possible to possess heaven. That's the meaning of today's parables. When St. Paul discovered the importance of salvation, he sacrificed everything including his life to possess it. Phil 3:8 "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ the Lord" Phil 3:10 "All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection." All the saints in heaven sacrificed a lot to possess heaven.

The scripture says "seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and other things shall be added unto thee (Matt 6:33)." Solomon in today's first reading (1 King 3:5,7-11) never asked for riches and long life but for wisdom and understanding and God added riches and other good things of life to him. True wisdom is the ability to know what God wants and the courage to do it. Whoever knows God and truly serves him can never lack material goods.

God cares for his children. Let us always trust him and ask him for more wisdom and understanding to be able to carry out his good will always and gain salvation at the end.



OCIA is the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. This class begins in the fall and concludes with Easter Vigil celebration on March 30, 2024. This is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. This class is offered to anyone who wants to learn more about catholic faith, desires to be a catholic, wants to be baptized as an adult, or wishes to complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and First Eucharist). If you are interested please contact Fr. Cally (406) 665-1432 or the Director of Religious Education, Celeste Geier (406) 679-1679.

Inviting all Married* Couples and Priests!

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an experience for married couples and priests who value their relationships and desire a richer, fuller life in their marriage and priesthood.
- Attend a Marriage Encounter Experience and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage and priesthood strong and thriving.
- For over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped millions of couples and priests find new ways to thrive together and live their vocations in love.



- This is an invitation being offered to all married couples and priests who are looking for a way to enrich their relationships through an online opportunity.
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Northern Illinois is hosting a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience being held on Thursday evenings starting October 5th through November 16th.
- The sessions run for 2 ½ - 3 hours each evening starting at 7:00 PM CT.
- Zoom access is required and you must be available to attend all 8 sessions.
- Early application is required in order for the materials for the experience to be mailed to you ahead of time.

3RE Virtual Experience - Thursday Evenings starting October 5 – November 16, 2023

For more information and to sign up for an Experience visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or wwme.org or call 888-574-5653

*WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.