

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Sept 28: No Adult Catechism class

Wed., Oct 1: Religious Education classes for children begins, 3:45 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., Sept 28: For the People
Mon., Sept 29: No daily Mass
Tues., Sept 30: No daily Mass
Wed., Oct 1: No daily Mass
Thurs., Oct 2: No daily Mass
Fri., Oct 3: No daily Mass
Sat., Oct 4: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's

Sat., Sept 20: \$ 770.00

Sun., Sept 21: \$1,039.00

Month of July, 2025

Income: \$ 8,237.09

Expenses: \$ 9,389.41
\$ (1,152.32)

St. Mary's

Sun., Sept 14: \$ 130.00

Sun., Sept 21: \$ 180.00

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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Sat., Sept 27	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Sept 28	Visencia Ramirez	Liesel Ferido	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Oct 4	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Oct 5	Angela Ramirez	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Oct 11	Celeste Geier	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Oct 12	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The rich man was very rich. He didn't just wear fine linen, but garments of purple, normally worn only by royalty, for purple dye was very expensive. He didn't just enjoy sumptuous food occasionally; he enjoyed it every single day. The poor man was very poor. Starving, he longed for just scraps of food. He had untreated sores, no doubt exacerbated by his poor diet and squalid living conditions. The two lived in opposite worlds, separated by only a simple door. But after they die, their worlds switch. The poor man, Lazarus, lies tenderly in the bosom of Abraham while the rich man suffers in torment. These brothers in faith (each recognizes Abraham as a father) are separated by an uncrossable chasm. For his entire life on earth, the rich man turned his back on his brother, when even just a little kindness, a little generosity, just a brief reach across that separation could have joined them together after death. Now it is too late. But not for us. The bridge we build to our neighbor in need today is the bridge that carries us across the chasm tomorrow.

What bridge will you build this week to share what you have with someone in need?

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

Religious Education classes will begin

Wednesday, October 1st at 3:45 p.m.

**Please contact Celeste Geier,
Director of Religious Education
for further information 406.679.1679**

Father Cally will be on vacation to

Nigeria from thru October 23rd.



We wish him a safe trip!

*While Father is gone we will have substitute
priests from St Dennis Parish in Crow Agency
to celebrate the weekend masses.*

There will be no daily Mass or Adoration.



Summer's Over

Summer's over.
Close the pool.
Summer's over.
Time for school.
Summer's over.
Books are cool.
Summer's over.
Teachers rule!

—Tim Rasinski



Dear Padre

September 28, 2025

Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

"Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text" (Lectionary, 24). A translation of the English word "love" appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, "sin" appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily "should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 65), God's word on "love" is far too prevalent to overlook.

Pope Francis called God's word "a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best." In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship. Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other's speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God's "love letter" and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him" (John 14:23). ●

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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
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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!

September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn’t realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else’s pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday’s gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man’s sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we’re interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for “making a difference?” Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●