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Mass Intentions
Sun., Jan 15: For the people
Mon., Jan 16: No Mass
Tues., Jan 17: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
Wed., Jan 18: _____
Thurs., Jan 19: _____
Fri., Jan 20: _____
Sat., Jan 21: _____



Offertory Collections:
Sat., Jan 7: \$ 1,147.80
Sun., Jan 8: \$ 1,097.00
Month of Nov., 2022
Income: \$ 7,271.82
Expenses: \$ 8,732.96
- \$ 1,461.14

Mass Servers		
	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Jan 14	Katie Fuchs	Richelle Link
Sun., Jan 15	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 21	Christy Morse	Larry Johnson
Sun., Jan 22	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Jan 28	Patty Kepp	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Jan 29	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Feb 4	Bethany Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Feb 5	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez


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 4:45-5:30 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
Sun., Jan 15: JCDA is hosting a social of coffee and donuts after Mass in the church basement. Everyone is welcome, please attend!
Mon., Jan 16: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Jan 18: Religious Education class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Jan 18: Mass, Adoration and Divine Mercy Prayer, 5:30 pm

FORMED:
Cell Phone Weekend
Please have your cell phones ready!
Sat., Jan. 14th & Sun., Jan. 15th

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

**Eucharistic Revival 2023: May 5-6**
at Billings Central Catholic School
Please visit diocesegfb.org/revival
to purchase your ticket.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. He prepared the people for the coming of Christ. He was at river Jordan baptising people. When he saw Christ coming toward him, he presented him to the people saying: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." John saw Christ as the Lamb to be sacrificed for the benefits of humanity. He saw Christ as one who was to die for the salvation of mankind.

Jesus Christ came into the world for a specific mission: to free the world from the slavery of sin. He did this by taking upon himself our sins. This explains the reason why Christ accepted to be baptised. He took our sins to river Jordan and there washed them away. As God he had no sin of his own, neither did he inherit the original sin. The sins he took to river Jordan were ours. The sins for which he was crucified on the cross of Calvary were our sins. Is 54:3 says, "ours were the infirmities that he bore..." in 2Cor. 5:21, St. Paul said "He who knew no sin was made a sinner that we may become the righteousness of God." John the Baptist knew this and that's why he addressed him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Jesus baptism and his death on the cross brought us freedom from sins and Satan. St. Paul said in the second reading of today, that "we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy." He therefore urges us to live in freedom; to keep away from sinful behaviours and to love God. When we were baptised, the spirit of God descended upon us as he descended upon Christ. And we made a promise to reject Satan and all his empty promises, and to love God and keep his commandments. Let us keep to this promise. Sin is failure to love God. A sinner tells God "I don't love you, I don't need your company, go your way".

Satan is the brain behind every sin. He tempts us constantly and his intention is to destroy us. We must always resist him. St. Peter said "Be strong and resist the devil." The devil comes through the mind, thoughts. He always tries to convince us to do bad. He is a very clever being. Don't give him an opportunity in your life.

The Psalmist of today said "Here am I Lord, I come to do your will." To do God's will is to keep his commandments, to do things pleasing to him. Doing God's will should be our delight and our pleasure. That's what it means to be a true child of God.

If, however you make a mistake and fail to do God's will, go back to the Lamb of God who takes away our sins through the sacrament of reconciliation. In confessing our sins Jesus the Lamb of God forgives us and cleanses us. The sacrament of reconciliation is a healing sacrament. It heals us from the wounds inflicted upon our hearts by sins. Jesus the Lamb of God is merciful and compassionate. He knows how weak and how vulnerable we are. He forgives us whenever we come to him in repentance.



Here I am Lord, I come to do your will. Perhaps you being called in 2023 to enrich your marriage relationship? Did you make a resolution to be more open, honest, kind, or spend more quality time with your family? The Marriage Encounter Experience is an opportunity to focus on priorities, and private time to discuss issues that can come between us as couples. There is a \$100 application fee and an opportunity to make a donation at the end of the Experience. The next Marriage Encounter Experience will be Feb 3-5 in Billings. For more information or to register call Dan and Clare: 406-697-3275 or visit our website: wwme.org

Cum Christo Weekends
Men's Weekend Dates:
Feb 9 - 12, 2023
Rector: Dean Mindt 406-687-3818 mindtdean@gmail.com
Scripture Theme: "I go to prepare a place for you"
Women's Weekend Dates:
Feb 16 - 19, 2023
Rectora: Wendy Wiltzen 406-480-9845 wwiltzen@gmail.com
Scripture Theme: "Be not afraid, I am with you always"
More information on the table at the entrance of the church.

