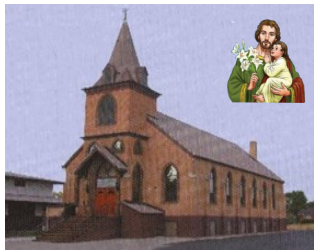


Third Sunday of Advent: December 12—18, 2021



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
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Bulletin: Patty Kepp  
Religious Education: Celeste Geier & Bethany Fuchs

### Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 12: For the people  
Mon., Dec 13: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Dec 14: Lindsey Miller for good health  
Wed., Dec 15: For Cleo Johnson  
Thurs., Dec 16: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri., Dec 17: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat., Dec 18: \_\_\_\_\_



**Offertory Collections**      **Month of October, 2021**  
Dec 4: \$ 1,025.00      Income: \$ 6,906.00  
Dec 5: \$ 1,706.00      Expense: \$ 8,266.70  
\$ - 1,360.70



The Knights of Columbus  
have beautiful fresh cut  
CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE!!

You can find them at the  
FAR WEST FLORAL & GIFTS  
(6th & Center)

Laura Hochhalter is doing a tremendous  
job helping promote the sale of the trees.

All sizes are available.

Will even deliver if you wish.

Call Jim Seykora 665-5555.



### 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

Sun., Dec 12: Christmas Choir Practice, 10:00am  
Mon., Dec 13: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 5:30 pm Spiritual Enhancement, 6:00 pm business meeting, church basement  
Tues., Dec 14: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Wed., Dec 15: Religious Education Classes, 3:45 pm, Grades K-8  
Wed., Dec 15: Mass, 5:30 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary  
Sun., Dec 19: JCDA monthly meeting, 10:00 am, church basement  
Mon., Dec 20: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

### Christmas Choir Practice

Sun., Dec 11 at 10:00 a.m.



### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Dec 11	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Dec 12	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Dec 18	Chris Fuchs	Larry Johnson
Sun., Dec 19	Candy Wells	Christy Morse
Fri., Dec 24 8:00 pm	Patty Kepp	Larry Johnson
Sat., Dec 25 9:00 am	Julie O'Dell	Joan Bialon
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	Joan Bialon	Candy Wells

**Third Sunday of Advent:** The central theme of today's readings is the command "Rejoice!" We are to do so mainly by realizing the presence of Jesus in our midst, by receiving Jesus into our lives through our repentance, our renewal of life, and by doing God's will. Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because a) we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, b) we recognize Jesus' daily presence in our midst, and c) we wait for Christ's return in glory.

**Scripture lessons summarized:** In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Is 12:6), the prophet Isaiah gives the same instruction, "Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice..." In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God's Way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. Repentance means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity, and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our living in the ways John suggests.

**Congratulations!**  
**Happy Anniversary**  
Bob & Pearl Vandersloot  
"65" years Dec 15th

**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
Fri., Dec 24: Mass at St. Mary's, Custer, 4:00 pm  
Fri., Dec 24: Christmas Eve, 8:00 pm  
Sat., Dec 25: Christmas Day, 9:00 am  
Sat., Dec 25: Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:45 pm  
Sun., Dec 26: Mass, 9:00 am



### 2021 Giving Tree

Remember to return your wrapped or unwrapped gift to the tree by **Wed., December 15th at 5:30 p.m.**



**Even diamonds start as coal** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille ('re-trō-vī) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

### Enter to win an original painting by Joan Noyes

Entitled the "The Friendly Beasts".

It is a beautiful painting of the Nativity Scene on that glorious night!

**One chance for \$1.00 or Six chances for \$5.00**

Drawing will be held at the JCDA meeting on December 19th.

Winner will be notified!

Joan donated this painting as a fundraiser for the

**Junior Catholic Daughters!**

Thank you for your participation.

If you are interested in purchasing a chance, please contact Candy Wells (406) 679-1803.

Chances will be sold after Masses.



### 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 you interested in purchasing one.