

Fifth Sunday of Easter: April 28—May 4, 2024



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr 28: For the People
Mon., Apr 29: No Mass
Tues., Apr 30: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Wed., May 1: †For Clayton Fortune by Kelly Ohmsted
Thurs., May 2: _____
Fri., May 3: _____
Sat., May 4: _____



Offertory Collections: Month of March, 2024
Sat., April 20: \$ 111.25 Income: \$ 11,316.74
Sun., April 21: \$ 559.00 Expenses: \$ 13,407.41
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 14,458.00 (2,090.67)

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
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
Sat., May 11	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 12	Candy Wells	Genne Taganahan	Visencia 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
Sun., Apr 28: "Growing in Faith" program, after 9:00 am Mass, church basement
Wed., May 1: Religious Education class, 3:45pm
This is the last class of the year.
Wed., May 1: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
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 from May 13th)
Tues., May 7: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement


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



JESUS IS THE VINE AND WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Jesus said in today's gospel (John 15:1-8) "I am the Vine, and you are the branches....
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing." Jesus used the vine tree to describe the relationship between us and him. He is the Vine Tree and he calls us his branches. A tree and its branches are one and the same. There is no difference between them. They have the same root; take the same food and water. They are internally super connected.
Jesus sees us as his branches, that is, as part of him. We are one with him. As Christians and particularly Catholics, we are intimately related to Jesus. We are one with him as he is one with the Father. In the Holy Eucharist, we take his body and blood. That means that the same blood and water that flow in him the Vine equally flow in us the branches. We are very closely related to him. This is our identity. This is how Jesus sees us. We are part of him. So always remember that you are part of Jesus. Thus, Jesus advises us to remain in him so that we can bear fruits. There are three major ways to remain in Jesus.
Prayer: Prayer constantly connects us to Jesus. That's why Jesus instructs us to pray always (Luke 18:1).
Holy Communion: One of the best ways to abide in Jesus is to constantly receive him in the Holy Eucharist. You are what you eat and drink. His body and blood become one with ours as we faithfully receive him at mass. In John 6:56 Jesus said: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them."
Keeping His commandments: St. John tells us in the second reading of today (1John 3:18-24) that "those who keep God's commandments remain in him and he in them."
Jesus reminds us that if we don't abide in him, that is, if we cut ourselves off from him, we can't achieve anything. If you by mistake happen to cut yourself off from Jesus reconnect to him through repentance and confession. St. Paul used to be a sinner. But after his conversion he got himself

connected to Jesus and became a preacher of the gospel. He began to bear fruits. This is the message of the first reading of today (Acts 9: 26-31). Conversion and confession are a means through which we get ourselves reconnected to Jesus when we have made mistakes. We pray for the grace to remain in Jesus always and never to separate ourselves from him.

 Congratulations from the Knights of Columbus to Chase Wells, Lacey Wells and Miles Wells. They each received a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating senior. Congratulations to Katelyn Fuchs, she received the \$1500 College Student scholarship.

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