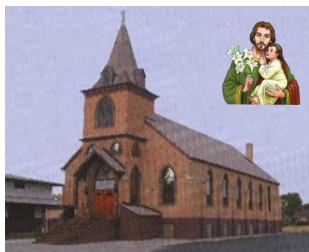


First Sunday of Lent: February 26—March 5, 2023



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Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb 26: For the people

Mon., Feb 27: No Mass

Tues., Feb 28: _____

Wed., Mar 1: For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

Thurs., Mar 2: _____

Fri., Mar 3: _____

Sat., Mar 4: _____



Offertory Collections

Sat., Feb 18: \$269.00

Sun., Feb 19: \$914.00

Month of Dec., 2022

Income: \$ 10,234.00

Expenses: \$ 7,308.56

\$ 2,925.44

Scholarships:

The Elizabeth Brennan Memorial/ Knights of Columbus—Hardin Council 5527 for high School and College Students. **Applications are available on the table at the entrance.**



Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Feb 25	Richelle Link	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Feb 26	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Mar 4	Katie Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Mar 5	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Mar 11	Julie O'Dell	Larry Johnson
Sun., Mar 12	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Mar 18	Patty Kepp	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Mar 19	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., Mar 1: Religious Education class, 3:45pm; Stations of the Cross, 4:20 pm, led by the RE class

Wed., Mar 1: Mass, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Prayer, 5:30 pm

Fri., Mar 3: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm, led by Knights of Columbus, followed with Healing Mass

Sat, Mar 4: Rosary Novena #7 of 9, 5:20 pm, led by the Catholic Daughters

Sun., Mar 5: Sunday Breakfast, after 9:00 am Mass, prepared by Catholic Daughters

Mon., Mar 6: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting moved to March 6th (from Mar 13th), 6:00 pm

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

In preparation for the celebration of the Feast

of St. Joseph we will begin with a Novena on

Fri., March 10th and end on Sat., March 18th.

The time for the Novena is 5:30 p.m. each day.

On Fri., March 17th there will be a talk on the Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross

Dates	Time	Led by
Fri., Mar 3	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus
Fri., Mar 10	5:30 pm	Catholic Daughters
Fri., Mar 17	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Fri., Mar 24	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Mar 31	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 7	12:00 noon	CDA/JCDA

Mary's Way of the Cross

Also, on Wednesday during Lent the Religious Education class will lead Stations of the Cross at 4:20 p.m. Everyone welcome!

THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE DEVIL

Today is the first Sunday of lent. Lent provides us an opportunity to discipline ourselves to overcome Satan and his temptations. The devil is real and very active in the world. As he tempted our first parents in the first reading (Gen.2:7-9:3:1-7) and as he tempted Jesus in the gospel (Matt. 4:1-11) so he tempts us every day. Temptation is the devil's attempt to make us disobey God and so lose friendship with God. He succeeded in the case of Adam and Eve, but Jesus defeated him.

Satan tempted Christ with pleasures, power and pride-3Ps. The first temptation – if you are the son of God command the stones to become bread-pleasure, materialism, gluttony. Satan wanted Jesus to indulge in earthly pleasures. He wanted him to become slave to materialism. But Jesus overpowered him.

The second is for Christ to jump down from the pinnacle of the temple. Here Jesus was tempted to make wrong use of his divine power. As God, Jesus would have easily jumped down from that height without getting wounded. He doesn't even need the angels to guide his feet. But jumping down from the pinnacle of the temple was unnecessary. It will only attract for Jesus worldly fame and glory which was not why he came into the world and that will be abuse of his divine power. Thus, Jesus turned him down. We should learn from this temptation not to abuse any power we have.

The third temptation is for Christ to worship the devil and so receive the kingdoms of the world and all the wealth in it. Jesus rejected the offer. There are people today who have been deceived by the devil to worship him. Satan has his followers and worshippers. We have satanic temples in some places in the world where Satan is worshipped the way we worship the living God. But such worshippers of Satan will end up in hell fire where Satan lives. Satan is a proud creature who refused to acknowledge the supremacy of God.

The devil tempts us every day with these 3Ps- pleasures, power, and pride. Always note that the plan of the devil is to destroy us as he destroyed our first parents. St. Peter encourages us to be alert and watchful because our enemy the devil is roaming around like a lion looking for someone to destroy. Stand up to him strong in faith. (1Peter 5:8-9) Satan is very clever, cunning and intelligent. He knows human psychology very well and can use it against us. Don't engage in argument with the devil because he is very good at argument and can easily convince you to do wrong. That was the mistake Eve made. Instead rebuke the devil! Use the bible to respond to him as Christ did.

God always supports us with his graces in our daily struggle with the devil, and he cannot allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear (1Cor. 10:13). We pray for more of his graces.



What: Sunday Breakfast

When: Sunday, March 5th after the 9:00 Mass

Where: Church Basement

Why: Social gathering for the parish

Pancakes, link sausage, eggs, toast, coffee & juice

"GOOD WILL OFFERING"



Now is the time to register for the Marriage Encounter Experience in Elk Mountain. The experience begins at 8pm on Friday and ends at 4 pm on Sunday. All married couples are welcome, whether they have been married 3 or 53 years, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. All can benefit from this private time to reflect on the gift of your marriage. Experience this opportunity to lock out the daily grind and spend an entire weekend focusing on your spouse. The next Experience will be in Elk Mountain, WY, April 21-23. Application fee is \$100 and an opportunity to make a donation on Sunday of the Experience. To register check out our website: wwme.org or call: (307)-298-0617. If questions do not hesitate to contact us: Tom and Mary Frances Burke, tommfburke@gmail.com Tom Burke 307-259-5392, Mary Frances Burke 307-259-5394

Becky Pugh, the Diocesan Coordinator of the Annual Catholic Appeal will be in Hardin next weekend to speak to the parish about ACA.

Ministry Spotlight: Lifelong Faith Formation

Everyone's faith journey is different. The Department of Lifelong Faith Formation assists individuals, catechetical leaders, and pastors in providing the People of God of Eastern Montana with material to strengthen their faith and enrich their spirituality. The mission of this office is to provide relevant, reliable, and trustworthy catechetical and educational materials, consistent with the teaching of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, to enrich the faith lives of Catholics of all ages throughout Eastern Montana. While people may think of this as working with our children and youth

and/or working with sacramental preparation, the Department of Lifelong Faith Formation also works with adults who are becoming Catholic and those who want to strengthen their Catholic faith. Some of the other activities supported through this department include youth events, Synod support, Eucharistic Revival activities and the upcoming Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

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