

Weekly Calendar

Mon., Apr 20: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Tues., Apr 21: Bible study, 6:00 pm, church basement

Wed., Apr 22: Children’s Catechism class, 3:45pm

Wed., Apr 22: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Fri., Apr 24: No daily Mass

Sun., Apr 26: “Growing in Faith” program, immediately following Mass

Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr 19: For the People

Mon., Apr 20: No Mass

Tues., Apr 21: †For Dale Vandersloot by Bob & Pearl Vandersloot

Wed., Apr 22: For quick recovery of Deb Johnson by the Catholic Daughters

Thurs., Apr 23: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus

Fri., Apr 24: No Mass

Sat., Apr 25: †For Greg Keller by the Catholic Daughters



Offertory Collections

St. Joseph’s

Sat., Apr 11: \$ 277.00

Sun., Apr 12: \$ 967.00

Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$3,690.00

St. Mary’s

Sun., Apr 12: \$ 168.00

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., Apr 18	Richelle Link	Julie O’Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Apr 19	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Juvi Mula & Candy Wells
Sat., Apr 25	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Julie O’Dell
Sun., Apr 26	Candy Wells	Juvi Mula	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez
Sat. May 2	Celeste Geier	Richelle Link	Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 3	Genne Taganahan	Liesel Ferido	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora

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



Scholarships Available

Catholic Daughters Scholarship and Catholic Daughters Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors. **Deadline May 1st.**

Applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

WOMEN’S CUM CHRISTO WEEKEND, APRIL 23-26

(held in Absarokee)

Applications online at: bigskycumchristo.org

Father Cally is the Spiritual Director for the women’s weekend. Every one is encouraged to participate. It is a very rich program.



St. Joseph’s Income and Expenses for the 3rd quarter FY 2026

Month of Jan., 2026
Income: \$ 7,130.00
Expenses: \$ 8,926.08
Loss \$ 1,796.08

Month of Feb., 2026
Income: \$ 9,001.50
Expenses: \$ 9,343.28
Loss \$ 341.78

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



Dear Padre

April 19, 2026

Why are there different stories about Jesus’ resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus’ death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ’s tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ’s defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels’ resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10

My Identity in Christ
Who God says I am

I am accepted

God’s child. John 1:12
Christ’s friend. John 15:5
Justified. Romans 5:1
United with the Lord. 1 Corinthians 6:7
A member of Christ’s body. 1 Corinthians 12:27
Direct access to God. Ephesians 2:18
A saint. Ephesians 1:1
Redeemed. Colossians 1:14
Complete in Christ. Colossians 2:10
His special possession. 1 Peter 2:9
Forgiven. Ephesians 1:7

I am secure

Can’t be separated from the love of God. Romans 8:35
Free forever from condemnation. Romans 8:1-2
Established and anointed. 2 Corinthians 1:21
Hidden with Christ. Colossians 3:3
Citizen of Heaven. Philippians 3:20
Secure for all of eternity. 2 Corinthians 1:22
The evil one can’t touch me. 1 John 5:18

I am significant

Important enough to die for. Romans 8:1-2
Salt and light of the Earth. Matthew 5:13-14
Branch of the True Vine. John 15:16
Loved beyond compare. 1 John 4:19
Chosen, handpicked by God. Jeremiah 1:5
Chosen and appointed to bear fruit. John 15:16
Personal witness of Christ. Acts 1:8
God’s Temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16
Irreplaceable. 1 Thessalonians 1:4
Precious to Him. Isaiah 43:4



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

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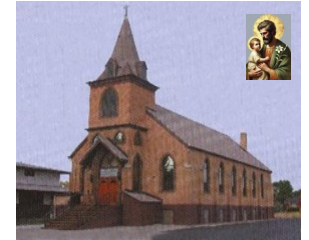
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
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Mass Schedule

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!

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●