

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Jan 18: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm  
Mon., Jan 19: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, church basement, 6:00 pm  
Wed., Jan 21: Children's Catechism class, 3:45pm  
Wed., Jan 21: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm  
Sun., Jan 25: "Growing in Faith" program after Mass in the church basement.

Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan 18: For the People  
Mon., Jan 19: No Mass  
Tues., Jan 20:  
Wed., Jan 21: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
Thurs., Jan 22:  
Fri., Jan 23:  
Sat., Jan 24:



Offertory Collections: Month of Nov. 2025  
St. Joseph's Income: \$ 9,432.87  
Sat., Jan 10: \$ 571.00 Expenses: \$ 11,027.86  
Sun., Jan 11: \$ 1,368.00 Loss (\$ 1,594.99)  
St. Mary's  
Sun., Jan 11: \$ 95.00



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

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Jan 17	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Jan 18	Liezel Ferido	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Jan 24	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 25	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 31	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Feb 1	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION of Eastern Montana  
Did you know the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana has more than 200 endowments that support Catholic churches, schools, and ministries all throughout the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings? By supporting these endowments, you can help ensure the Church remains strong for generations to come. To learn more, visit [www.catholicfoundationmt.org](http://www.catholicfoundationmt.org) or call (406) 315-1765.

DIocese of Great Falls-Billings ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
SEASON of HOPE A Future of Faith  
Together, We Support Our Shared Mission  
Bishop Jeffrey M. Fleming  
Give online at [www.diocesegfb.org/aca](http://www.diocesegfb.org/aca) or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet.  
Prefer to give by check? Pre-paid return envelopes are available at your parish.

The 2025 Tax Statements have been mailed. Please contact Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679, if your record of contributions show different from the statement.

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



Mass Server Volunteers Needed!  
Extraordinary Ministers,  
Lectors, Commentators

Training will be held after Mass in the church on  
Saturday, January 17th and  
Sunday, January 18th.  
The training will take less than 30 minutes of your time.  
Please step forward and volunteer, we need you!



Beginning in February  
Bible studies will be held every other Tuesday in the church basement.

The first Bible study will be Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.  
Everyone is invited!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22	1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12	1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21	Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Good News!

January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).  
Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.  
Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?  
Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.  
Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

© 2026 Liguori Publications. Imprimi Potest: Fr. Kevin Zubei, CSsR, Provincial, Denver Province, the Redemptorists, Liguori Publications, a nonprofit corporation, is an apostolate of the Redemptorists. To learn more about the Redemptorists, visit Redemptorists.com. No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from The New American Bible, Revised Edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Printed in USA. Visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.



**Do it  
Best**

**Randy & Belinda Malensek**

304 NORTH CENTER AVENUE  
HARDIN MT 59034

PH: 406-665-2100  
FAX: 406-665-2145

**Bullis Mortuary**  
**Steve Kirkegard**

*Owner - Licensed Funeral Director*

406-665-1207 Fax: 406-665-1208  
bullismortuary@icloud.com

**The Flower Lady**

**Laura Hochhalter**

*Owner/Operator*



509 N. Center Avenue  
Hardin, Montana 59034  
406-629-0004



Big Horn Hospital--406-665-2310

Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy--406-665-9219

Radiology/CT MRI/Ultrasound/3D Mammography

406-665-9210

\*For Emergencies Call 911



**BUY-SELL-TRADE-PAWN**

**PENDLETON - MT CURIOS - CRAFT SUPPLIES - COLLECTABLES  
BEADS - SPORTING GOODS - HORSE TACK - SADDLES - TENTS  
BLANKETS - ANTIQUES - FIREARMS - TIPIS & MUCH MORE!**

PHONE: (406) 665-2603 FAX: (406) 665-4148 TEXT: (406) 679-0020  
EMAIL: lammerstradingpost@yahoo.com



Hours: Mon-Sat 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

321 N Center Ave Hardin MT 59034

Phone: 406-679-0695

**ACTION  
ELECTRIC WY**

service@actionelectricinc.com

1010 Central Ave, Suite 4 • Billings, MT 59102  
406.245.9551 • fax 406.245.4043 • Powell, WY 307.754.7252  
www.actionelectricinc.com

**VINTAGE MOTEL WITH MODERN AMENITIES**

★ OLD FASHION HOSPITALITY ★



(406) 665-2683

709 N. CENTER AVENUE HARDIN, MT 59034  
WEBSITE: MOTELLARIAT.COM  
EMAIL: INFO@MOTELLARIAT.COM

**HOPE TEAMWORK COMMUNITY RESPECT VOLUNTEER MISSION**

**HARDIN  
CHEVROLET**

406.665.1611

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

710 N Custer Avenue

Hardin, MT 59034

**Father Callistus Igwenagu**

**406.665.1432**

Website: [stjosephparishhardin.org](http://stjosephparishhardin.org)

Email: [stjosephparishhardin@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephparishhardin@gmail.com)

Facebook: St Joseph Catholic Parish—Hardin

Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact Father Cally

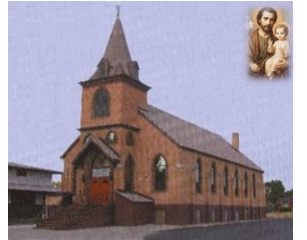
All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

## Dear Padre,

*I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.*

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



**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.



THOMAS ORRICO / CATHOLIC