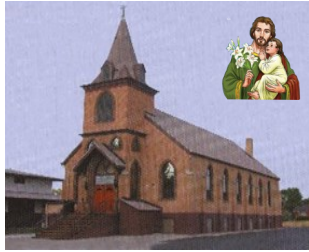


Third Sunday of Lent: March 12—18, 2023



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Mar 12: For the people
Mon., Mar 13: _____
Tues., Mar 14: _____
Wed., Mar 15: +For Rita Johnson
by Larry & Deb Johnson
Thurs., Mar 16: For the recovery of Mary Smith
by the Catholic Daughters
Fri., Mar 17: +For Carol Fortune
by Thomas & Patty Dunbar
Sat., Mar 18: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections **Month of January, 2023**
Sat., Mar 4: \$ 1,162.00 Income: \$ 8,418.17
Sun., Mar 5: \$ 910.00 Expenses: \$ 9,702.14
\$ -1,283.97

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
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
Sat., Apr 1	Richelle Link	Chris & Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Apr 2	Angela Ramirez	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

Fri., Mar 10—Sat., Mar 18: Feast of St Joseph Novena with Mass (Mon-Fri, 5:30 pm)
Tues., Mar 14: Parish Council meeting, 6:00 pm
Wed., Mar 15: Religious Education class, 3:45 pm, Stations of the Cross, 4:20 pm, led by the RE class
Wed., Mar 15: Mass, Adoration, and Divine Mercy Prayer, 5:30 pm
Fri., Mar 17: Stations of the Cross, led by Father Cally & Mass, 5:30 pm
Sun., Mar 19: Feast of St Joseph ceremony during Mass and a reception after Mass
Mon., Mar 20: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

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.**



Stations of the Cross

Dates	Time	Led by
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!

Jesus the Living Water satisfies our desires

Frequent complaints and worries are a sign of lack of faith in God. The people of Israel in today's first reading (Exodus 17:3-7) when they lacked water in the desert complained asking "is God with us or not?" In difficult times we are encouraged to pray and not to complain. Prayer and not complaints solves the problems of life. Matt. 6:27 "Can any of you by worrying/complaining add a single moment to your lifespan?"

Israelites were making a journey through the desert to the promised land of Cannan. The journey was full of ups and downs. It was not so smooth a journey. But they eventually reached their destination. Likewise we journey to the promised land of heaven. It's not an easy road but we hope to reach our destination. "Lack of water" in the first reading represents problems of life-poverty, sickness, misfortunes, loneliness and other challenges we face on earth. When you lack water, turn to God in prayers. He is ever ready to listen.

In today's gospel Jesus our God invites us to himself, the Living Water(John 4:10). In Matthew 11:29, Jesus said "come to me all you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest." He is the solution to our problems as we journey to heaven. The Samaritan woman in the gospel of today overburdened by her sins and problems got relieved when she encountered Christ. She acknowledged her sins and accepted Jesus as a Saviour. Her life changed for better.

The Lord wants us to acknowledge our sins and receive him the living water in our life. He will quench the thirst in our hearts. There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that Samaritan woman. We are all thirsting for something, something that will satisfy our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. And that is why we remain thirsty. God alone can give us what we are looking for. Jesus alone can satisfy our inner desires. Let us draw closer to Him the living water.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

In preparation for the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, the Novena began on Fri., March 10th and will end on Sat., March 18th.
Daily Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. and will include the Novena prayer. The Novena will be prayed Saturday & Sunday during Mass.
On Fri., March 17th there will be a talk on the Eucharist.

Dispensation March 17

To: All Parishes in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
From: Bishop Warfel
In light of the Feast of St. Patrick, this year coming on a Friday of Lent, and which many Catholics celebrate in the United States, I am dispensing the requirement to abstain from meat on March 17th of this year. However, in keeping with the spirit of Lent, for those who eat meat on March 17th which is a day of abstinence in Lent, I am requiring that they abstain from meat on Wednesday, March 15th.
Bishop Warfel



Ministry Spotlight: St. Thomas Camp

St. Thomas Camp is both a physical location and an experience that is located just outside of Monarch, MT.

As a physical location, St. Thomas Camp sits in the Lewis & Clark National Forest 45 miles southeast of Great Falls. The camp is used not only for our own summer camps but can (and is) also be rented and used for other retreats, reunions, and events.

As a summer camp, each summer approximately 150 children and teens attend a weeklong camp experience. The goal is to help children and teens feel the love of Christ, experience an adventure in the outdoors, and be challenged to become the saint God wants them to be. It is a way that our youth in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings can celebrate being Catholic together while participating in sacramental encounters, deep discipleship, camp adventures, and field trips.

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