



## 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. Mary's Mission – Custer  
Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

Website: [stjosephparishhardin.org](http://stjosephparishhardin.org)  
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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., Sept 11: For the people  
Mon., Sept 12: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Sept 13: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wed., Sept 14: For Arianna Johnson  
by Larry & Deb Johnson  
Thurs., Sept 15: For Eleanor Kincheloe  
by Tom & Carol Fortune  
Fri., Sept 16: For the Zane Schuontz family  
by Tom & Carol Fortune  
Sat., Sept 17: For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus



**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

Mon., Sept 12: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Tues., Sept 13: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Wed., Sept 14: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm  
Mon., Sept 19: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Mon., Sept 19 & Tues., Sept 20: No daily Mass  
Father Kiran will be attending the Priest Assembly

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

### Offertory Collections:

Sat., Sept 3: \$ 1,366.00  
Sun., Sept 4: \$ 868.00  
Annual Catholic Appeal  
to date: \$ 11,277.44

### Month of August, 2022

Income: \$ 6,691.57  
Expenses: \$ 10,643.61  
\$ (-3,952.04)



### Mass Servers

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

Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is not a cruel, judging, punishing God. He is our loving and forgiving Heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son Jesus. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains in the three parables of today's Gospel.

**Scripture lessons summarized:** Today's first and second readings and Responsorial Psalm (Ex 32:14 + Psalm 51+ 1 Tm 1:16) point to God's patience with his wayward children, and the Gospel selection (Lk 15:6,9-24) demonstrates His festive joy at their return. In today's first reading, taken from Exodus, Moses is imploring a forgiving God to have mercy on the sinful people who have abandoned Him and turned to idol-worship. He reminds God of His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to show mercy to His unfaithful people. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 51) is the song of the sinful man returning to God to seek His mercy. In today's second reading, Paul tells Timothy that, although he, Paul, had been the greatest of sinners (as the former persecutor of the Church), God has shown great mercy towards him. Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially single parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three parable illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the major story of the lost son. These stories remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution. The Hebrew term for repentance, *teshuvá*, means a return to God by a person who has already experienced God's "goodness and compassion" (Ps. 51).

**Life messages: 1) We need to live every day as our merciful God's forgiven children:** Let us begin every day offering all our actions for God's glory and praying for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit so that we may obey God's holy will by doing good and avoiding evil, and try to live in God's presence everywhere. Before we go to bed at night, let us examine our conscience and confess to God our sins and failures of the day, asking His pardon and forgiveness. Let us resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have fallen into serious sins. Let us continue to ask for God's forgiveness before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass. Thus, let us live a peaceful life as forgiven prodigal children, getting daily reconciled with God our merciful and forgiving Father.

**2) Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend His forgiveness to others:**

Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness, and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must become forgiving people, for Jesus taught us to pray, "*forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray also for God's Divine mercy on all of us who have fallen away from God's grace. Let us open our eyes to see and ears to hear that Jesus is welcoming us back home!

**4 Stages of Marriage** - (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening.** If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille. 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Hosted at the Big Horn Resort

with honored guests

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/](http://www.cssmt.org/news-events/)

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

Catholic Social Services of Montana's ministries serve both the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and the Diocese of Helena.

For more details, visit [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org).

*Father Kiran is being transferred to Malta, MT.*

*He is leaving on September 26th.*

*There will be a Farewell Party for Father after Mass on Sunday, September 25th.*

*Everyone is invited!*