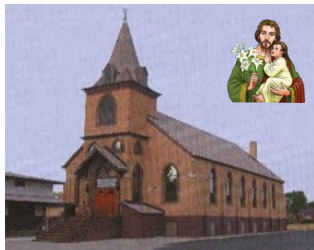


First Sunday of Advent : November 27—December 3, 2022



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Nov 27: For the people
Mon., Nov 28: For good health of Carol Fortune by the Catholic Daughters
Tues., Nov 29: _____
Wed., Nov 30: _____
Thurs., Dec 1: _____
Fri., Dec 2: _____
Sat., Dec 3: For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections: Month of October, 2022
Sat., Nov 19: \$ 500.00 **Income: \$ 8,379.88**
Sun., Nov 20: \$ 907.00 **Expenses: \$ 7,041.20**
All Souls Day: \$ 785.00 **\$ 1,338.68**

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Nov 26	Patty Kepp	Larry Johnson
Sun., Nov 27	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Dec 3	Bethany Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Dec 4	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Dec 10	Katie Fuchs	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Dec 11	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Dec 17	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Dec 18	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora

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, 665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Sun., Nov 27: First Sunday of Advent
Sun., Nov 27: Christmas Choir Practice, 10:00 am
Wed., Nov 30: Religious Education class, 3:45pm
Wed., Nov 30: Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm
Fri., Dec 2: First Friday of the month Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Sat., Dec 3: Rosary Novena #4 of 9, led by the Catholic Daughters, 5:20 pm
Tues., Dec 6: Advent Penance Service, 5:30 pm
Mon., Dec 12: Catholic Daughters, 6:00 pm
Tues., Dec 13: Parish Council meeting, 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus are taking orders for Christmas Trees—a sign up sheet for ordering is available on the table at the entrance of the church.



The 2022 Little Blue Book for Advent and Christmas Season books are available at the entrance to the church. This is a six-minute reflection on the Sunday Gospels of Year A. Please take one.

Catholic Daughters Christmas Party
CDA Members & families are invited
Sat., Dec 10—after the 5:45 pm Mass,
church basement
Bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert.
Don't forget your prizes for BINGO!

JESUS WANTS TO COME INTO YOUR LIFE

Advent is a time of preparation to commemorate the first coming of Jesus into the world, that is, Christmas. During advent we pray and invite Jesus anew into our lives. We all need Jesus. We cannot do without him. Life is meaningless without Jesus. Whoever has him has everything. And whoever does not have him, it doesn't matter what else the person has. Jesus wants to come into our lives for our own good. Rev. 3:20, He said "I am at the door knocking if you open for me, I will come in and dine with you".

The church today encourages us to open our hearts and to invite Jesus to the blind spots of our lives; to invite him to strengthen the weak areas of our lives. Since we all have imperfections, we need Jesus to perfect us. The church equally uses the time of advent to remind us of the second coming of Christ; to remind us of the end of our lives, and the need for us to prepare for that too.

St. Paul in the second reading (Rom.13:11-14) educates us on how to get prepared both for Christmas and for the second coming of Jesus. He tells us to avoid the works of darkness and put on the light of Christ. Works of darkness means all forms of sinful behaviors. In the gospel (Matt.24:37-44) Jesus lays emphasis on his second coming. He tells us to stay awake always. To stay awake means to be in good relationship with God. Jesus does not want us to be spiritually asleep for we do not know the day of His second coming. Nobody knows the time of his/her death. And immediately death strikes, what comes next is judgement. The effort to save our souls is a personal effort. Your friends or relatives may not help you much. You must make effort yourself. You cannot depend on the effort of others for your salvation. That's why Jesus said in today's gospel that on the day of his second coming, two men will be in the field, one will be taken and the other left; two women will be grinding at the mill, one will be taken, and the other left. The righteous will be taken and the unrighteous left behind for destruction. So, each person must make effort.

The best way to get prepared both for Christmas and for Jesus second comings is to go for the sacrament of reconciliation. On December 6th, we are going to have advent penance service here in our Parish. It is a precious time to reconcile with our God. Everybody is encouraged to take part in this spiritual exercise. Jesus comes to us every weekend at the table of the Eucharist. As you receive him today ask him to transform your life for better.



To all born in
November

Advent Penance Service

The Church encourages Catholics to participate in preparation during Advent by receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** as part of your preparation in getting ready for the coming of the King at Christmas. Join for **Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30 pm.**



St. Joseph Parish

2022 Giving Tree Information



- This is the 25th year that we as a parish will be sponsoring "The Giving Tree" to aid families in Big Horn County during this Christmas season. The names on the tree have been confidentially submitted by various social service organizations in our community.
- You may participate in this project by choosing an ornament tag from the tree and choosing an appropriate gift from the descriptions provided. The items listed as gift ideas are only suggestions. Feel free to choose from your heart, and don't feel obligated to buy everything listed on the tag.
- Please be sure, however, that if you remove a tag from the tree that you return a gift or the "Tree Ornament Gift Tag". Otherwise that individual will not be acknowledged with a gift. If you cannot fill the tag, please return the tag to Vera at (406) 690-4858.
- You may make a monetary donation by placing your check made to St. Joseph Parish with memo "Giving Tree" in the container near the tree in church. The shopping and wrapping will be done for you.
- Contact Father Cally if you know of someone who needs to be represented on the tree.
- Please return your wrapped or unwrapped gift to the tree by **Sunday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m.**
- Any questions or to arrange for pick-up call **Vera Ostahowski at (406) 690-4858.**
- Include gift receipts if possible and firmly affix the "Tree Ornament Gift Tag" showing codes and descriptions to the **outside** of the package.

Thank you for opening your hearts with generosity and the giving Spirit of Christmas.