

**Weekly Calendar**

**Mon., May 11:** Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Wed., May 13:** Religious Education class for those receiving the Sacraments, 3:45 pm  
**Wed., May 13:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Sat., May 16:** Confirmation & First Communion, 5:45 pm Mass  
**Mon., May 18:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Tues., May 19:** Finance Council, 4:00 pm, church basement

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., May 10:** For the People  
**Mon., May 11:** No Mass  
**Tues., May 12:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wed., May 13:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Thurs., May 14:** †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
**Fri., May 15:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sat., May 16:** God's blessings on First Holy Communion & Confirmation Children



**"2026 Graduating Seniors"**  
 If you would like to join the procession in your **Cap and Gown on Sun., May 24th** please be at the church by **8:45 a.m.**

**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**

**Parish Bookkeeper:** Colleen Schaak  
**Parish Secretary:** Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679  
**Bulletin:** Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257  
**Website Editor:** Julie O'Dell, 406.665.5178  
**Director of Religious Education:** Celeste Geier

**Mass Servers**

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., May 9	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Julie O'Dell
Sun., May 10	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Visencia Ramirez	Juvi Mula & Candy Wells
Sat., May 16	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., May 17	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula
Sat., May 23	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 24	Liezel Ferido	Juvi Mula	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora

God is good all the time:  
 All the time God is good!

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation**  
**Saturday, May 16th**  
**5:45 pm Mass**

**Celebrant:**  
 Bishop Jeffrey Fleming  
 Everyone is invited to the Mass and celebration!

**Mother's Day Breakfast**  
**Sunday, May 10th**  
 after Mass

"Everyone is invited!" "Free Will Offering"  
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

**Offertory Collections**

**St. Joseph's**  
 Sat., May 2: \$ 575.00  
 Sun., May 3: \$ 1,785.00  
**Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 5,690.00**

**St. Mary's**  
 Sun., May 3: \$ 150.00

**Month of Mar., 2026**  
 Income: \$ 8,979.45  
 Expenses: \$ 9,649.08  
 Loss \$ 669.63

**Month of April, 2026**  
 Income: \$ 8,510.75  
 Expenses: \$ 8,481.53  
 Profit \$ 29.22

**Good News!**

May 10, 2026  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21  
 FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: "the already and the not yet." Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●

*A Mother's Love*



A mother's love is heaven-sent,  
 A gift from God, so pure, so meant  
 To guide, to teach, to gently show  
 The path His children ought to go.

With hands that serve and heart that prays,  
 She walks in faith through all her days,  
 Trusting God in joy and trial,  
 Reflecting Christ in every mile.

Her words bring comfort, calm, and grace,  
 A glimpse of God in her embrace,  
 Her quiet strength, her steadfast care,  
 Reveal His love so deep and rare.

She plants the seeds of truth and light,  
 And lifts her children day and night,  
 Pointing always to the One  
 Who gave His life, His only Son.

Blessed is she who fears the Lord,  
 Who stands upon His holy Word,  
 Her crown is not of gold or fame,  
 But honor in His precious name.

So on this day, we rise and say,  
 Thank you, Mom, in every way—  
 For leading us in paths above,  
 And showing us our Savior's love.

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**  
 of Eastern Montana

**Spread the word!**  
**The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is now accepting grant applications for 2026.**

Catholic churches, schools, organizations, and ministries in our diocese can apply to receive a grant for up to \$10,000!  
 Visit <https://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/grants-program>.  
**The application deadline is Fri, June 19, 2026.**

**Monday**  
 May 11  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 16:11-15  
 Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday**  
 May 12  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 16:22-34  
 Jn 16:5-11

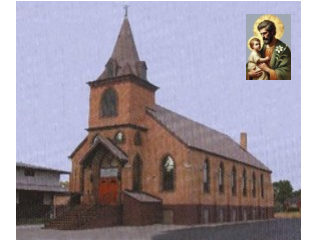
**Wednesday**  
 May 13  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1  
 Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday**  
 May 14  
 St. Matthias, Apostle  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
 Jn 15:9-17

**Friday**  
 May 15  
 Easter Weekday  
 Acts 18:9-18  
 Jn 16:20-23

**Sunday**  
 May 17  
 The Ascension of the Lord  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Eph 1:17-23  
 Mt 28:16-20





## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

### 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

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass  
and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

### St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

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## Dear Padre,

### What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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