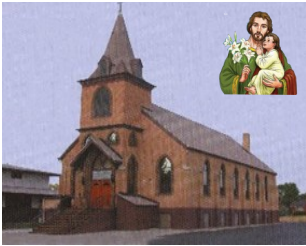


First Sunday of Lent: March 9—15, 2025



**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
**710 N Custer Avenue**  
**Hardin, MT 59034**  
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**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**  
Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
Parish Secretary: Celeste Geier  
Bulletin: Patty Kepp  
Website Editor: Julie O'Dell  
Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., Mar 9:** For the People  
**Mon., Mar 10:** No Mass  
**Tues., Mar 11:** †For Santos Moreno by the Catholic Daughters  
**Wed., Mar 12:** †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
**Thurs., Mar 13:** Recovery of Steve Schaff by Bob & Pearl Vandersloot  
**Fri., Mar 14:** For CES donors by Diocese of Great Falls-Billings  
**Sat., Mar 15:** For CES donors by Diocese of Great Falls-Billings



**Offertory Collections:**  
**Sat., Mar 1:** \$ 345.17  
**Sun., Mar 2:** \$ 1,428.00  
**Annual Catholic Appeal to date:** \$ 4,125.00  
**Month of January 2025**  
**Income:** \$ 6,003.00  
**Expenses:** \$ 8,576.71  
**(\$ 2,573.71)**

**Mass Servers**

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Mar 8	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Mar 9	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Mar 15	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Mar 16	Angela Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Mar 22	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Mar 23	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells

**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:**  
All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432  
Bulletin—Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257

**Weekly Calendar**

**Mon., Mar 10:** Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm church basement  
**Wed., Mar 12:** Religious Education class 3:45pm  
**Wed., Mar 12:** Mass & Adoration 5:30 pm  
**Fri., Mar 14:** Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm  
**Mon., Mar 17:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm church basement

**Christian Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule**

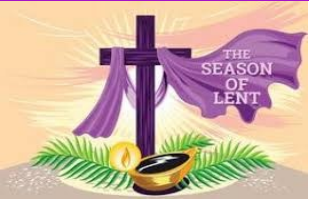
St. Joseph's Parish is sponsoring breakfast on  
**Wednesday, March 12th at 6.30 a.m.**  
in the church basement  
All Catholic men are encouraged to attend.

March 19th - Calvary Fellowship Church  
March 26th - First Alliance Church  
April 2nd - Open Bible Church  
April 9th - E & R Church  
April 16th - First Baptist Church

God is good  
all the time:  
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**The Little Black Book**

Six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent are available at the entrance of the Church. Please take one.



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

**Lenten Retreat,** March 19th & 20th 5:00 pm  
**Lenten Penance Service** will be on the 2nd day of the Lenten Retreat, March 20th.

**Feast of St. Joseph Celebration,** Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, March 23rd

**Youth Event,** March 22nd & 23rd, Miles City

**First Sunday of Lent (Lect. 24-Year C)**

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear the devil tempt Jesus three times during his lengthy journey through the desert after he is baptized. Jesus resists each temptation turning to the Father—specifically, God's word—to rebuke the devil. In Luke's version, the devil brings Jesus to Jerusalem for his final attempt, demanding that he throw himself down from a high point to prove that God will send angels to save him. On the final Sunday of Lent, we will hear one of the thieves crucified with Jesus demand that if he is the Son of God he should throw himself down from the cross and save himself and them. Jesus will resist temptation then as he does now, by remaining obedient to the Father. We may feel it difficult to resist even everyday temptations in our own lives, and it often is, but we can rely on some of the same support that Jesus has. Note the first words of the Gospel: "Filled with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 4:1). The Holy Spirit came down upon us when we were baptized as well, and now guides our consciences and strengthens our wills to turn away from temptation and act as God calls us to act.

How does realizing that you have the Holy Spirit within you help you resist temptation?

**Stations of the Cross**

Dates	Time	Led by
Fri., Mar 14	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus
Fri., Mar 21	5:30 pm	Catholic Daughters
Fri., Mar 28	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Fri., Apr 4	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Apr 11	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 18	12:00 noon	Catholic Daughters - 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 is welcome!

**Scholarships Available**

Elizabeth Brennan Memorial Scholarships  
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.**



Remember your donation to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal



"Lord God, just as you restore your creation in the springtime, thank you for your desire to restore our hearts, bodies, souls, and minds. We receive your restorative power and trust you to transform our hearts, bind up our wounds, and breathe life into the dry parts of our spirits. Amen."

PRAY FOR EVERYTHING