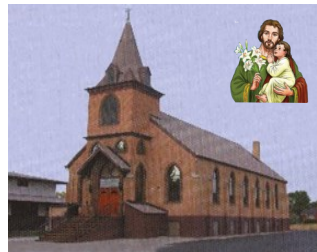


Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 21—27, 2022



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

710 N Custer Avenue
Hardin, MT 59034
Father Kiran Kumar
406-665-1432

Website: stjosephparishhardin.org
Email: stjosephparishhardin@gmail.com
Facebook: St Joseph Catholic Parish—Hardin

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

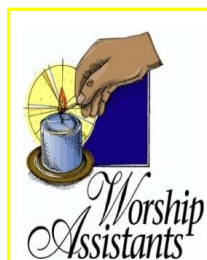
Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak
Parish Secretary: Deb Johnson
Bulletin: Patty Kepp
Website Editor: Julie O'Dell
Religious Education: Celeste Geier & Bethany Fuchs

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 21: For the people
Mon., Aug 22: For Eleanor Kincheloe by Colleen Schaak
Tues., Aug 23: _____
Wed., Aug 24: For Eleanor Kincheloe by Colleen Schaak
Thurs., Aug 25: For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Fri., Aug 26: _____
Sat., Aug 27: For Eleanor Kincheloe by Colleen Schaak



Offertory Collections: Month of July, 2022
Sat., Aug 13: \$ 347.00 Income: \$ 6,408.00
Sun., Aug 14: \$ 1,200.25 Expenses: \$ 6,094.90
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 11,277.44 \$ 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., 24: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm
Thurs., Aug., 25: School year 2022-2023 begins
Sat., Sept., 3: Rosary Novena #1 of 9, led by the Catholic Daughters, 5:20 pm

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate the conflicts with their spouse. Retrouvaille is NOT just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken; it 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.

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
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
Sat., Sept 10	Christy Morse	Larry Johnson
Sun., Sept 11	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora

As he continues his final journey to Jerusalem prepared for his suffering, and death, Jesus responds to the question asking how many will be saved by answering how one is to enter into salvation and how urgent it is that one strive now, before the Master closes the door. Instead of asking how many will be saved, Jesus wants us to ask ourselves, "Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate of sacrificial agape love and so loving others as Jesus loves them"?

Scripture lessons summarized: In the first reading, Isaiah's prophecy speaks to the Babylonian exiles returning to Jerusalem after 47 years in captivity, the younger members with their pagan wives, telling them that salvation is not a Jewish monopoly and that is why Yahweh welcomes the pagans also into Judaism. The prophet's great book ends as it began, with a vision of all the peoples of the world streaming toward Jerusalem, acknowledging and praising the God of Israel. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 117) refrain, "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News," reflects the mission of God's chosen people to be instruments of salvation to the whole world. In the second reading, exploring with his readers the consequences of Christian commitment, St. Paul explains that "the narrow gate" of Jesus means our accepting pain and suffering as the loving discipline God is giving His children. In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly explains that anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved. Jesus also admonishes his followers to concentrate on their own salvation by self-discipline rather than to worry about the salvation of others. **The Non-Catholic doctrine on salvation** was taught by Calvin and is currently broadcast by televangelists: "Once saved, you are always saved," in spite of your future sins and even apostasy. One is saved by the shed blood of Jesus when, as a young person or an adult, one accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior, confesses one's sins and prays the "Sinner's Prayer," asking God's pardon and forgiveness for one's sins.

Catholic teaching on salvation: Salvation is a past, present, and future event. We were saved from the Bondage of sin when we were baptized as children or adults. We are being saved at present, when we cooperate with God's grace by loving others as Jesus did, by sharing our blessings with the needy, and by getting reconciled with God daily, asking His forgiveness for our sins. We will be eternally saved when we hear the loving invitation from Jesus, the Judge, at the moment of our death and on the day of the Last Judgment, saying: "Good and faithful servant, you were faithful in little things enter into the joy of your Master."

Life messages: We need to cooperate with God's grace daily given to us: a) by choosing the narrow way and the narrow gate of self-control and self-disciplining of our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions; b) by loving others, seeing the face of Jesus in them, and sharing our blessings with them sacrificially; c) by obtaining the daily

Divine strength to practice self-control and sharing love through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily prayer, in Bible reading, and in reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.



These items have been donated. If you want them, please stop by the Rectory to pick up.

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 www.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 www.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 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 www.wwme.org (<http://www.wwme.org/>), or contact the WWME national office at (909) 332-7309.