



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

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



Offertory Collections: **Month of March, 2024**
Sat., April 27: \$ 976.00 **Income: \$ 11,316.74**
Sun., April 28: \$ 1,214.00 **Expenses: \$ 13,407.41**
Annual Catholic Appeal
to date: \$ 14,458.00 **\$ (2,090.67)**

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

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
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
Sat., May 18	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell	Larry Johnson & Julie O'Dell
Sun., May 19	Genne Taganahan	Visencia Ramirez	Angela 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

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
Wed., May 8: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Sun., May 12: *Happy Mother's Day*

The five vicariates of the Great Falls-Billings Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are awarding one \$500.00 scholarship to a high school graduating senior girl. Applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church. Deadline to apply is May 22, 2024.

CLASS OF 2024
"Graduating Seniors"
If you would like to attend Mass as a graduating senior in cap and gown on Sunday, May 26th, please contact Celeste Geier at (406) 679-1679



Diocese of Helena



Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

May 3, 2024

A Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Montana on the Abortion Amendment Constitutional Initiative (CI-128)

Dear People of God,

As Catholics, we treasure life as a precious gift from God and recognize our sacred duty to nurture and protect every human life from the moment of conception through natural death. Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation. This recognition of the infinite dignity enjoyed by all persons informs our understanding of the basic rights and protections to which all human beings are entitled. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

At this very moment, there is a coordinated effort underway to gather signatures to place an extreme amendment to our State's constitution on the November ballot. Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) would greatly expand the practice of legalized abortion in Montana abolishing the limited restrictions currently in place and opening the door to a host of practices that violate fundamental rights to life and dignity.

CI-128 is being promoted simply as a protection for women's rights, when in fact, this initiative seeks to enshrine legal authorization for the following:

- Late-term abortion of babies who will feel pain
- Abortion of babies who have been partially delivered
- Abortion by dismemberment of children growing in the womb

Moreover, this proposal would eliminate current parental notification requirements that apply when minors obtain an abortion. This would:

- Impose a culture of secrecy that would undermine families.
- Expose underage mothers to exploitation
- Provide cover for those who would victimize underage women by committing abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes

Faced with this unprecedented threat to human life, we urge all people of goodwill to decline to sign the petition to place this dangerous amendment on our ballot. Trusting in God, we invite all Montanans to pray for the defeat of this Constitutional Initiative and stand in defense of women, children and all those threatened by this extreme proposal.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us.
In Christ,

+ Austin A. Vetter
Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena

+ Jeffrey M. Fleming
Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Fleming
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Michael W. Warfel
Most Rev. Michael W. Warfel
Bishop Emeritus of Great Falls-Billings