Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 18—September 24, 2022



St. Joseph's Catholic Church **710 N Custer Avenue Hardin, MT 59034 Father Kiran Kumar** 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. Marv'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., Sept 18: For the people

Mon., Sept 19: No Mass Tues., Sept 20: No Mass

Wed., Sept 21: For Velford VanOrden by Larry & Deb Johnson

Thurs., Sept 22:

Fri., Sept 23: **For Connie Medhus**

by Lowell Medhus

For Robert & Helen Davis Sat., Sept 24: by Jim & Sue Seykora

Offertory Collections:

Sat., Sept 10: \$ 190.00 Income: \$ 6.691.57

Sun., Sept 11: \$ 943.00 Expenses: \$ 10,643.61 **Annual Catholic Appeal**

to date: \$ 11,277.44

Month of August, 2022 \$ (-3,952.04)



Farewell Party for Father Kiran Sun., Sept. 25, 2022—10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited!

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 guestions Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Mon., Sept 19: No daily Mass,

Father will be attending Priest Assembly

Mon., Sept 19: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Tues., Sept 20: No daily Mass,

Father will be attending Priest Assembly

Wed., Sept 21: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm

> **Religious Education Classes begin** Wed., October 5th at 3:45 pm



Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat., Sept 17	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier
Sun., Sept 18	Sue Seykora	Candy Wells
Sat., Sept 24	Julie O'Dell	Bethany Fuchs
Sun., Sept 25	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Oct 1	Katie Fuchs	Richelle Link
Sun., Oct 2	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora
Sat., Oct 8	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier
Sun., Oct 9	Visencia Ramirez	Angela Ramirez

Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards, and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings, like wealth, wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

Scripture lessons summarized: In the first reading. Amos, the prophet of social justice, condemns the crooked business practices of the 8th century BC Jewish merchants of Judea and reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh, God of Justice. We need to practice justice and mercy to all, as God's faithful stewards. Amos warns us also against setting making money by any means as the goal of our life. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 113) reminds us that the All-seeing God protects and cares for the poor. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the first century Judeo-Christians to become true stewards of the Gospel of Jesus, the only mediator, by preaching the "Good News" to the pagans and by including them in intercessory prayers, too. Today's Gospel story tells us about the crooked, but resourceful, manager and challenges us to use our blessings — time, talents, health and wealth – wisely and justly so that they will serve us for our good in eternity. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, because these are the purposes for which God has entrusted His blessings to us.

Life messages: 1) We need to be faithful in the little things of life: Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom's warning, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and the reminder of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa, canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis), "Do little things with great love." Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a favor with a sincere "thank you," congratulating others for their success, sharing in their sorrows and/or offering them help and support in their needs.

2) We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spiritguided Church to direct us in our Christian life. We need to use these resources in such a way that it will be said of us, "And the master commended them

because they acted so prudently." 3) We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood, and thieves, just as we insure our lives, buying life insurance, health insurance, and car insurance. In the same way, let us "insure" ourselves (with God, not Prudential!) for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our *Private Judgment* by God at the moment of our death is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples. 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 Social Services of Montana presents:



Billings, MT - October 7th, 2022 Hosted at the Big Horn Resort with honored quests **Bishop Michael Warfel** and **Bishop Jeffrey Fleming**

The benefit will offer a Dueling Pianos show by Fun Pianos, a silent auction, dancing, singing, food, and a lot of fun! For more information, visit www.cssmt.org/news-events/

Tickets-\$30 for children, \$40 for adults, and Group Discounts Available!

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