



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Hardin, MT 59034

Father Callistus Igwenagu
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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.

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Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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

Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 11: For the people
Mon., Dec 12: _____
Tues., Dec 13: Frank & Velma Dornberger
by Linda McArthur & John Dornberger
Wed., Dec 14: For Corinne Buechler
by Candy & Jon Wells
Thurs., Dec 15: Robert & Pearl Vandersloot
Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary by
Candy & Jon Wells
Fri., Dec 16: For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
Sat., Dec 17: For recovery of Carol Fortune
by Bob & Pearl Vandersloot



Offertory Collections: Month of November, 2022
Sat., Dec 3: \$ 1,403.00 Income: \$ 7,271.82
Sun., Dec 4: \$ 1,190.00 Expenses: \$ 8,732.96
- \$ 1,461.14

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Dec 10	Katie Fuchs	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Dec 11	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Dec 17	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Dec 18	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Dec 24	Patty Kepp	Sue Seykora
Sun., Dec 25	Angela Ramirez	Celeste Geier
Sat., Dec 31	Julie O'Dell	Patty Kepp
Sun., Jan 1	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez

Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:45-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Cally
Contact Numbers:
Father Cally, 665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Sun., Dec 11: Christmas Choir Practice, 10:00
Mon., Dec 12: The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass at 5:30 pm followed with Potluck
Mon., Dec 12: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:30 pm, church rectory
Tues., Dec 13: Parish Council meeting, 6:00 pm
Wed., Dec 14: Religious Education class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Dec 14: Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm
Sun., Dec 18: JCDA Christmas party, 10:00 am, church basement
Mon., Dec 19: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Knights of Columbus Christmas Trees are on display at Hardin Chevrolet. They can be purchased for \$30 each

Christmas Carol of Nine Lessons
Tuesday, Dec 20th
5:00 p.m.
Followed with potluck dinner



Joyful Expectation as the Coming of Jesus is Near.
The third Sunday of advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning "Rejoice." The church today invites us today to rejoice for the coming of the Lord is nearby. Christmas is a couple of days away. Jesus brings joy, happiness, peace, and love. As Christians we should be happy always. In Phil.4:4-5 St. Paul said "Rejoice always. I say it again: Rejoice! ... the Lord is coming soon."
The reason why we exchange Christmas cards and gifts is to share the joy and love of Jesus with one another. The reason why we visit friends and family members, or they visit us at Christmas is to share the joy and goodness of Jesus. Look at what Isaiah said in the first reading (Is.35:1-6,10) "Your God comes to save you.... those whom the Lord has ransomed will return to Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee." These words of the prophet mean that in the presence of Jesus there will be blessings and favors. If we truly accept Jesus in our hearts, sorrow, guilt feelings, painful memories will disappear. In John 10: 10 Jesus said, "...I came that you may have life and have it abundantly." Abundant life Jesus talks about is not only spiritual. It also includes life free from depression, unnecessary anxiety, fear, from negative thoughts. It means a life of peace, joy, gladness, good mental and emotional health.

Jesus is however not saying that all our human problems will disappear. In so far as we are in the world there must be problems but amid these problems, we should be joyful because Jesus is with us. In John 16:33 Jesus told us 'In the world you have tribulation and distress and trials/suffering, but be courageous, (be of good cheers, be filled with joy), for I have overcome the world. Nehemiah 8:10 says "The joy of the Lord is my strength".
Sometimes we may feel that God has abandoned us or allowed us to be passing through very difficult times. In whatever situation we are, Jesus Christ is with us and thus we should be happy. See what happened in today's gospel (Matt. 11:2-11): John the Baptist in prison was hearing about the miracles of Jesus. In his mind John the Baptist could be thinking: I prepared the way for this man, I baptized him in River Jordan, I was a very good friend of his, then why can't he miraculously deliver me from the hand

of Herod who put me in this prison; why can't he set me free from this prison? This was why John began to doubt whether this was the true Christ. Thus, he sent his disciples to go and ask Christ "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? John the Baptist acted humanly like the rest of us would have acted. But Jesus loved John the Baptist so much and he has very high regard for him. Look at the beautiful things he said about John in today's gospel. He praised John for being so good. Yet he kept quiet when John was languishing in prison. Jesus as God has his reason for allowing John to pass through such painful experience. He never abandoned him. Such can be applicable with us. Jesus is with us in our difficult situations. He can never abandon us. He loves us. Thus, Joy and peace should fill our hearts always instead of sorrow and pain. (Song: It is well with my soul)

Christmas Mass Schedule
Sat., Dec 24: Christmas Eve, 5:45 p.m.
Sun., Dec 25: Christmas Day,
9:00 a.m. St Joseph's Church
11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mission

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

2022 Giving Tree
Remember to return your wrapped or unwrapped gift to the tree by **Sun., December 11th @ 10:00 a.m.**

