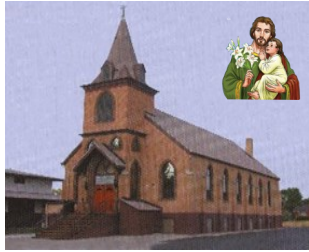


Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time: February 5—11, 2023



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 Religious Education: Celeste Geier & Bethany Fuchs

Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb 5: For the people
 Mon., Feb 6: No Mass
 Tues., Feb 7: _____
 Wed., Feb 8: _____
 Thurs., Feb 9: _____
 Fri., Feb 10: _____
 Sat., Feb 11: For Connie Medhus
 by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections **Month of Dec., 2022**
Sat., Jan 28: \$ 107.00 **Income: \$10,234.00**
Sun., Jan 29: \$ 737.00 **Expenses: \$ 7,308.56**
\$ 2,925.44

Carroll College \$1000 Scholarship available.
 Please visit carroll.edu/scholarships-aid-new-students for further information.

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Feb 4	Bethany Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Feb 5	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Feb 11	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Feb 12	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Feb 18	Chris Fuchs	Katie Fuchs
Sun., Feb 19	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Feb 25	Patty Kepp	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Feb 26	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez

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

Tues., Feb 7: Joint meeting—Finance Council and Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement
 Wed., Feb 8: Religious Education class, 3:45 pm
 Wed., Feb 8: Mass, Adoration and Divine Mercy Prayer, 5:30 pm
 Mon., Feb 13: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
 Sun., Feb 19: JCDA monthly meeting, 10:00 am
 Mon., Feb 20: Knights of Columbus meeting, 6:00 pm

March 19th—Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary

Scholarships:

The Elizabeth Brennan Memorial/ Knights of Columbus—Hardin Council 5527 for High School and College Students **Up to \$2000 in Scholarships** will be awarded to high school and college students who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution. **Applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.**

Eucharistic Revival 2023: May 5-6 at Billings Central Catholic School
 Please visit diocesegfb.org/revival to purchase your ticket.

WE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In today's gospel (Matt.5:13-16) Jesus called us to be the salt for the people of our time. Salt has the duty of making food sweet, bringing out the best in food. We are meant to carry out the function of salt- to make the world a sweet and a better place; to bring out the best in our society. Jesus equally called us the light of the world. We are meant to be light shining in the darkness of our society, helping people to find their ways to fullness of life in God. Our light of good works must shine before others that they may give glory to God. In the first reading of today (Isaiah 58:7-10), Isaiah tells us practically how to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He said, 'share your food with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech.' This implies meeting the needs of the poor and carrying out social justice. Christians realize their true vocation in caring for the poor and in the implementation of social justice. The story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) is a good example of how to be salt and light to the world. Charitable actions we perform brighten the world, makes the world a sweeter and a better place to live in. Standing out to defend the course of justice in the society is another good example of how to be light and salt in the society. The church is the voice of the voiceless and the defender of the defenceless, and we are members of the church. So, we are called to stand for justice always, to be peace makers, solution providers, light bearers to others. Our life of integrity, sincerity and charity can be a bible others can read and get converted. Our good conducts, actions and words can bring others out from the darkness of misconduct and misbehaviour. Our light must shine into the life of others. This is the mandate Jesus gave us by calling us to be his followers. If we don't carry out these duties, we shall become like salt that has lost its taste and is of no use again or we shall become like a lamp light put under bushel basket and nobody sees with it. We are called to be active Christians and not inactive or lukewarm Christians. May the good Lord bless our efforts and help us to live true to our Christian vocation.

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Commitment Weekend

We encourage all of our Catholic family to pause for a moment this weekend and reflect on all the God given gifts in your life. Then, take the time to extend your gratitude to God in prayer. As you reflect, we hope that you will see your parish, priest and our Diocese as a part of those blessings - and that you have prayerfully considered a gift to support the work of the church in Eastern Montana.

Our goals are to reach \$1.7 million to fund the ministries and programs of the Diocese through gifts from 100% of our Catholic families. Please complete your gift or pledge this weekend.

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