

Third Sunday of Easter: April 14—20, 2024



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
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### Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr 14: For the People  
Mon., Apr 15: No Mass  
Tues., Apr 16: †For Clayton Fortune by Joe & Elaine Malensek  
Wed., Apr 17: †For Doug Besel by Kenny & Patty Kepp  
Thurs., Apr 18: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
Fri., Apr 19: First Communicants & Confirmands  
Sat., Apr 20: †For Clayton Fortune by Gary & Vera Ostahowski



### Offertory Collections:

Sat., April 6: \$ 1,458.00  
Sun., April 7: \$ 1,369.00  
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 12,354.00

### Month of February, 2024

Income: \$ 7,733.47  
Expenses: \$ 8,136.93  
\$ - 403.46

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Apr 13	Celeste Geier	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Apr 14	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Apr 20	Larry Johnson	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Larry Johnson
Sun., Apr 21	Genne Taganahan	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Apr 27	Julie O'Dell	Larry Johnson	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Apr 28	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora

### 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., Apr 15:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Wed., Apr 17:** Religious Education class, 3:45pm  
**Wed., Apr 17:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Fri., Apr 19:** No Daily Mass at 8:00 am, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Mass at 5:45 pm, everyone is welcome




*First Holy Communion & Confirmation*  
*Friday, April 19th @ 5:45 pm*

*Celebrant:*  
*Bishop Emeritus, Most Rev. Michael Warfel*

*Everyone is invited to the celebration!*





**Scholarships Available**  
*On the table at the entrance of the church*  
**Catholic Daughters**  
**Catholic Daughters Memorial**

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

### THE RISEN CHRIST IS OUR PEACE AND HOPE

After Good Friday, the disciples of Jesus went into hiding in the upper room. There in their hiding place they were battling two very strong emotions: Fear and Regret. They were afraid of the persecution and oppression that might come from the Jews and Roman authorities. Also, they were regretting their mistake of abandoning and deserting Jesus their master during his agony and death.

These two strong emotions of fear and regret are often the emotions we feel in our everyday life. We fear for what the future could bring; we fear because of the uncertainties of life. Also, we regret our past mistakes and feel guilty for what we could have done right and for the wrong we have done. These two strong emotions sometimes dominate our lives.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples after rising from the dead (Luke 24:35-48), he did not focus on their mistakes and sins. He did not reprimand them or blame them or condemn them for their fears and for abandoning him. Instead, Jesus showed them mercy and compassion as well as his peace. Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you." With this message of peace, he took away the fears in them-fears of the Jews, and he equally cleared their guilty consciences, and the regret they feel for deserting him. Jesus in other words told his disciples: I am alive, don't be afraid of the Jews. I am with you always to protect you. Be at peace. Again you abandoned me during my trials and crucifixion. But I have risen. I am alive again. Don't feel guilty, don't have regrets. Be at peace.

Jesus imparts the same peace to us today. Sometimes anxieties and fear of the future can overshadow us. Jesus tells us to be at peace. Sometimes the guilt of our past mistakes can hunt



**Men's Weekend:** June 6-9, 2024  
David Mork, Rector 406-671-2562

**Women's Weekend:** June 13-16, 2024  
Pam Heldt, Rectora 406-661-1467

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us and weigh us down. Jesus tells us to be at peace. Jesus' death and resurrection have taken away our sins, our fears, our mistakes and guilt. Isaiah 53:4 says: Ours were the sins, the sorrows, the guilt, the grief, and the pains that he bore..." St. John tells us in the second reading (1John 2:1-5) of today that Jesus is expiation for our sins. He is the Lamb of God who has taken away our sin and its consequences.

Jesus has risen. He is alive so that we may never lose hope. Christ peace enables us to find meaning in life despite the challenges that we face. Christ peace means that a new life is possible. Christ peace brings hope to all victims of violence and oppression.

To receive his peace in fullness, we need to repent, be converted, and strongly believe in him.

*Second Commitment Weekend*

This weekend is our second and final "commitment weekend" for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Remember, this is our way to support the ministries and services of the Diocese which support all of Eastern Montana in a way that no one parish could do on its own.

The 2024 Appeal had a great start, but we still have a way to go to reach our goal of \$1.7 million dollars - which we hope will be committed to by the end of May. While we are asking for you to commit to your gift now, it can be given any time through Dec. 31, 2024. Approximately \$1.25 million has been raised - which leaves \$450,000 left to go. If you have already given or committed to your gift, thank you. If not, please consider giving a gift to the Appeal this year. Every gift truly makes a difference and helps us to fulfill our mission to "Go Make Disciples!"

*Go Make Disciples!*

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17 Lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing!  
Big and small fish pots and other competitions available.

Visit [www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/](http://www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/) to register and view information about the event, including rules, lakes, fish species, and prizes.

- Register by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees- \$40 for adults, \$20 for youth.
- Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes between 8:00am on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8:00pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.
- This fundraiser supports the charitable ministries of Catholic Social Services of Montana.

**Scan this QR code to be taken to the tournament website!**

