

Weekly Calendar
Tues., Aug 25: Bible Study, 6:00 pm,
church basement
Wed., Aug 26: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Thurs., Aug 27: Finance Council, 10:00 am
Tues., Sept 1: Parish Council, 6:00 pm,
church basement

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 23:

Mon., Aug 24:

Tues., Aug 25:

Wed., Aug 26:

Thurs., Aug 27:

Fri., Aug 28:

Sat., Aug 29:

For the People

No Mass

†For Jim Seykora
by Marilyn & Jim Hyde

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†For Jim Seykora
by Gary & Vera Ostahowski

†For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's
Sat., Aug 15: \$ 482.00
Sun., Aug 16: \$ 1,336.00
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 11,390.00
St. Mary's
Sun., Aug 16: \$ 282.00

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			
	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Aug 22	Richelle Link	Julia Ramirez	Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
Sun., Aug 23	Genne Taganahan	Juvi Mula	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Aug 29	Celeste Geier	Richelle Link	Kent Harrington & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 30	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula
Sat., Sept 5	Julia Ramirez	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Sept 6	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Cherinda Hopes	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora

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

Monday
August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday
August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday
August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday
August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the
Church
1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday
August 30
Twenty-second
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Watch the bulletin
and listen to the announcements.
Religious Education classes for
children will begin
Wednesday, September 30th.

Month of May, 2026
Income: \$ 8,427.75
Expenses: \$ 12,133.36
Loss \$ 3,705.61

Month of June, 2026
Income: \$ 8,001.50
Expenses: \$ 18,118.73
Loss \$ 10,117.26

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD
DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11,
2026

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Dear Padre

August 23, 2026

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●

Choir members
needed.
Also, those who can play
an instrument. Contact
Julie O'Dell @ 406.665.5178

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of Eastern Montana

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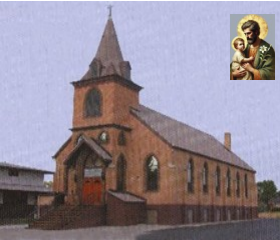
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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.

Good News!

August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–20

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response.

No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●