



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan 2: For the people
Mon., Jan 3: _____
Tues., Jan 4: _____
Wed., Jan 5: Lindsey Miller for good health
Thurs., Jan 6: For Laura He Does It
Fri., Jan 7: _____
Sat., Jan 8: For Connie Medhus



Offertory Collections **Month of November, 2021**
Christmas Eve: \$ 1,385 **Income:** \$ 6,467.00
Christmas Day: \$ 802 **Expense:** \$ 7,665.00
Dec. 25: \$ 285 \$ -1,198.00
Dec. 26: \$ 552



**Coffee & Donuts
with Father Kiran**
Sunday, January 23rd
after the 9:00 am Mass
The topic of discussion:
"The Eucharist"

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., Jan 5: No Religious Education Classes
Wed., Jan 5: Mass, 5:30 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary
Fri., Jan 7: Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Mon., Jan 10: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, Spiritual at 5:30, business meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Religious Education Classes will resume on Wed., Jan. 12th at 3:45 p.m.

Please keep in mind if you are receiving the 2nd and 3rd Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion you must attend religious education classes. Please contact Father Kiran at 665-1432 or Celeste Geier at 679-1679



Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat., Jan 1	Bethany Fuchs	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Jan 2	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 8	Christy Morse	Richelle Link
Sun., Jan 9	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Jan 15	Julie O'Dell	Larry Johnson
Sun., Jan 16	Candy Wells	Christy Morse
Sat., Jan 22	Patty Kepp	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Jan 23	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora

Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 2, 2022)

Introduction: The Greek word Epiphany (*επιφάνεια*), means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the Feast commemorates the baptism of Christ, at which the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself in words as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

Scripture lessons summarized: Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) verses 10-11 picture kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles are...co-heirs ... co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."* Today's Gospel reminds us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus.
Life Messages: (1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: a) by actively worshipping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; b) by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their

homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust and impure thoughts, words, and actions, evil habits, and selfish behavior; c) by becoming stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating the light of Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate care. (2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day: (a) the Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and every morning as soon as we get up, asking for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day. b) the Gift of responsive relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and listening to Him through reading the Holy Bible every day. c) the Gift of friendship with God by recognizing Jesus' presence in, and offering loving, humble service to, everyone we encounter, and by getting reconciled to God every night asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day.

2022 ANNUAL RAFFLE
A Benefit for the Ministries of
The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
Tickets are still available @ \$20 each.
Final drawing—May 20, 2022
Contact Father Kiran, Knights of Columbus or Catholic Daughters if your interested in purchasing one.

Married Singles Lifestyle - The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins February 25, 2022. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.