

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Feb 15: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm
Mon., Feb 16: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Feb 18: Children's Catechism class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Feb 18: Ash Wednesday Mass, 5:30 pm
Fri., Feb 20: Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb 15: For the People
Mon., Feb 16: No Mass
Tues., Feb 17: For God's healing of Breanne Uffelmann by Colleen Schaak
Wed., Feb 18: For God's healing of Breanne Uffelmann by Colleen Schaak
Thurs., Feb 19: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Fri., Feb 20: For God's healing of Breanne Uffelmann by Colleen Schaak
Sat., Feb 21: For God's healing of Kenneth O'Dell by the Catholic Daughters



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's
Sat., Feb 7: \$ 760.00
Sun., Feb 8: \$ 1,291.00
St. Mary's
Sun., Feb 8: \$ 135.00

Month of Dec. 2025
Income: \$ 11,323.45
Expenses: \$ 8,537.05
Profit \$ 2,786.40

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak
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Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., Feb 14	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Patty Kepp & Richelle Link
Sun., Feb 15	Visencia Ramirez	Liezel Ferido	Juvi Mula & Candy Wells
Sat., Feb 21	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp
Sun., Feb 22	Candy Wells	Genne Taganahan	Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora
Sat., Feb 28	Patty Kepp	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
Sun., Mar 1	Visencia Ramirez	Sheila Mae Pocardol	Nancy Krebs & Candy Wells

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



Season of Lent 2026

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and ends before the celebration of Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2nd.



Scholarships Available

Elizabeth Brennan Memorial Scholarships and Knights of Columbus Scholarships for High School Seniors and College Students



Catholic Daughters Scholarship and Catholic Daughters Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors

Applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

To all men of the parish

You are invited to chili and fry bread served by the Knights of Columbus on Mon., Feb. 16th beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the church basement.

A Reminder to Participate

If you have not yet had an opportunity to support the Annual Catholic Appeal, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps carry the mission of the Church forward.



Every Tuesday except the 1st Tuesday of the month

Bible studies have begun in the church basement at 6:00 p.m. It is never too late to join. *Everyone is welcome!*



Monday

February 15
 Weekday
 Jas 1:1-11
 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 16
 Weekday
 Jas 1:12-18
 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 17
 Ash Wednesday
 Jl 2:12-18
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 16
 Thursday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Dt 30:15-20
 Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 17
 Friday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Is 58:1-9a
 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 17
 Saturday after
 Ash Wednesday
 Is 58:9b-14
 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 18
 First Sunday
 of Lent
 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 or
 5:12, 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11

Stations of the Cross

Dates	Time	Led by
Fri., Feb 20	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Feb 27	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus
Fri., Mar 6	5:30 pm	Catholic Daughters
Fri., Mar 13	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Fri., Mar 20	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Mar 27	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 3	12:00 noon	
Catholic Daughters		- Mary's Way of the Cross

Good News!

February 15, 2026
 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 /
 Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
 FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No'" (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, "And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be" (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple "Yes" or "No"? Do you want to say, "Yes, but... I can't do it now." Or "I can't forgive this particular person." Or "I can't welcome this particular stranger." Or "I can't love him or her or them."

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●

Also, on Wednesday's during Lent the Children's Catechism Class will lead Stations of the Cross at 4:20 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Do it Best

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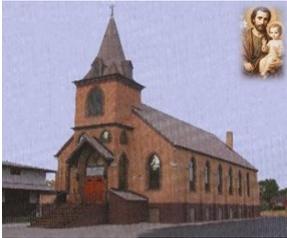
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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.

Dear Padre,

*My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized.
Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?*

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (*CCL* 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●

