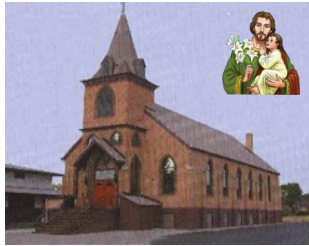


Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 24—30, 2023



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Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 24: For the People

Mon., Dec 25: For the People

Tues., Dec 26: Anthony T Cacchione family
St Labre Benefactors

Wed., Dec 27: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

Thurs., Dec 28: Anthony T Cacchione family
St Labre Benefactors

Fri., Dec 29: +For Frank & Velma Dornberger
by Jim & Linda McArthur

Sat., Dec 30: +For Tim Van Orden
by Larry & Deb Johnson

Offertory Collections:

Sat., Dec 16: \$ 285.00 Sun., Dec 17: \$ 2,440.00

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: \$ 114.00

Month of November, 2023

Income: \$ 7,810.10

Expenses: \$ 9,690.24

\$ (1,880.14)

Fiscal Year ending 6.30.23

Income: \$ 96,416.60

Expenses \$ 104,547.68

\$ (8,131.08)

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Dec 23	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Dec 24	Genne Taganahan	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Christmas Eve	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Larry & Deb Johnson
Christmas Day	Celeste Geier	Genne Taganahan	Celeste Geier & Larry Johnson
Sat., Dec 30	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Deb Johnson
Sun., Dec 31	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 6	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Jan 7	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez

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 27: Daily Mass @ 8:00 am, No Mass
and Adoration Wednesday evening

[Religious Education classes will resume on
Wednesday, January 3, 2024](#)

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Dec 24—5:45 pm, Hardin

Christmas Day: Dec 25—9:00 am, Hardin
11:00 am, Custer

New Year's Day: Jan 1—9:00 am, Hardin
11:00 am, Custer



Unto Us
A Child is Born



THE MIRACLE OF THE INCARNATION

Do you believe in miracles? If you don't, better do. We are serving a miracle working God. The angel said to Mary in today's gospel: "...for nothing is impossible for God." Miracle is a divine intervention in human situations. The greatest miracle on earth is the miracle of the incarnation of the son of God. That was the story we were told in the gospel of today (Luke 1:26-38).

Mary's response of faith brought that miracle to fulfillment. Mary responded positively to the word of God: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Immediately Mary spoke these words of acceptance and faith she became pregnant. Mary strongly trusted God. She believed in miracles.

The first reading (2Sam 7: 1-16) talks about God's relationship with David. David was a man after God's heart. He loved God, trusted God, and served him faithfully. Because of David's faith and trust in God, God abundantly blessed him, made him famous, and through his generation brought in the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ. That's why Jesus is often referred to as son of David.

Today as we celebrate the last Sunday of Advent, let us like Mary and David put our confidence and faith in God. We shall be highly favoured as these two were favoured.



NEW Counseling Program Available!

Catholic Social Services of Montana is excited to announce the launch of its new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients. Below are more details:

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can't tackle it, we'll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We're Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you'd like, but that is not required. We are here for everyone.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance and private pay and offer reduced private pay rates if you meet qualifying standards.

To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit www.cssmt.org.

Father Cally has met with the Parish Council and the Finance Council and collectively identified two parish projects that not only need our attention but are financially outside of the current budget. They are placement of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and the replacement of the screen doors on the north side of the rectory. Catholic Mutual our insurance carrier has strongly suggested we obtain an AED. Because of recent attempts to break into the rectory, securing the doors on the north side of the rectory is necessary. Cost for the AED is \$1600 (the Knights of Columbus have already pledged \$500 toward the purchase). The replacement of the current doors with strong secure doors could be between \$2500 to \$3500 with parishioners that have offered to do the construction work. A special offering will be addressed the weekend of Dec 30-31 and more information provided.

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



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March 15—16, 2024
Friday 6:00—9:00 pm
Saturday 9:00—4:00 pm