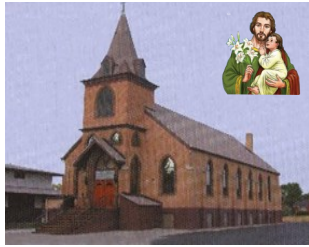


Fourth Sunday of Easter: April 21—27, 2024



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

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



Offertory Collections:
Sat., April 13: \$ 668.00
Sun., April 14: \$ 980.00
Annual Catholic Appeal
to date: \$ 14,354.00

Month of February, 2024
Income: \$ 7,733.47
Expenses: \$ 8,136.93
\$ - 403.46

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
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
Sat., May 4	Larry Johnson	Celeste Geier	Larry Johnson & Julie O'Dell
Sun, May 5	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez	Visencia 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:
Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

Calendar
Wed., Apr 24: Religious Education class, 3:45pm
Wed., Apr 24: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Thurs., Apr 25: Finance Council, 4:00 pm, Rectory
Sun., Apr 28: "Growing in Faith" program, after 9:00 am Mass, church basement
Fri., May 3: First Friday of the Month Healing Mass, 5:30 pm
Sat., May 4: Rosary Novena #9 of 9, 5:20 pm, led by the Catholic Daughters
Sun., May 5: Parish Youth, 3:00 pm, church basement
Mon., May 6: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 5:30 pm, church basement (rescheduled)

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



JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today is called Good Shepherd Sunday. In today's gospel (John 10:11-18) Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd. He said: "I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep and mine know me." As God's children we are the sheep of Jesus. He knows us. He knows when we are hungry and thirsty. He knows when we are weak and wounded. He knows our worries and concerns, our problems, and difficulties, and he always comes to our help. John 10:11 says- "the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." Jesus in his selfless love and care for us sacrificed his life for our salvation.

David in Psalm 23 brought out very clearly the image of God as a Good shepherd. He said "The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.... Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...." This is a very popular psalm. This psalm teaches us that God as our shepherd loves us and takes absolute care of us. He provides, protects, and preserves us as his flock. Like David in Psalm 23 we should have attitude of trust in the loving care of God. God can never stop being good and loving towards us. In Jeremiah 31:3 God said, "I love you with an everlasting love."

Again, today Jesus teaches us about good leadership. Using himself as an image of a Good Shepherd, he wants us to imitate him in his leadership qualities: qualities of love, care and selfless service. We are all shepherds in various capacities: as pastors, as political leaders, as doctors and nurses in the hospitals, as teachers in schools, as parents at homes, as lawyers in the courts, as employers of labour etc. In our various fields of life we are shepherds as long as we render services to others. Do we show love and care to our flock? Do we have the heart of compassion as Jesus had? We are called to be good shepherds in imitation of Jesus. We are called to imitate Jesus in his humility, patience and selflessness in our services to others. We should be ready to lay down our lives for our flock as Jesus did. Sacrificing for the welfare of others is a mark of authentic service and true leadership.

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

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David Mork, Rector 406-671-2562

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Pam Heldt, Rectora 406-661-1467

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Fishing FOR Families

June 1st—June 9th

17 Lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing!
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Register by May 24th. Entry fees- \$40 for adults, \$20 for youth.
Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes between 8:00am on June 1st and 8:00pm on June 9th. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.
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