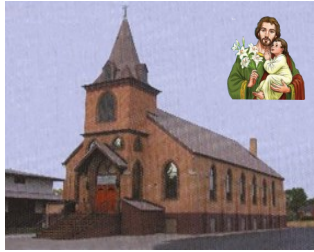


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 23—October 29, 2022



St. Joseph's Catholic Church
 710 N Custer Avenue
 Hardin, MT 59034
Father Callistus Igwenagu
 406-665-1432

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



Offertory Collections:
 Sat., Oct 15: \$ 255.00
 Sun., Oct 16: \$ 1,707.00
Annual Catholic Appeal
to date: \$ 11,277.44

Month of Sept, 2022
Income: \$ 7,047.67
Expenses: \$ 7,918.87
\$ (871.20)

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Please pray the rosary every day at 7:30 p.m.

Exceptions:
Wednesday—the Rosary will be prayed after Mass during Eucharistic Adoration.
Saturday—Rosary prayed before the 5:45 p.m. Mass
Sunday—Rosary prayed before the 9:00 a.m. Mass

If you cannot attend the Rosary before Mass and during Adoration, please pray at 7:30 p.m. every evening.

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

Wed., Oct 26: Religious Education Classes, 3:45 pm
Wed., Oct 26: Mass, Adoration, Rosary and Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm
Sun., Oct 30: Rosary procession to conclude the month of the Rosary, 5:30 pm
Tues., Nov 1: All Saints Day Mass, 5:30 pm, Holy Day of Obligation
Wed., Nov 2: Feast of All Souls' Day Mass, Hardin Fairview Cemetery, 4:30 pm
Fri., Nov 4: First Friday of the month Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Sat., Nov 5: Rosary Novena #3 of 9, led by the Catholic Daughters, 5:20 pm

Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Trees—a sign up sheet for ordering is available on the table at the entrance of the church.

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

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Oct 22	Christy Morse	Patty Kepp
Sun., Oct 23	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Oct 29	Bethany Fuchs	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Oct 30	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora
Sat., Nov 5	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier
Sun., Nov 6	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez
Sat., Nov 12	Katie Fuchs	Julie O'Dell
Sun., Nov 13	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells

LET US SERVE GOD IN HUMILITY, AND AVOID PRIDE

Last weekend Jesus taught us the importance of perseverance in prayer. This weekend he is teaching us to be humble especially when we come before God in prayer. St. Augustine said this Prayer: "O Lord, grant that I may know who I am and who you are. You are the source of all good and I am nothing but misery and wretchedness." Acknowledging our weaknesses and sinfulness before God is an act of humility.

The Pharisee in today's gospel (Luke 18:9-14) lacks humility. He was praising himself before God, enumerating his good qualities. But he forgot that there is no perfect human being on earth. We are all full of imperfections no matter how good we may think we are. Only God is perfect. So, this Pharisee was guilty of the sin of spiritual pride. He was a self-righteous man. He felt he has no need of God's mercy and forgiveness. The pharisees in general are a proud set of religious people. That was why Jesus very often rebuked them in the scriptures. The other person in today's gospel, the tax collector, acknowledged his weaknesses and surrendered to God in humility asking for God's mercy. He said, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

We are all sinners. We all need the mercy and forgiveness of God. That's why at every mass the priest always invites us to acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. Then we all say the penitential prayer "I confess to Almighty God..." This is an act of humility. Also, at the sacrament of reconciliation, we express our humility by confessing our sins before God.

The first reading of today (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18) said that "the prayer of the lowly (the humble) pierces the cloud, it does not rest till it reaches its goal..." The Psalmist of today (Ps.34) equally emphasises the same "The Lord hears the cry of the poor (the poor in spirit—the humble)." St. James noted that "God accepts the humble and rejects the proud." (James 4:6). Let us therefore practise humility and be acceptable to God. Humility makes us aware of our limitations and shortcomings. Pride makes us blind to see and acknowledge our faults. Thus, a proud person hardly repents of his sins. A proud person lives in self-exaltation always; and he is also good at judging and condemning others just like the Pharisee in today's gospel. The scripture warns us not to judge others (cf. Matt. 7:1)

Humility makes us know our dependency on God. St. Paul noted in the second reading (2Tim 4:6-8, 16-18) that God stood by him in his trials, and that without God he would have failed. In 1Cor. 15:10 Paul said: "By the grace of God, I am what I am today." 2Cor. 3:5 "We are not sufficient in ourselves. Our sufficiency comes from God." Let us be humble and avoid pride as we all depend on God. Without him there is nothing we can do (John 15:5).



All Saints Day Mass
Tues., Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Church



Feast of All Souls' Day Mass
Wed., Nov. 2, 4:30 p.m.
Hardin Fairview Cemetery

To conclude the month of the Rosary "Rosary Procession" Sunday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m.



Stress in Your Marriage? - There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins October 28, 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.

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Join us to learn the essentials of planning your legacy, including charitable giving techniques and tax credits/savings for Catholics. With great speakers, breakout sessions, and a catered lunch, you are sure to enjoy—and learn from—this morning of spiritual and practical wisdom!

When: Thursday, November 10th — Mass at 9 AM with Coadjutor Bishop Fleming (optional), followed by workshop 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Where: St. Bernard Church (226 Wicks Lane—Billings)
Cost: No charge! Refreshments and lunch are included.

Space is limited, so please RSVP today by phone or email! **406-317-1765** hello@catholicfoundationmt.org
 Co-hosted by the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation, and the St. Vincent Foundation!