

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 21—27, 2024



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak

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### Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan 21:	For the People
Mon., Jan 22:	No Mass
Tues., Jan 23:	Anthony T Cacchione family St Labre Benefactors
Wed., Jan 24:	Anthony T Cacchione family St Labre Benefactors
Thurs., Jan 25:	Anthony T Cacchione family St Labre Benefactors
Fri., Jan 26:	+For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Sat., Jan 27:	Anthony T Cacchione family St Labre Benefactors



### Offertory Collections:

Sat., Jan 13: \$ 180.00      Sun., Jan 14: \$ 680.00

### Donations to date for:

AED \$2,400.00  
Door Replacement \$1,900.00

### Month of December, 2023

Income: \$ 14,091.16  
Expenses: \$ 7,612.01  
\$ 6,479.15

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Jan 20	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 21	Sue Seykora	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Jan 27	Celeste Geier	Richelle Link	Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 28	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Feb 3	Larry Johnson	Deb Johnson	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Feb 4	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & 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:**

**Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions**

**Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin**

### Calendar

**Mon., Jan 22:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

**Wed., Jan 24:** Religious Education class, 3:45pm

**Wed., Jan 24:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

**Sun., Jan 28:** "Growing in Faith" program, immediately following 9:00 am Mass. Come and learn more about your Catholic faith. Refreshments provided.

**Commitment Weekend Announcement:**

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal will begin with Commitment Weekend on February 3-4, 2024. Please watch your mail for more information and a letter from Bishop Fleming.

*Go Make Disciples!*

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

### Sunday Breakfast

Feb 11th  
after Mass



Sponsored by the  
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### INVITATION TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS

In the 1st reading (Jonah 3:1-5,10), God called Jonah to go and preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. At the preaching of Jonah, the people of Nineveh repented and were spared by the Lord. In today's gospel (Mark 1:14-20), Jesus called Simon and Andrew, James, and John to join him in preaching the good news to all people. He said to them: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The apostles immediately followed him, and their ministry was very successful as they brought so many souls to God.

Like Jonah and the apostles, we all have been called to preach repentance to people everywhere. Repentance is very necessary for salvation. That's why Jesus Christ began his public ministry by preaching repentance. He said in today's gospel 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is close at hand, repent and believe the gospel' (Mark 1:15). In Matt. 28:19 Jesus tells us- "go you to all people everywhere and make them my disciples." Today's readings challenge us to be fishers of people, to be soul winners. So, make effort this week/year to bring at least one person to the Lord.

St. Paul tells us in the 2nd reading (1Cor. 7:29 -31) that the time has grown very short, that the

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Friday 6:00—9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00—4:00 pm

world is passing away. This makes the call to preach repentance an urgent one. We must not delay it. Jonah told the Ninevites in the first reading: only 40 days more, if you don't repent, you will perish. They hastened up and repented. The gospel message is an urgent message because our life on earth is unpredictable. God owns us and he can decide to take us whenever he wants. Therefore, the sooner somebody repents the better.

As we make effort to repent of our own shortcomings, let us take the same message of repentance to others as urgently as possible starting probably with members of our families, our neighbors, and our friends.

**DIocese OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS YOUTH EVENT**

The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is pleased to host the Diocesan Youth Event, Saints and Sacraments, in Lewistown, MT at St. Leo's Catholic Church on March 16th & 17th, 2024. All high school youth are invited to attend this spiritually uplifting and engaging time. We are excited to welcome to the Diocese, Keynote Speaker, Dan Harms, from the Archdiocese of Richmond. Bishop Fleming will celebrate the closing Mass. Throughout the weekend, youth will learn about modern teens on their way to Saint-hood, and how they incorporated the Sacraments into their holy lives. Please use this QR Code to get signed up. The cost is \$35.00 for all high school youth and chaperones. Priests attend free. Priests interested in attending, please contact Jessica Brown at [brown@diocesegfb.org](mailto:brown@diocesegfb.org)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

Jesus does not mince words in the Gospel as he calls us to conversion. Truth be told we are a work in progress and our marriage likewise is everchanging. The Marriage Encounter Experience is an opportunity to look at our expectations for marriage, our roots and formation and to plot a mutual course forward. You learn the language of feelings, how to listen beyond the words spoken, to let go of defenses and to be non-judgmental. It is a conversion of 2 hearts and a melding into one. Join us in Billings, Feb 2-4 or Elk Mountain, WY, April 12-14. To learn more, watch: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=635747607124827> OR visit the website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) OR apply today by calling 307-215-9444