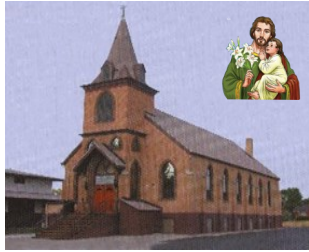


Sunday of Divine Mercy: April 16—April 22, 2023



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr 16: For the people
Mon., Apr 17: _____
Tues., Apr 18: _____
Wed., Apr 19: For improved health of Jacinta Mary (Fr Kiran's Mom) by the Catholic Daughters
Thurs., Apr 20: +For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Fri., Apr 21: For the good health of Diane Brown by Etta Kollekowski
Sat., Apr 22: _____



Offertory Collections **Month of February, 2023**
Sat., Apr 8: \$ 438.00 **Income: \$ 7,343.43**
Sun., Apr 9: \$ 2,704.00 **Expenses: \$ 13,136.83**
\$ - 5,793.40

Catholic Daughter Scholarship applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.



Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., April 22	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp	Bethany Fuchs & Celeste Geier
Sun., April 23	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., April 29	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Chris Fuchs & Larry Johnson
Sun., April 30	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., May 6	Larry Johnson	Richelle Link	Deb Johnson & Julie O'Dell
Sun., May 7	Katie Fuchs	Amelia Ramirez	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

Sun., Apr 16: JCDA monthly meeting, 10:00 am church basement
Mon., Apr 17: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Apr 19: Religious Education class, 3:45pm
Wed., Apr 19: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

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



THE MERCY OF GOD SUSTAINS US—Every second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was Saint Pope John Paul 11 who made this celebration universal in the year 2000. Easter celebration is all about the celebration of the love and mercy of God for humanity. We are all products and beneficiaries of God's mercy. Our life and existence is rooted in the mercy of God. The blessings and the favours of God that we enjoy are all unmerited. They did not come because of our good deeds or righteousness but because of God's unconditional love and mercy. Today's psalmist (Psalm 118) said: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting, and his mercy endures for ever.

In today's gospel (John 20:19-31) we saw how Jesus after rising from the dead visited his apostles in the upper room where they were hiding for fear of the Jews. Remember that the apostles deserted him during his agony and death. They all ran away; even Peter denied him three times. But on account of his mercy instead of coming with anger and bitterness, he came with peace. He told them "Peace be with you" and showed them his hands and feet. He forgave the apostles their human weaknesses and failures. His mercy was upon them. Then Jesus sent them out to go and communicate this mercy of God to others. That was the reason why he breathed on them and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven, and whose sins you retain are retained." God's forgiveness of our sins is based on his mercy and compassion. Sacrament of reconciliation is sacrament of God's mercy through which he forgives and heals us. Jesus instituted this sacrament after rising from the dead.

Thomas was not with the rest of the apostles when Jesus visited them. He therefore missed the peace and the mercy of the risen Lord. When others told him that Jesus has risen and that he visited them, Thomas doubted it seriously. Do you know Jesus came again for the second time because of Thomas? His mercy for each person made him visit again to allow Thomas have the resurrection experience and to strengthen his faith. When Thomas saw him and confirmed that he was the one by putting his fingers into the holes on his palms and his side, he shouted "My Lord and my God."

The mercy of God finds us wherever we are even in the darkest moments of our lives when fears and doubts fill our minds. Jesus love and mercy is for each of us. We must always see ourselves in the light of God's love and mercy. Jesus loved each of us so much that even if you are the only one in the world, Jesus would have died for you.

Today is called day of mercy. We are called upon to put our trust in the mercy and love of God. We are equally called upon to show mercy and forgiveness to others in

our homes, families and communities. We receive God's mercy so that we can share it with others. As Christians we are apostles of God's mercy. The Divine Mercy Prayer: "Oh merciful Jesus, I trust in you" is a short and a very powerful prayer. Make effort to say this prayer as many times as possible each day.

"Graduating Seniors"! If you would like to attend Mass as a graduating senior in cap and gown on Sunday, May 28th please contact Bethany Fuchs at (406) 698-9341 before Monday, May 22nd.

2023 CSSM GOLF TOURNAMENT
Benefitting Catholic Social Services of Montana

Catholic Social Services of Montana will host its 24th Annual charity golf tournament on July 14th, 2023, at Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course in Helena. All funds raised benefit CSSM's adoption and family support ministries across Montana. Teams of 4 can register before July 7th. The registration fee includes 9 or 18 holes of golf, lunch, player gifts, a small donation to CSSM, and a fun day at the course with opportunities to win great prizes! For more details, including online registration, visit <https://cssm-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.

Come have fun playing a round of golf and support a wonderful Catholic charity serving Montana!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Experience: God loves us even when we like Didymus stumble and doubt. As humans we are bound to hurt each other. The Marriage Encounter Experience gives couples the tools to understand and move beyond and heal those hurts. There is no greater way to experience God's mercy than through the forgiveness and love of your spouse. Trust in goodness and merciful love of your spouse and experience resurrected life in your relationship. Upcoming Weekend dates are Elk Mountain Historic Hotel April 21-23, Malta, MT, June 9-11 and The Ranch at Ucross, Nov 3-5. Apply today by calling 307-215-9444 or visit the website: wwme.org



We can't wait to see YOU at **Eucharistic Revival 2023!** Join Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten on May 5&6 at Billings Central Catholic High School as we gather to cultivate Eucharistic amazement! Sponsored by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, we'll unite to help restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of The Most Holy Eucharist. As we deeply reflect on the source and summit of our faith, this promises to be a weekend to remember! Visit www.gfb.org/revival.