



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., July 17: For the people
Mon., July 18: _____
Tues., July 19: For good health for Corrinne Buechler by Candy Wells
Wed., July 20: For Esther Boyko by Larry & Deb Johnson
Thurs., July 21: For good health for Corrinne Buechler by Candy Wells
Fri., July 22: _____
Sat., July 23: For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections: **Month of June, 2022**
Sat., July 9: \$ 417.00 **Income: \$ 6,505.00**
Sun., July 10: \$ 777.00 **Expenses: \$ 8,333.93**
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 9,950.00 **\$ -1,828.93**

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

Wed., July 20: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm



Q: Where is the best place to get an ice cream cone?
A: In a Sunday School

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





VOLUNTEER

Commentators and Lectors NEEDED

Saturday evening Mass
Sunday morning Mass
Contact Father Kiran

Worship Assistants

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
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
Sat., Aug 6	Katie Fuchs	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Aug 7	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez

Life Messages: 1) We need to recharge our spiritual

batteries: It is a well-known fact that those who are in the caring professions, like doctors, nurses, pastors, social workers, and even parents, often suffer from burnout and terminal exhaustion as Martha did. People suffering from burnout often end up angry, anxious, and worried. Hence, occasionally we need to put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may do the recharging of our spiritual energy also by our personal and family prayers, by the meditative reading of the Bible and by participating in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Christian husbands and wives should develop "couple spirituality" and seek more opportunities to pray together. The Martha and Mary episode teaches us the need for balance between service and prayer and the need for spending time with the Lord, learning from Him and recharging our spiritual batteries with the power of the Holy Spirit.

2) We need listening Marthas and serving

Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world needs such men, women, boys and girls, and so does the Church. How would the Church survive if not for the Marthas and Bills who sing in the choir, run the altar guild, work with the homeless, work with the youth, and build the Church? The Church could not exist without them. The same is true with the family. We need responsible people to do the work in the house: to cook, to clean, to keep the house operating, to pay the bills, to keep the cars running, not to speak of rearing the children and loving the spouse. Households can't survive without Marthas and Bills. Nor can offices, schools or businesses. There is nothing wrong with being a responsible, action-oriented, get-it-done kind of person. But we must find time to listen to God speaking to us through His word, and time to talk to God. Jesus clearly said: be hearers *and* doers of the word. Jesus never reversed that order. **3) We need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace.**

Martha has become a symbol of you and me in the modern world. We have become so active and busy with living our lives that we no longer have time to slow down and quietly listen to God, or even to our spouse, kids, or friends. We become so active in doing good things that our activities become a cover-up for our lack of listening and quiet caring. We come home from a day of work and the kids are talking to us at the kitchen table. We nod affirmatively at their words without listening. Our spouse wants to share what has happened during the day and we don't hear a word that is spoken, being entirely preoccupied with what has happened at our workplace. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening. The more one listens, the more love grows. The less one listens, the less love there is. This is

certainly true in marriage. Any good marriage will show us a man and woman who have discovered what it means to listen to one another. That is also true in good families and in good businesses. We can so easily get the Martha-syndrome because there is always so much work to do: at our place of employment, at home with the kids, out in the yard, at Church and school, at the various groups of which we or our children are a part. But let's not be like Martha who got distracted with much serving. Rather, let us take time out every day to listen to Jesus, to get to know Jesus better, to be His guest and to welcome Him as ours.

4) We need to serve the Lord with Martha's diligence:

Some of mankind's greatest contributions have come from people who decided that no sacrifice was too large and no effort too great to accomplish what they set out to do. Edward Gibbon spent 26 years writing *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. Noah Webster worked diligently for 36 years to bring into print the first edition of his *Webster's Dictionary*. It is said that the Roman orator Cicero practiced before friends every day for 30 years in order to perfect his public speaking. Most of the famous scientists sacrificed their whole lives on their research for the betterment of human lives. Now let's think about how much energy we put into the Lord's work in an age when people are self-serving, self-centered, and self-indulgent. Why is our service for Christ sometimes performed in a halfhearted manner? Why do some people who pursue earthly goals put us to shame with their diligence?

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As Catholics, we know how important priests are in our lives. They consecrate their lives to God for our sake, making countless sacrifices to be able to offer us the Sacraments and their pastoral care. Good priests are truly one of God's greatest gifts!

If your life has been touched by one of our many good shepherds, past or present, we invite you to thank him with a gift in his honor (or memory) through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana's St. John Vianney Tribute on Thursday, August 4. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests!

Very special for our priests: on August 4, St. John Vianney's feast day, our diocese's new Bishop Coadjutor Jeffrey Fleming will offer a special Mass for all the priests whom you and others have honored in this way. The Foundation needs to receive the name of the priest you wish to honor, as well as your gift, by August 3rd in order to enroll him in the St. John Vianney Mass. Please donate online by visiting www.catholicfoundationmt.org/priest-tribute or give the Foundation a call at 406-315-1765 and we will help you make a gift over the phone.