



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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### Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 14: For the people  
Mon., Aug 15: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Aug 16: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wed., Aug 17: For Thomas Vandersloot  
by Jim & Sue Seykora  
Thurs., Aug 18: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri., Aug 19: For good health of Jan Vandersloot  
by Pearl Vandersloot  
Sat., Aug 20: For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus



**Offertory Collections:** Month of July, 2022  
Sat., Aug 6: \$ 1,472.00 Income: \$ 6,408.00  
Sun., Aug 7: \$ 885.00 Expenses: \$ 6,094.90  
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 10,400.00 \$ 313.10



## VOLUNTEER

Commentators and Lectors  
NEEDED

**Saturday evening Mass**  
**Sunday morning Mass**  
Contact Father Kiran

### 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 Kiran  
**Contact Numbers:**

Father Kiran, 665-1432: all questions  
Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin

### Calendar

Wed., Aug., 17: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm  
Thurs., Aug., 25: School year 2022-2023 begins

**Even diamonds start as coal** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille ('re-trō-vī) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Our next program begins Oct., 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Aug 13	Chris Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Aug 14	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 20	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link
Sun., Aug 21	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells
Sat., Aug 27	Bethany Fuchs	Celeste Geier
Sun., Aug 28	Sue Seykora	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Sept 3	Patty Kepp	Katie Fuchs
Sun., Sept 4	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez

The central theme of today's readings is that we should courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives, as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, even if doing so should result in our martyrdom and turn society upside down. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, then perhaps we are practicing "inoffensive Christianity."

**Scripture lessons summarized:** Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy unused cistern to die for his "treason." The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), has us sing what could have been Jeremiah's plea to God, "**Lord! Come to my aid!**" Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community.

**In today's Gospel,** Jesus, too, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, he knew, would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, which Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of real *shalom* of God. Even though Jesus brings a sword and causes division, he is the bringer of true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him or not, to share his "baptism" or not. This choice can result in division, even within families.

**Life messages:#1:** Let us learn to appreciate the contemporary prophets in the Church: The Jesuit Cardinal Avery Dulles, writing about the role of prophecy in the modern Church communities in his book *Models of the Church*, remarks: "Christianity is not healthy unless there is room in it for prophetic protest against abuses of authority." God continues to send such prophets to every parish community, and it is the duty of the bishop, pastor, and parish council to listen to the well-intended, constructive criticisms of such Jeremiahs. # 2: We should have fire in our hearts: On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until

the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts at Confirmation to help set us on fire. "*One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair.*" So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.



*Would you like to have your home blessed?  
Please call Father Kiran.*

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

#### How much was gasoline in 1943?

#### Longest Married Couples will know the answers!

Do you know a married couple who bought gas for their car in 1943 for 21 cents a gallon, or who saw still pictures of Queen Elizabeth being inaugurated in 1952, or who remember making sure their children got their polio shots in 1955? If you answered YES please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME). Nominations for the 12th annual Longest Married Couple Project (LMC), can be made until Sept 15th, 2022. WWME accepts nominations from families and friends of those who have long, long marriages. Nominations, which are open to all husband-and-wife couples regardless of religious affiliation, may be submitted online at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or by email, regular mail or calling 321-544-3440. Click on the Longest Married Couple Project link at the top of the [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) homepage to go directly to the online form.

To nominate a married couple simply provide the name of the couple, their wedding date and where they currently reside, plus a contact phone or email address of the individual nominating the couple. Also you can nominate via email to [dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org](mailto:dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org) or mail your nomination to Dick & Diane Baumbach 1332 Trail Rockledge, FL 32955. Nominations must be received by September 15, 2022. As a matter of safety and protection the nominators of the winning couples are initially contacted and not the actual winners. Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers married couples the opportunity to spend time together away from the busyness of the world to focus on each other. WWME offers tools for building and maintaining a strong, Christian marriage in 's world. To learn more about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends online, go to [wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) (<http://www.wwme.org/>), or contact the WWME national office at (909) 332-7309.