

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Jan 4: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm
Wed., Jan 7: Children's Catechism class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Jan 7: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Jan 9: Healing Mass, 5:30 pm
Mon., Jan 12: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, church basement, 6:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan 4: For the People
Mon., Jan 5: No Mass
Tues., Jan 6: _____
Wed., Jan 7: _____
Thurs., Jan 8: _____
Fri., Jan 9: _____
Sat., Jan 10: _____
†For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus

Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's
Christmas Eve: \$ 2,415.00 **Month of Oct. 2025**
Christmas Day: \$ 747.00 **Income:** \$ 7,268.17
Expenses: \$ 7,716.53
Sat., Dec 27: \$ 194.30 **Loss** (\$ 448.36)
Sun., Dec 28: \$ 722.00
St. Mary's
Christmas Day: \$
Sun., Dec 28: \$
Month of Nov. 2025
Income: \$ 9,432.87
Expenses: \$ 11,027.86
Loss (\$ 1,594.99)

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak
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Mass Servers

<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., Jan 3	Celeste Geier	Richelle Link
Sun., Jan 4	Genne Taganahan	Sheila Mae Pocadol
Sat., Jan 10	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 11	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan
Sat., Jan 17	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link
Sun., Jan 18	Liezcel Ferido	Candy Wells
		Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
		Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
		Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
		Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
		Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
		Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora



What is the Catholic Miracle prayer that never fails?

Lord Jesus, I come before You, just as I am, I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me. In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me. I renounce satan, the evil spirits and all their works.

Epiphany - EWTN Faith Journey



A RECIPE TO LIVE BY

Take a cup of Forgiveness, stir in some of God's grace, then fold it into your heart and this recipe you'll embrace.

But, you'll need to keep adding, more ingredients as you go, if you plan on having a year where Love can rise and grow.

You're going to need Patience, at least a cup or two... if you want to have meekness bubbling up inside of you.

Slowly blend in a heaping spoonful of Goodness; beat into the mixture to whip up Gentleness.

Don't forget to add a pinch of Joy; and, as you whisk it into Peace, add a dollop of Faith and Trust, so Hope you will release.

If you live in the Spirit, you will need to walk in it, too... If you follow this recipe to produce His fruit in you!

- Author Unknown

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

Good News!

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 /

Matthew 2:1-12

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●

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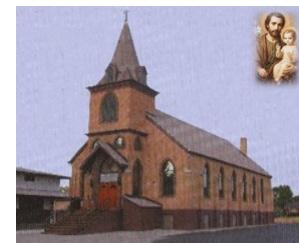
Dear Padre,

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●



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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