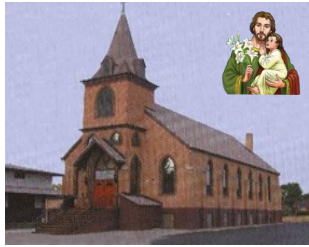


Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 12—18, 2023



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Mass Intentions

Sun., Nov 12: For the People
Mon., Nov 13: No Mass
Tues., Nov 14: +For Edmund Seykora by Jim & Sue Seykora
Wed., Nov 15: +For Sheri Printz by Larry & Deb Johnson
Thurs., Nov 16: +For Caroline Reile-Renz by Jim & Sue Seykora
Fri., Nov 17: +For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Sat., Nov 18: +For Ray Harrison by Marilyn Hyde



Offertory Collections

Sat., Nov 4 : \$ 1,538.00
Sun., Nov 5: \$ 1,411.00

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

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

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
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
Sat., Nov 25	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Nov 26	Genne Taganahan	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez

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

Mon., Nov 13: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Nov 15: Religious Education Class, 3:45pm
Wed., Nov 15: Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm
Mon., Nov 20: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Thurs., Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00am

 **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.**



 OCIA classes have begun on Tuesday's at 4:00 p.m. in the church basement. 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 bless
our men and
women in service*



BE WISE AND VIGILANT

Today's first reading from the book of wisdom (Wis.6:12-16) emphasizes the need for us to acquire divine wisdom and to be led by it. This wisdom helps us to know that life on earth is short and that we are here for a purpose: to know God, to love him and serve him and then be with him in the life to come.

In today's gospel (Matt. 25:1-13) Jesus told us the parable of ten virgins. Five of them were wise and five were foolish. The wise ones knew that the bridegroom could come at any time and so they had enough oil for their lamps and were vigilant waiting for him. The foolish ones even though they knew the bridegroom can arrive at any time yet did not get oil for their lamps. They were not watchful, not ready for the return of the bridegroom.

Jesus wants us to be like the wise virgins and to make sure that we have enough oil for our lamps waiting for his second coming or our death. The oil he is talking about is the oil of spiritual riches: the oil of prayerfulness, oil of good work, oil of charity, oil of purity, oil of holiness of life, oil of dedication to the service of God and humanity, oil of doing God's will always. This is the oil that will keep our spiritual lamps burning brightly at the coming of the Lord. Only those who have this oil can be admitted into the wedding hall-that is, God's kingdom. Those who don't have this oil will be locked outside as today's gospel tells us.

The five foolish virgins when their lamps were going off because of lack of oil, wanted to borrow oil from the wise ones. But it is practically impossibility to borrow spiritual riches from others or to lend spiritual riches to others. You cannot borrow or lend humility, honesty, charity, justice, purity, faith, love of God, or hope. You cannot borrow or lend holiness of life or prayerfulness. Spiritual virtues must be cultivated and nurtured in one's life. It needs personal effort. It is not something another person can give you or do for you. The race for salvation is not something another person will run for you. You must take responsibility. Each person must seek the Lord. This is why the wise virgins asked the foolish ones to go to the sellers and buy their own oil. Let us be vigilant, stay awake, be ready always, because death is inevitable and its time unpredictable.

*"A Time for
Everything..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP



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forever@catholicfoundationmt.org

Join us!

WHEN: Wed., Nov. 15th
8:30 AM Mass with Msgr. Daniel Wathen (optional), followed by **workshop from 9 AM to 1:30 PM**
WHERE: St. Pius X Church 717 18th St W in Billings
WHAT: Learn the essentials of estate planning, including charitable giving techniques. Prepare to be inspired!
COST: No charge! Refreshments and catered lunch included.



Bishop Warfel, now Bishop Emeritus, invites all area

Marriage Encounter couples to a gathering at Mary Queen of Peace Parish Center, 120 South 34th St. in Billings (formerly Little Flower School) at 1 PM on Sunday, December 3rd. Having participated recently at the World Council for World Wide Marriage Encounter, Bishop Warfel will share how Marriage Encounter is enriching the domestic church around the world. The gathering will also provide an opportunity to extend congratulations to Bishop Warfel upon his transition as the Bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings to Bishop Emeritus. Participants are asked to bring a snack or a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.



Do you have a paid-up life insurance policy that you no longer need? Making a gift of it is quite a simple but extraordinarily helpful way to benefit our parish. To learn how donating a life insurance policy can also help you earn a generous tax credit against your Montana income taxes for 2023, please contact Judy Held, President of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, at judy@catholicfoundationmt.org or 406-315-1765.