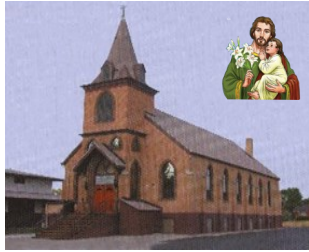


Third Sunday of Easter: April 23—April 29, 2023



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Mass Intentions

Sun., Apr 23: For the people
Mon., Apr 24: _____
Tues., Apr 25: _____
Wed., Apr 26: +For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Thurs., Apr 27: _____
Fri., Apr 28: _____
Sat., Apr 29: _____



Offertory Collections **Month of February, 2023**
Sat., Apr 16: \$ 542.00 **Income: \$ 7,343.43**
Sun., Apr 17: \$ 968.00 **Expenses: \$ 13,136.83**
\$ - 5,793.40

"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.

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

Wed., Apr 26: Religious Education class, 3:45pm
Wed., Apr 26: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

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



Shepherds of the Good Shepherd

We offer unique olive wood religious works from the holy city of Bethlehem in efforts to provide for the Christian community in the Holy Land. Your purchase, however, is an act of generosity towards many families which depends on ministers like us.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." - John 10:11

These religious works will be brought to our parish on the weekend of May 13th & 14th for those who would like to purchase.

RECOGNIZING JESUS IN OUR DAILY LIFE

Today's gospel (Luke 24:13-35) presents to us three ways in which we can recognize Jesus in our everyday life.

In our fellow human beings: Two disciples were going to Emmaus. The risen Jesus came and joined them, but they never recognized him. They looked at him as a lonely traveler, a confused and ignorant person who was not informed about the happenings in society. They equally saw him as a stranger who needed assistance. That was why when they reached where they were going Jesus wanted to go on his way, they invited him to come and stay with them since it was getting late in the night. Do we recognize Jesus in our fellow human beings—the poor, the sick, the ignorant, the needy, the strangers.

In the Word of God: When Jesus was walking with the two disciples, he explained to them the scriptures, beginning with Moses and all the prophets. The two disciples unfortunately did not equally recognize him even though they acknowledged that they were touched at heart when he was speaking to them. Jesus speaks to us when we read the bible, or when we listen to the word of God. Form the habit of reading the bible and other spiritual books. God speaks to us through them. When you attend the Mass on the weekends or daily Masses listen attentively to the readings and to the homily; it is God speaking to us.

In the Holy Eucharist: The two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When Jesus was at table with them, he took the bread and broke it and gave to them, and their eyes were opened. They recognized he was the one. This very strongly teaches us that Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist. It is very unfortunate that many Catholics don't recognize Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. In a pew survey carried out in August 2019, it was discovered that only 1/3 of the American Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is the reason why the American Bishops decided to organize a three- year Eucharistic revival program. This is to promote faith in the Eucharist. Jesus is fully present, Body, Soul, and Divinity, in the Holy Eucharist. In the gospel of John Chapter 6 Jesus

gave an extensive teaching on the Holy Eucharist. He said that unless we eat his Body and drink his Blood, we will not have eternal life; and that his Body is real food, and his Blood is real drink. Catholics are encouraged to believe strongly in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life.

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



The five vicariates of the Great Falls-Billings Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are awarding one \$500.00 scholarship to a high school graduating senior girl. Applications are available by contacting St. Joseph Parish or by contacting Toni Ziegler at 406 654-1187. Deadline to apply is May 20, 2023.

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We Are an Offering

Ministry Spotlight: Catholic Cemeteries

While often the idea of planning for the death of ourselves or a loved one is not a comfortable topic, the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings does understand how helpful it is to have support and assistance in ensuring that after passing, we have Catholic cemetery options with Family Service Advisors for our Catholic family in Eastern Montana.

The Diocese of Great Falls-Billings has three Catholic cemeteries located in our diocese. Mount Olivet and Calvary in Great Falls and Holy Cross in Billings. Our Catholic cemeteries provide services which are consistent with Catholic teaching, working closely with families and local funeral homes. All burials are conducted professionally and with the utmost respect to the deceased and their family. Services provided include: full body burial, cremains burial, columbarium for cremains, and a grave locator service.

DIocese OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023



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.