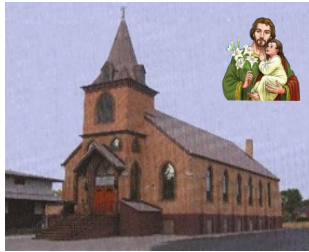


Epiphany of the Lord: January 8—14, 2023



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan 8: For the people

Mon., Jan 9: _____

Tues., Jan 10: _____

Wed., Jan 11: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

Thurs., Jan 12: +For Pedro Ramirez
by Margarita Ramirez

Fri., Jan 13: _____

Sat., Jan 14: _____



Offertory Collections:

Sat., Dec 31: \$ 963.00

Sun., Jan 1: \$ 626.00

Month of Nov., 2022

Income: \$ 7,271.82

Expenses: \$ 8,732.96

- \$ 1,461.14

Mass Servers

| | Commentator | Lector |
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| Sat., Jan 7 | Chris Fuchs | Bethany Fuchs |
| Sun., Jan 8 | Sue Seykora | Candy Wells |
| Sat., Jan 14 | Katie Fuchs | Richelle Link |
| Sun., Jan 15 | Visencia Ramirez | Candy Wells |
| Sat., Jan 21 | Christy Morse | Larry Johnson |
| Sun., Jan 22 | Angela Ramirez | Sue Seykora |
| Sat., Jan 28 | Patty Kepp | Chris Fuchs |
| Sun., Jan 29 | Candy Wells | Visencia Ramirez |

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 Cally

Contact Numbers:

Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions

Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Mon., Jan 9: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting 6:00 pm, church basement

Tues., Jan 10: Parish Council meeting, church basement, 6:00 pm

Wed., Jan 11: Religious Education class, 3:45 pm

Wed., Jan 11: Mass, Adoration and Divine Mercy prayer, 5:30 pm

Sun., Jan 15: JCDA monthly meeting, 10:00 am, church basement

Mon., Jan 16: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

FORMED:

Cell Phone Weekend

Please bring your cell phones to Mass
Sat., Jan. 14th & Sun., Jan. 15th

*God is good, all the time!
All the time, God is good!*



Eucharistic Revival 2023: May 5-6

at Billings Central Catholic School

Please visit diocesegfb.org/revival

to purchase your ticket.

EVERYONE NEEDS GOD

The church today celebrates the feast of the epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany means "showing forth," "manifesting." Today Jesus whose birthday we celebrated two weeks ago presents himself as the saviour of mankind. He presents himself so that whoever accepts him might be saved. Jesus came not only for the people of Israel but for the whole world. Prophet Isaiah, the Psalmist and St. Paul in today's readings emphasize that all people need God.

Today's gospel (Matt. 2:1-12) presents to us how the Magi, the three wise men came from the east to adore the Lord. The three men represent different races and continents of the world. These three men were educated, thus, they were also called "wise men." They were equally influential men in the society as they were kings in their various communities. Referring to them the psalmist of today said "the kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage..." These three men were also very rich. Being educated and being kings implied that they were among the richest in the society then.

But despite their education, their influence, and riches, these three men still recognized that there is a being greater than them. They still realized that their souls need God. They still acknowledged that they were imperfect human beings in need of redemption. Unlike King Herod who was full of himself, arrogant, selfish, and jealous, these kings were humble and religious. Thus, when they saw the star of the new-born king, they followed it to come and pay homage to the King of kings and receive his blessings. It will be recalled that the shepherds were also informed of the new-born king. They hurried to Bethlehem to see him and worship him (cf. Luke 2:16-21). The shepherds were among the least educated and the poorest group of people in the Jewish community. The actions of the magi and the shepherds teach us that Jesus came for everybody, the rich and the poor; the educated and the non-educated; the healthy and the sick, the Jews and the gentiles. Everybody needs Jesus. He is the only name given by which we can be saved (cf. Acts 4:12). If we have everything but don't have God, we have nothing. Like these magi, let us acknowledge our incompleteness and helplessness and ask the new-born king to help us. The magi travelled a very long distance to come and encounter Jesus. They sacrificed a lot to make this journey. They equally spent a lot of money to provide the gifts they presented to the Lord. They offered Gold,

Frankincense and Myrrh. These were expensive materials. This tells us that serving God demands some sacrifices. This is why we leave our homes every weekend and travel some distances to the church even in cold weather; we have also to put some money in the offertory basket every weekend and we have to make other sacrifices. The magi followed the star to reach Jesus. Our star today is the Holy Bible, the sacraments, and the teachings of the church. As we read the bible or listen to the word of God, we are drawing closer to Jesus. As we constantly receive the sacraments especially the Eucharist, we are getting more united with Jesus. As we obey the teachings of the church, we are becoming better Christians, the flocks of Christ. Let us continue to follow the star always and we shall meet Christ in his kingdom in heaven at last.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: On this Feast of Epiphany, we wish you the courage of the Magi to commit to making the next Marriage Encounter Experience. Bring the gift of yourself, the gift of your relationship and explore how your love can profoundly change our church and our world. The next ME Experience will be Feb 3-5 in Billings, MT. There will be a spring Experience at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel, April 21-23. For more information or to register call Dan and Clare: 406-697-3275 or visit our website: wwme.org

Cum Christo Weekends

Men's Weekend Dates:

Feb 9 - 12, 2023

Rector: Dean Mindt 406-687-3818 mindtdean@gmail.com

Scripture Theme: "I go to prepare a place for you"

Women's Weekend Dates:

Feb 16 - 19, 2023

Rectora: Wendy Wiltzen 406-480-9845 wwiltzen@gmail.com

Scripture Theme: "Be not afraid, I am with you always"

More information on the table at the entrance of the church.

