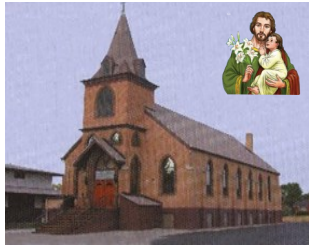


First Sunday of Advent: December 3—9, 2023



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
Parish Secretary: Deb Johnson  
Bulletin: Patty Kepp  
Website Editor: Julie O'Dell  
Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

### Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 3: For the People  
Mon., Dec 4: No Mass  
Tues., Dec 5: +For Caroline Reile-Renz by Jim & Sue Seykora  
Wed., Dec 6: +For Arianna Johnson by Larry & Deb Johnson  
Thurs., Dec 7: Anthony T Cacchione Family St Labre Benefactor  
Fri., Dec 8: +For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
Sat., Dec 9: +For Cleo Johnson by Larry & Deb Johnson



### Offertory Collections

Sat., Nov 25 : \$ 255.00  
Sun., Nov 26: \$ 1,073.00

### Fiscal Year ending 6.30.23

Income: \$ 96,416.60  
Expenses \$ 104,547.68  
\$ (8,131.08)

### Month of October, 2023

Income: \$ 6,097.35  
Expenses: \$ 8,610.07  
\$ (2,512.72)

All Souls' Collection  
\$973.00

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

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec 2	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Dec 3	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Dec 9	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Dec 10	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Dec 16	Larry Johnson	Deb Johnson	Deb & Larry Johnson
Sun., Dec 17	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells

### Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin  
Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.  
Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday—Friday  
St. Mary's Mission – Custer  
Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 5:00-5:30 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

**Wed., Dec 6:** Soup & Salad Luncheon 11-1:30  
**Wed., Dec 6:** Religious Education class, 3:45 pm  
**Wed., Dec 6:** Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Fri., Dec 8:** Mass, 5:30 pm for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *It is a holy day of obligation*  
**Mon., Dec 11:** Catholic Daughters mtg, 6:00 pm  
**Tues., Dec 12:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass and Potluck beginning at 5:30 pm  
**Thurs., Dec 14:** Advent Penance Service, 5:30pm

## Holiday Soup & Salad Luncheon

Wed., Dec 6th 11:00 - 1:30 pm

**\$10 per person**

Church Basement

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

**The Knights of Columbus**  
Christmas trees are here for \$25 each. Pickup or delivery is available. Please contact Frank Krebs 679-1094



The **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be celebrated with Mass & Potluck **Tuesday, Dec 12th at 5:30 p.m.** Potluck will be served after Mass. You're welcome to bring any type of dish. Everyone is welcome!



### Advent Penance Service

**Thursday, December 14th @ 5:30 p.m.**

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.



### Holiday Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve:** Sun., Dec 24—5:45 p.m.  
Hardin  
**Christmas Day:** Mon., Dec 25—9:00 a.m.  
Hardin  
Mon., Dec 25—11:00 a.m.  
Custer  
**New Year's Day:** Mon., Jan 1—9:00 a.m.  
Hardin  
Mon., Jan 1—11:00 a.m.  
Custer

### This Christmas, give your marriage the gift of Natural Family Planning

Learn how to observe, record, and interpret a woman's natural signs of fertility. Discover God's beautiful plan for married love. The first class in a 3-part series will be taught online on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Ben and Rita Pehl, from Sacred Heart Parish in Terry, MT. Ben and Rita are a Certified Volunteer NFP Teaching Couple through the Couple to Couple League. There are also other options for learning NFP. Contact Ben and Rita for more information (402-640-9494) or visit [www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org](http://www.fertilityscienceinstitute.org).

Advent is here! It's the start of the new year in the Church, but financially speaking, it's nearly year-end. If you could give our parish the tax dollars you would otherwise send to the State of Montana come tax-time next year, would you? You can, through the amazing Montana



Endowment Tax Credit! The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is happy to show you how you can redirect your taxes to stay here to help our church. Please contact the Foundation at (406) 315-1765 or [forever@catholicfoundationmt.org](mailto:forever@catholicfoundationmt.org)

### St. Joseph Parish 2023 Giving Tree Information



This is the 26th 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 17th 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.

