

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 5—11, 2023



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Nov 5: For the People

Mon., Nov 6: No Mass

Tues., Nov 7: +For Caroline Reile-Renz
by Jim & Sue Seykora

Wed., Nov 8: +For Sheri Printz
by Larry & Deb Johnson

Thurs., Nov 9: Anthony T Cacchione family
St. Labre Benefactors

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St Labre Benefactors

Sat., Nov 11: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections

Sat., Oct 28: \$ 614.00

Sun., Oct 29: \$ 848.00

Fiscal Year ending 6.30.23

Income: \$ 96,416.60

Expenses \$ 104,547.68

\$ (8,131.08)

Month of Sept., 2023

Income: \$ 8,981.00

Expenses: \$ 7,149.97

\$ 1,831.03

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Nov 4	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Nov 5	Candy Wells	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Nov 11	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Nov 12	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Nov 18	Deb Johnson	Larry Johnson	Deb & Larry Johnson
Sun., Nov 19	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora	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

Tues, Nov 7: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement

Wed., Nov 8: Religious Education Class, 3:45pm

Mon., Nov 13: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Mon., Nov 20: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Thurs., Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00am

OCIA classes will begin on Tuesday 11/7/23 in the church basement at 4:00 pm. This class is for adults who would like to be baptized, confirmed or receive First Holy Communion, or those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith.



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

HUMILITY AND SERVICE

Last Thursday was November 2nd, the feast of All Souls, the day we remember the dead. We had Mass at the cemetery. We prayed for the dead, and we also reminded ourselves that we all shall end up at the cemetery. When we remember that we shall die one day, that should make us to be humble.

Jesus in today's gospel (Matthew 23:1-12) talks about humility and service. He said "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus gave this teaching on humility and service because of the attitudes of the pharisees and scribes who were the political and religious leaders of the people at that time. Out of arrogance, pride, and self-deceit, they do not practice what they preach, and they would like to be served rather than serving others. They were living hypocritical lives. They say one thing and do another. That was why Jesus was not happy with them and thus advised the people not to emulate their actions.

Jesus proposed servant-leadership model, that is, leadership by service and example. And that was what he, Jesus represents. Jesus said, "I came to serve and not to be served and to give my life as a ransom for many...." (Mark 10:45). In Matthew 11:29 he said, "Learn from me for I am humble and gentle of heart." Jesus had the humility of a leader. He led by example. His words and actions go together. That was why he asked us to imitate him and not to imitate the pharisees and scribes.

Leaders are called to be humble servants of others. Among us here are political leaders, religious leaders, community leaders, school leaders, family leaders, leaders in various work areas. We have people in various positions of authority. Whatever position we find ourselves in, let's always remember that we are called to serve. Whatever we have on earth let's always remember that those things came from God and should be used in humility to serve others. Like Jesus let our words and actions go together. Let us serve others with the example of our lives. Actions speak louder than

words. Pope Paul V1 said "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." That means that witness of life speaks volumes.



The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees this year for \$25.00. Delivery will be available after Nov 28th. The sign up sheet is on the table at the entrance of the church.



"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know Himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves."

—St. John Paul II Preface to *Fides et Ratio*

Annual Women's Harvest Luncheon

Sat., Nov 11th—1:00 pm

Ladies—you are invited to join the Christ E&R Church Women for an afternoon of good food, good fun and good fellowship. There will be a free will offering for missions.

Please RSVP by November 5th to

Sandra 406 665-5502

or Jan 406 855-8604



Today is "Foundation Sunday"—have you heard of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana? They are the nonprofit that serves the Catholic Church, our parish, and all of us. As an independent organization, the Foundation is governed by a board of Catholic laypeople and clergy. And for us, as Catholics in this diocese, they are OUR Foundation. They want to help us support our parish in a way that will never stop giving back—through permanent endowments. If you have any questions about what the Foundation can do for you, our parish, or another ministry that matters deeply to you, please reach out to forever@catholicfoundationmt.org or 406-315-1765.