

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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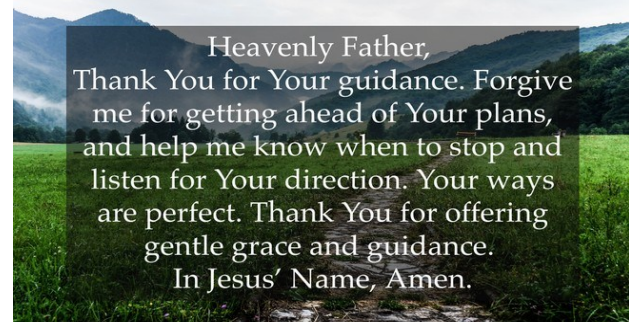
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Mass Intentions

Sun., July 31: For the people
Mon., Aug 1: _____
Tues., Aug 2: _____
Wed., Aug 3: _____
Thurs., Aug 4: _____
Fri., Aug 5: _____
Sat., Aug 6: _____



Offertory Collections: Month of June, 2022
Sat., July 23: \$ 175.00 Income: \$ 6,505.00
Sun., July 24: \$ 537.00 Expenses: \$ 8,333.93
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 10,400.00 \$ -1,828.93



Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin
Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.
Weekday Mass – 8:00 a.m. M-F
St. Mary's Mission – Custer
Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:45-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Kiran
Contact Numbers:
Father Kiran, 665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Wed., Aug 3: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm
Fri., August 5: First Friday of the month Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm
Tues., August 9: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement



VOLUNTEER

Commentators and Lectors
NEEDED

Saturday evening Mass
Sunday morning Mass
Contact Father Kiran

Worship Assistants

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat, July 30	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 31	Sue Seykora	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Aug 6	Katie Fuchs	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Aug 7	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Aug 13	Chris Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Aug 14	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 20	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link
Sun., Aug 21	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells



The **common** theme of today's readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow." So, the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions, but only in sharing these with the needy.

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition and hoarding of material wealth is useless because when the hoarder dies, he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heir gains, and perhaps squanders, his riches. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), the Psalmist challenges us to listen to God and allow Him to soften our hearts that we may share our blessings with others. The Psalm Response urges, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:8). In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting, Heavenly treasures and warns that greed (*pleonexia*) for wealth and influence is idolatry. He advises, "Put to death, your parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry" (Col 3:5). In today's Gospel, Jesus, telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in Himself and in other people. Jesus says that God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man



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thought he would not die soon and that he was not accountable for the way he used his riches. Besides, the rich man forgot the fact that his wealth had been lent to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that *our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions (Lk 12:15)*, which we should share to gain eternal life.

Life messages: 1) We are invited to share our blessings with others. The parable of the rich fool gives us a warning as well as an invitation. It reminds us that our possessions are merely lent to us by God, and that we are accountable for their use. We must be generous in sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents in Christian stewardship. Even if we are poor financially, we may be blessed with intelligence, good will, a sense of humor, or the ability to console, encourage, inspire, support, and help others. God expects us to give our thanks to Him for all these blessings by sharing them with others for His glory. The Old Testament Scriptures are clear about tithing – giving 10% of our income for God's cause and for helping the needy. God never allows tithers to regret their generosity.
2) Let us control our greed. Our greed takes different shapes and forms. For some, it may be the desire for the approval and praise of others. For others, it is the uncontrolled desire for power, control, or fame. For still others, greed takes the form of excessive and sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs, or sexual activities. Greed also turns our life away from God and away from loving and serving Him in Himself and in other people. As greed directs all our energy and attention to fulfilling the self, its objects become our false gods, and they will consume us, unless we become rich in the sight of God.

The Holy Eucharist and the Domestic Church

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocesan Committee on Discipleship has invited John and Claire Grabowski to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Married for 36 years, John and Claire have 5 children and 6 grandchildren. Together they are the authors of the commentary on the anniversary edition of *Familiaris Consortio, One Body: A Program of Marriage Formation for the New Evangelization*, and *Raising Catholic Kids for their Vocations*. They have spoken together to groups of laity, priests, and bishops across the United States and abroad and they are regular guests on Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak's "More to Life" show on EWTN radio. John and Claire will speak about how devotion to the Holy Eucharist enriches and enlivens a healthy Domestic Church. Please plan to join the Grabowski's at one of these free events.

**Thursday,
August 18**

7:00PM

Poor Clares'
Monastery



**Sunday,
August 21**

6:30PM

Saint Patrick
Co-Cathedral