



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Oct 30: For the people
Mon., Oct 31: _____
Tues., Nov 1: For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Wed., Nov 2: _____
Thurs., Nov 3: For Peg Koebbe by Jim & Sue Seykora
Fri., Nov 4: _____
Sat., Nov 5: _____



Offertory Collections:
Sat., Oct 22: \$ 247.00
Sun., Oct 23: \$ 696.00
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 11,277.44

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

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
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
Sat., Nov 19	Chris Fuchs	Richelle Link
Sun., Nov 20	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora

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 Cally
Contact Numbers:
Father Cally, 665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

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
Wed., Nov 2: Religious Education Classes, 3:45 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.

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



E&R Church Annual Women's Harvest Luncheon
Sat., Nov 12th 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by Nov 7th
Sandra: 665-5502, Alice: 665-3289



DESIRE FOR GOD MOTIVATES US TO SEEK HIM

If you have a desire for something you will make effort to possess the thing. The stronger the desire the more serious the effort we make. Desire drives action.

When we have serious desire for God, we will make serious effort to reach him. In today's gospel (Luke 19:1-10), Zacchaeus had a desire to see Jesus. He was very anxious to see him. He wants to encounter Jesus. But there was an obstacle on his way: his shortness. He was a short man, and the crowd was much. So, he couldn't see Jesus. But the strong desire in him made him to go extra miles. He climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus. He was able to achieve his aim.

Sometimes we may have a desire to be closer to God, but some obstacles may stand on our way. Such obstacles could be habitual sins; it could be material things- money and wealth; it could be friends or business partners. It could also be laziness on our own part. But if the desire to be nearer to God is very strong in us, we will fight against all obstacles on our way just as Zacchaeus did.

Zacchaeus was determined to see Jesus. Thus, he was not ashamed to climb a tree. People who saw him climbing the tree must have laughed at him. His friends must have discouraged him. Yet he ignored them and went ahead because he wants to fulfil his desire. And because of Zacchaeus strong desire and serious effort, Jesus made himself available to him. When Jesus reached where Zacchaeus was, he looked up and said to him "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay in your house." This encounter brought about conversion of Zacchaeus who was a prominent tax collector-a sinner in the sight of the Jews.

Let us develop in us desire for God, passionate desire for holiness. God looks for this desire in us. Once we show minimal desire God will complete the rest. He will transform our little desire into great achievements. The Psalmist in Psalm 42:1-2 says "Like a deer that longs for stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for you, the living God; when can I see you face to face." This psalmist had a strong desire for God. St Augustine said that "the access to heaven is through desire. The path to heaven is measured by desire and not by miles. Lack of desire is a sin of indifference." When we have strong desire for God, we will be motivated to make serious effort to reach him, and God himself will draw closer to us. In Jer. 29:13 God said "If you search for me with all your heart, you will find me..." Jesus said in Matt. 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied"

Zacchaeus found him and his life was changed. He was satisfied. So will our lives become much better if we can remove all obstacles standing between us and God and draw closer to him. The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Jesus came for you and me. Let us draw nearer to him.



OCIA - is the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. This course begins in the Fall and concludes with the Easter Vigil celebration (April 8, 2023). This is a process of learning about Catholic Faith. This class is offered to anyone who
1. wants to learn more about catholic faith
2. Desires to be a catholic
3. wants to be baptised as an adult
4. wishes to complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation, First Eucharist)
If you desire any of these, please contact the Pastor, Fr. Cally (406) 665-1432 or DRE Celeste/Bethany.

All Saints Day
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

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
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