

Weekly Calendar

Mon., Sept 1: Happy Labor Day
Tues., Sept 2: Parish Council meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Sept 3: Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Sept 5: First Friday of the month Healing Mass, 5:30 pm, all are welcome!

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 31: For the People
Mon., Sept 1:
Tues., Sept 2:
Wed., Sept 3:
Thurs., Sept 4: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Fri., Sept 5:
Sat., Sept 6:



No Offertory Collections will be posted from August 31 thru Sept 7. They will be posted in the bulletin including those weekends on Sept 14.

Month of July, 2025	Fiscal Year ending 6.30.25
Income: \$ 8,237.09	Income: \$ 96,494.29
Expenses: \$ 9,389.41	Expenses \$ 110,434.86
\$ (1,152.32)	Net Loss \$ (13,940.57)

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Sat., Aug 30	Celeste Geier	Julie O’Dell	Celeste Geier & Julie O’Dell
Sun., Aug 31	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Sept 6	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O’Dell
Sun., Sept 7	Liezel Ferido	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Sept 13	Julie O’Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O’Dell
Sun., Sept 14	Candy Wells	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Lect. 126—Year C)

Jesus loves to tell parables about banquets and feasts, doesn’t he? In the one we hear today, a guest takes a prominent seat at the table, only to be directed, embarrassingly, to the lowest place instead. Jesus praises the guest who sits humbly and then is invited to a higher position. He has a lesson to the host as well: Do not invite those who will repay you by inviting you to their own feasts, but the poor and forgotten, who have no way to repay you. “You will be repaid,” Jesus concludes, in a much better way: “at the resurrection of the righteous” (Luke 14:14). Jesus invites us all to the heavenly banquet, an offer we have no ability to return in kind. Or do we? Recall that Jesus teaches that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do for him. Therefore, we repay him by feeding and clothing and visiting and caring for the Christ in those who cannot personally repay us. In lavishing our prosperity on those in need, we invite Christ to a banquet.

When you give yourself to someone in need, do you feel your reward in your heart? What will you do this week for someone in need?



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all the time God is good!

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A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.

Good News!

August 31, 2025
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a /
Luke 14:1, 7-14

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn’t want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God’s word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes, and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son’s or daughter’s profession than on that son’s or daughter’s happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

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Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

"Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church's power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



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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.