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**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**  
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**Mass Intentions**

Sun., May 18:	For the People
Mon., May 19:	No Mass
Tues., May 20:	†For Rose Harder by the Catholic Daughters
Wed., May 21:	†For Rose Harder by Jim & Sue Seykora
Thurs., May 22:	†For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Fri., May 23:	For healing of Etta Kollekowski by the Catholic Daughters
Sat., May 24:	For healing of Deb Wacker by the Catholic Daughters

<b>Offertory Collections:</b>	<b>Annual Catholic Appeal</b>
<b>St. Joseph’s</b>	<b>to date: \$ 11,585.00</b>
<b>Sat., May 10: \$ 925.00</b>	
<b>Sun., May 11: \$ 1,090.00</b>	
<b>St. Mary’s</b>	<b>St. Joseph’s,</b>
<b>Sun., May 11: \$</b>	<b>Month of March 2025</b>
	<b>Income: \$ 9,602.08</b>
	<b>Expenses: \$ 8,365.71</b>
	<b>\$ 1,236.37</b>

**Mass Servers**

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

**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**  
**St. Mary’s Mission – Custer**  
**Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
**For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,** please contact Father Cally  
**Contact Numbers:**  
**All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432**  
**Bulletin—Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257**

**Weekly Calendar**  
**Mon., May 19:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Tues., May 20:** Parish Council monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Wed., May 21:** Religious Education class for those making their 1st Communion and Confirmation, 3:45 pm  
**Wed., May 21:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

*First Holy Communion and Confirmation*  
*Saturday, May 31 @ 5:45 pm Mass*  
*Celebrant:*  
*Bishop Emeritus,*  
*Most Rev. Michael Warfel*  
*Everyone is invited to the Mass and celebration!*





**Spread the word!**

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is now accepting grant applications for 2025. Catholic organizations in our diocese can apply to receive a grant for up to \$10,000! Visit <https://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/grants-program/> to learn more and apply. The application deadline is Friday, June 6, 2025.

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



**May: The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**A Prayer to Our Beloved Mother**


The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Beloved Mother, I come to you with prayers for healing of mind, body and spirit. I ask you to hear my special concern and to place my needs before your Son who you nurtured and cared for with all your heart. Help me to release all fears and doubts that cause me anxiety and bring me peace and comfort through your blessed intercession.

Let me be receptive of God’s will and help me to learn compassion through my suffering. Teach me to love others as brothers and sisters in Christ. Give me the strength and understanding to forgive and to receive others’ forgiveness. Blessed Mother, help me to grow closer to your Son in everything I do. Renew my spirit and restore my soul through your intercession. I seek your guidance and protection, remembering these words: “Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me”. All this I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Lect 54-Year C)**

At the end of today’s first reading, the author of Acts reports that God “opened the door of faith to the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27). Yes, even a people regarded as unclean are invited to believe. It recalls how Jesus invited others to believe throughout his life. He did not force faith upon anyone, nor did he reject anyone for their lack of faith. He invited everyone to come, follow him, and find faith for themselves. From the first disciples at the Sea of Galilee to the good thief on the cross, Jesus opened the door of faith to everyone he encountered. Likewise, he has opened it for us and we are called now to hold it open for others. We do so when we love one another, which is what Jesus calls us to do in today’s Gospel. We do so when we accept the challenge of loving one another as he did—selflessly—willing to sacrifice ourselves for others. After all, this is literally what he is about to do when he says these words at the Last Supper. We do so when we do for the least of our brothers and sisters as we would for Jesus, for we are called to see him when we see those in need. Doing so, in fact, opens the door of faith for those others, and for all those who see our love in action.

*How will you try to open the door of faith for others this week?*



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