

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Dec 7: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm

Mon., Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate

Conception Mass, 5:30 pm

Mon., Dec 8: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, no hostess, bring your favorite appetizer and a white elephant gift to share.

Wed., Dec 10: Children's Catechism class, 3:45pm

Wed., Dec 10: Advent Penance Service, 5:30 pm

Thurs., Dec 11: Finance Council, 10:00 am, in the rectory

Sat., Dec 13: Christmas Choir practice, 9:00 am



The ***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*** will be celebrated with Mass & Potluck **Friday, Dec 12th at 5:30 p.m.** Potluck will be served after Mass. You're welcome to bring any type of dish. Everyone is welcome!

Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's

Sat., Nov 29: \$ 144.00 Thanksgiving: \$ 177.00

Sun., Nov 30: \$ 948.00

St. Mary's

Sun., Nov 30: \$ No Mass

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

St. Joseph Parish 2025 Giving Tree Information



This is the 28th year that we as a parish will be sponsoring "The Giving Tree" to aid families in Big Horn County during this Christmas season. The names on the tree have been confidentially submitted by various social service organizations in our community.

You may participate in this project by choosing an ornament tag from the tree and choosing an appropriate gift from the descriptions provided. The items listed as gift ideas are only suggestions. Feel free to choose from your heart, and don't feel obligated to buy everything listed on the tag.

Please be sure, however, if you remove a tag from the tree that you return a gift. If you cannot fill the tag, please return the tag to Vera at (406) 690-4858.

You may make a monetary donation by placing your check made to St. Joseph Parish with memo "Giving Tree" in the container near the tree in church. The shopping and wrapping will be done for you.

Contact Father Cally if you know of someone who needs to be represented on the tree.

Please return your wrapped or unwrapped gift to the tree by **Sunday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m.**

Any questions or to arrange for pick-up call **Vera Ostahowski** at (406) 690-4858.

Include gift receipts for clothing, if possible, and firmly attach the "Tree Ornament Gift Tag" showing codes and descriptions to the **outside** of the wrapped or bagged gift.



*Thank you for opening your hearts
with generosity and the giving
Spirit of Christmas.*

—AN INTRODUCTION FROM BISHOP FLEMING—



Greetings in Christ: At the annual meeting of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, my brother bishops and I issued a special statement on immigration in our country. I invite you to prayerfully read this statement. It is not about politics; it is about the sanctity and dignity of human life. Each and every human being is a beloved child of God, created in God's image.

In His love, peace and joy,

Jeffrey M. Fleming
Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Fleming
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings



STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON IMMIGRATION

From the Plenary Assembly in Baltimore - November 12, 2025

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks. The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and

likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians* 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain
men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint!*
(*cf. Romans* 5:5)

*May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all
in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer
to the heart of Christ.*

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., Dec 6	Celeste Geier	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Dec 7	Liesel Ferido	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Dec 13	Patty Kepp	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Dec 14	Angela Ramirez	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Dec 20	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Dec 21	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells

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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

Calendar, December 8, 2025—January 1, 2026

Mass—Services

Monday, December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10: Advent Penance Service, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass & Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Vigil Mass in Hardin at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass in Hardin at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass in Custer at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 1: New Years' Day Mass in Hardin at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 1: New Years' Day Mass in Custer at 11:00 a.m.



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

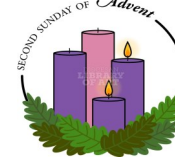
and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	December 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11



Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 7:

Mon., Dec 8:

Tues., Dec 9:

Wed., Dec 10:

Thurs., Dec 11:

Fri., Dec 12:

Sat., Dec 13:

For the People

No Mass

†For Frank & Velma Dornberger
by Linda MacArthur

†For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

