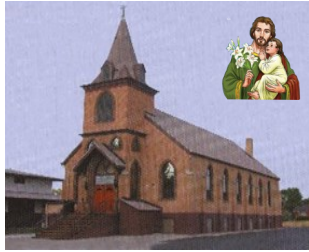


Second Sunday of Lent: March 5—11, 2023



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**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
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 Religious Education: Celeste Geier & Bethany Fuchs

**Mass Intentions**

Sun., Mar 5: For the people  
 Mon., Mar 6: No Mass  
 Tues., Mar 7: For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
 Wed., Mar 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thurs., Mar 9: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fri., Mar 10: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sat., Mar 11: For Doug Besel by Kenny & Patty Kepp



**Offertory Collections**

Ash Wed.: \$ 385.00  
 Sat., Feb 25: \$ 691.00  
 Sun., Feb 26: \$ 1,105.00

Month of January, 2023  
 Income: \$ 8,418.17  
 Expenses: \$ 9,702.14  
 \$ -1,283.97

**Mass Servers**

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Mar 4	Katie Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Mar 5	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Mar 11	Bethany Fuchs	Larry Johnson
Sun., Mar 12	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Mar 18	Patty Kepp	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Mar 19	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Mar 25	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Mar 26	Candy Wells	Visencia 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 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 8:** Religious Education class, 3:45pm, Stations of the Cross, 4:20 pm, led by the RE class  
**Wed., Mar 8:** Mass, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Prayer, 5:30 pm  
**Fri., Mar 10:** Stations of the Cross, 5:30 pm, led by the Catholic Daughters  
**Tues., Mar 14:** Parish Council meeting, 5:30 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.*

Dates	Time	Led by
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!*

**Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, March 19th**



**Compassionate Man**

We know Joseph was a compassionate man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. [\(Matthew 1:19-25\)](#).

**Caring Spouse**

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back. [\(Matthew 2:13-23\)](#).



**Loving Father**

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him [\(Luke 2:48\)](#). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" [\(Luke 4:22\)](#)

**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.**



*"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him. [Genesis 12:2-4](#)*



**Sunday Breakfast**  
**TODAY after 9:00 Mass**  
**Church Basement**  
**Social gathering for the parish**

*Pancakes, link sausage, eggs, toast, coffee, juice and hot chocolate*

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