



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 26: For the people
Mon., Dec 27: For Laura He Does It
Tues., Dec 28: Lindsey Miller for good health
Wed., Dec 29: For Rose Tecca
Thurs., Dec 30: For Laura He Does It
Fri., Dec 31:
Sat., Jan 1: Lindsey Miller for good health



Offertory Collections Month of November, 2021
Dec 18: \$ 305.00 **Income: \$ 6,467.00**
Dec 19: \$ 1,821.00 **Expense: \$ 7,665.00**
\$ - 1,198.00



Coffee & Donuts
with Father Kiran
Sunday, January 23rd
after the 9:00 am Mass
The topic of discussion:
"The Eucharist"

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., Dec 29: No Religious Education Classes
Wed., Dec 29: Mass, 5:30 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary
Fri., Dec 31: *New Year's Eve, Adoration and Mass, 7:00 pm*
Sat., Jan 1: Rosary Novena #5 of 9, 5:20 pm, led by the Catholic Daughters

Congratulations! **Wade Miller**
won the "Nativity"
painting by Joan Noyes.

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for the fundraiser for the JCDA, Court St. Bernadette #1979. We made \$145.00 to help with our charities.

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Fri., Dec 24 8:00 pm	Patty Kepp	Larry Johnson
Sat., Dec 25 9:00 am	Julie O'Dell	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Dec 25 5:45 pm	Patty Kepp	Deb Johnson
Sun., Dec 26 9:00 am	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Jan 1	Bethany Fuchs	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Jan 2	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 8	Christy Morse	Richelle Link
Sun., Jan 9	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Jan 15	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp
Sun., Jan 16	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Life Messages: 1) We need to learn lessons from the Holy Family: By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness, by embracing us in His family. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well-suited for *education in the virtues*. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery – the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.'" The CCC adds: "Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children." (CCC #2223).

2) We need to make the family a confessional rather than a courtroom. A senior Judge of the Supreme Court recently congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage and gave them a pertinent piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife — as in a confessional — are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a Heavenly one." Thus, we can avoid the dangers we watch in dysfunctional families as presented on TV in the shows like *Married with Children*, *The Simpsons*, *Everyone Loves Raymond* and *Malcolm in the Middle*.

3) Let us extend the boundaries of our family: The homeless man or woman today on the streets of a big city, fighting the cold, the rain, and the snow, is part of our family. The drug addict in a den, or living in fear and aloneness this day, is member of our family. The sick person, dying, alone, dirty, and maybe even obnoxious, is a member of our family. The person sitting in the prison cell for whatever reason is also a child of God, and as such, according to St. John, is a member of our family. All these, as well as the cherished intimate members of our family, are "family valuables," and, as such, are worthy of safekeeping and reverence.

4) Parents need to examine their consciences: On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: "children are a gift from God to you." Children serve as the joy of their parents' young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all our families in the New Year.



Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins February 25, 2022. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

2022 ANNUAL RAFFLE
A Benefit for the Ministries of
The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
Tickets are still available @ \$20 each.
Final drawing—May 20, 2022
Contact Father Kiran, Knights of Columbus or Catholic Daughters if your interested in purchasing one.