



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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### Mass Intentions

Sun., July 10: For the people  
Mon., July 11: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., July 12: For Tucker Sinks  
by Jim & Sue Seykora  
Wed., July 13: For Esther Boyko  
by Larry & Deb Johnson  
Thurs., July 14: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri., July 15: For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus  
Sat., July 16: For Dominic Sarantha  
by Larry & Deb Johnson



### Offertory Collections:

Sat., July 2: \$ 1,065.00  
Sun., July 3: \$ 948.00  
Annual Catholic Appeal  
to date: \$ 9,950.00  
Yellowstone Valley  
Disaster Relief: \$1,110.00

Month of May, 2022  
Income: \$ 6,275.00  
Expenses: \$ 8,156.09  
\$ -1,881.09

# Happy Summer!



**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

Mon., July 11: Knights of Columbus meeting,  
6:00 pm, church basement  
Tues., July 12: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church  
basement  
Wed., July 13: Mass, Adoration, Rosary &  
Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm

Would you like to have your home  
blessed? Please call Father Kiran.



**A Summer Prayer**  
Long warm days...  
The pace of life slows...  
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...  
Lord, help me to rest awhile  
in the cooling shade of your presence.  
Slow down my restless heart and fill me  
with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.  
— Author unknown

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., July 9	Christy Morse	Patty Kepp
Sun., July 10	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez
Sat., July 16	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier
Sun., July 17	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat, July 23	Richelle Link	Larry Johnson
Sun, July 24	Angela Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat, July 30	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 31	Sue Seykora	Visencia Ramirez



**Life messages: 1)** We need to remember that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our home, parish, school and workplace. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression. As a matter of fact, the Jericho Road may be our own home, the place where we are taking care of a mother or father, husband or wife, or even our own children. We may find our spouse, children or parents lying "wounded" by bitter words, scathing criticism or other, more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, Jesus invites us to have hearts of love. What God wants more than anything is for us to show our love to others, in our own home and school, in the workplace, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy for those who are being left hurt or mistreated on any of the "Jericho Roads" of life.

**2) Are we good neighbors?** A good neighbor does not say, "I do what I want to do," or even, "I do what I have to do," but, "I do what I ought to do." The lawyer's question— "Who is my neighbor?"—reveals that he was really self-centered. The parable makes us realize that every human person is our neighbor. How have we been good neighbors this week? To whom did we behave in a neighborly way? The parable is a condemnation of our non-involvement as well as an invitation for us to be merciful and kind to those in need, including those in our family, school, neighborhood, and parish. We are invited to be people of generosity, kindness, and mercy toward all who are suffering. A sincere smile, a cheery greeting, an encouraging word of appreciation, a heartfelt "thank you" can work wonders for a suffering soul. Within every society, there is fear of those who are "different," who differ from us in religion, skin-color, dress or language. The parable invites us to make them neighbors. Why? Because "one's neighbor is the living image of God the Father, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and placed under the permanent action of the Holy Spirit. One's neighbor must therefore be loved, even if he or she is an enemy, with the same love with which the Lord loves him or her." (Pope St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987).

**3) We need to allow the "Good Samaritans" touch our lives.** Do you recall the consternation and shock in so many areas years ago when PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands for the whole world to see? People from both Arafat's and Rabin's cultures were shocked by it and condemned that handshake! Let us be willing to touch and be touched by persons we have once despised. For some of us, these may be persons of another color or race; for others, these may be persons of a different political persuasion. For still others these may be former enemies who have hurt them, abused them or offended them. Let us pray that the Spirit of the living God may melt us, mold us and use us so that there will no longer be even one person who is untouchable or outside the boundaries of our compassion.

**4) We are commanded to be loving and merciful to our enemies.** "Enemies" include both people we hate, and those who hate us. The Jews and the Samaritans during the time of Jesus hated each other. When Jesus told the story of a Samaritan helping a Jew, everyone was probably shocked. A Samaritan outcast helping a Jew? Impossible! "Good Samaritan" would have sounded like a bad joke—a contradiction in terms. The parable was an invitation for Jews to love Samaritans and Samaritans to love Jews. It is an invitation for people of all times to love their enemies — to love those they have previously hated.



## VOLUNTEER

**Commentators and Lectors  
NEEDED**

**Saturday evening Mass  
Sunday morning Mass**

**Contact Father Kiran**



*Worship Assistants*

Know of someone who is homebound and cannot attend Mass, please contact Father Kiran. He will visit the homebound and offer Holy Communion.



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