

Weekly Calendar

Wed., June 24: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions

- Sun., June 21: For the People
- Mon., June 22: No Mass
- Tues., June 23: †For Donald Birch by Rene' & Twila Desmarais
- Wed., June 24: †For Tom Fortune by Rene' & Twila Desmarais
- Thurs., June 25: †For Carol Fortune by Rene' & Twila Desmarais
- Fri., June 26: †For Clayton Fortune by Rene' & Twila Desmarais
- Sat., June 27: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus

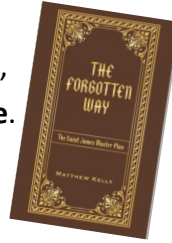


"Sign up for Bible Study"

Classes begin **July 14th**
We will be studying the **Gospel of St. John**. The work book for class is **\$24.95**.

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

**"THE FORGOTTEN WAY",
The Saint James Master Plan,
by Matthew Kelly is available.**



This spiritual book is on the table at the entrance and everyone is welcome to take one. There is no charge.

Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's
Sat., June 13: \$ 977.00
Sun., June 14: \$ 1,295.00
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 8,640.00
St. Mary's
Sun., June 14: \$

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

Month of April, 2026
Income: \$ 8,510.75
Expenses: \$ 8,481.53
Profit \$ 29.22



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

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., June 20	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Richelle Link
Sun., June 21	Juvi Mula	Cherinda Hopes	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., June 27	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell	Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp
Sun., June 28	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula
Sat., July 4	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 5	Genne Taganahan	Cherinda Hopes	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora

Good News!

June 21, 2026
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15 / Matthew 10:26-33

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: "We do not share our family business with anyone." All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

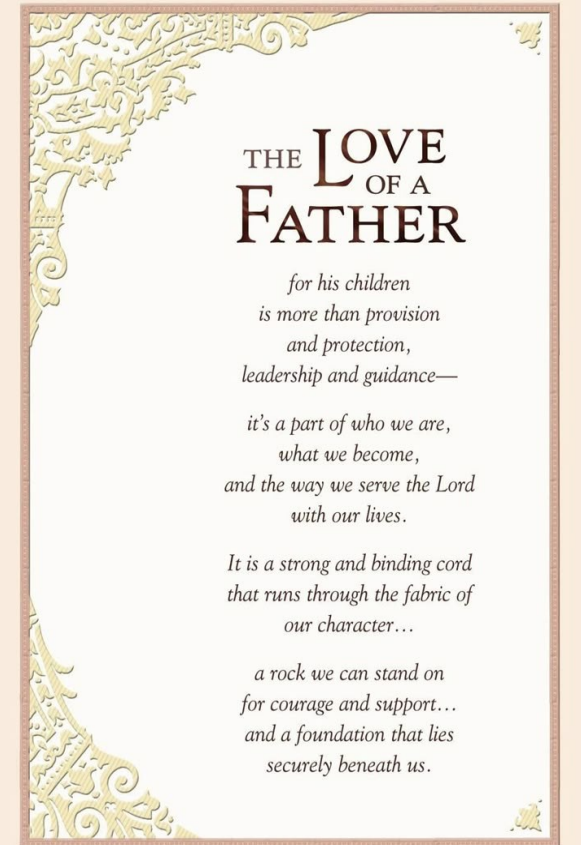
The "good news" of the gospel is that "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed" (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ●

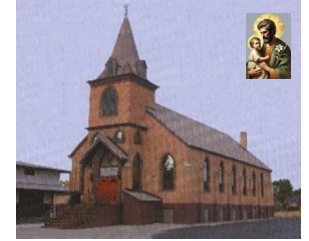
Monday June 22 Weekday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5	Tuesday June 23 Weekday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14	Wednesday June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80	Thursday June 25 Weekday 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29
Friday June 26 Weekday 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4	Saturday June 27 Weekday Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17	Sunday June 28 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42	



OUR GRATITUDE TO THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MONTANA

Last year, the Catholic foundation of Eastern Montana awarded us a grant of \$4500 for the repair and repainting of the outside of the rectory and the fence. Our rectory and fence with the new paint now looks better. We are immensely grateful to the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana.





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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.

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Dear Padre

June 21, 2026

For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●