



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

710 N Custer Avenue  
Hardin, MT 59034

Father Callistus Igwenagu  
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### 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.

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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., Oct 16: For the people  
Mon., Oct 17: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Oct 18: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wed., Oct 19: For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus  
Thurs., Oct 20: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri., Oct 21: For Peg Koebbe  
by the Catholic Daughters  
Sat., Oct 22: For Corrinne Bodane  
by Rose Schindler



**Reconciliation: Saturday from 4:45-5:30 pm**  
**For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick, please contact Father Cally**  
**Contact Numbers:**  
**Father Cally, 665-1432: all questions**  
**Patty Kepp, 665-5257: bulletin**

### Calendar

Sun., Oct 16: Catholic Daughters Sunday  
Sun., Oct 16: JCDA monthly meeting, 10:00 am,  
church basement  
Mon., Oct 17: Knights of Columbus monthly  
meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Wed., Oct 19: **No Religious Education class,  
due to early release from school**  
Wed., Oct 19: Mass, Adoration, Rosary &  
Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm

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

**Offertory Collections:**  
Sat., Oct 8: \$ 505.00  
Sun., Oct 9: \$ 602.38  
Annual Catholic Appeal  
to date: \$ 11,277.44

**Month of August, 2022**  
Income: \$ 6,691.57  
Expenses: \$ 10,643.61  
\$ (-3,952.04)

### The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Please pray the rosary every day at 7:30 p.m.

#### Exceptions:

**Wednesday**—the Rosary will be prayed after Mass during Eucharistic Adoration.  
**Saturday**—Rosary prayed before the 5:45 p.m. Mass  
**Sunday**—Rosary prayed before the 9:00 a.m. Mass

*If you can't attend the Rosary before Mass and during Adoration, please pray at 7:30 p.m. every evening.*

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector
Sat., Oct 15	Julie O'Dell	Katie Fuchs
Sun., Oct 16	Sue Seykora	Candy Wells
Sat., Oct 22	Christy Morse	Patty Kepp
Sun., Oct 23	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Oct 29	Bethany Fuchs	Chris Fuchs
Sun., Oct 30	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora
Sat., Nov 5	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier
Sun., Nov 6	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez

### PESERVERANCE IN PRAYER

Today's readings emphasise consistency in prayer. Prayer is friendly communication with God. As a child communicates frequently with his caring father, so also a Christian supposes to communicate always with his ever caring and loving God.

Jesus prayed constantly while on earth. He was seen often in the synagogues with his people praying. He was equally often seen alone praying. At times he would spend the whole night in private prayers, communicating with his father (cf. Luke 6:12). Thus, in today's gospel (Luke 18:1-8) he instructed us to "pray always without losing heart." This is a Christian way of life. Prayer is a continuous exercise. It is not seasonal. It is not something you do when you are in need or when you are in trouble. It is rather a way of life. In good times and in bad times we should pray. Prayer is the identity of Christians.

Prayer is a spiritual weapon against the devil. It is like a spiritual vaccine against the problems of life. We know the power of vaccines against biological sicknesses like flu, covid 19 etc. I am sure most of us have taken covid 19 vaccines. This is winter coming. Most of us will equally take flu shots. All these vaccines will protect us against biological sicknesses. In the same way we need spiritual vaccines against spiritual, emotional and psychological sicknesses. Prayer is that spiritual vaccines. We face life challenges every day. Without prayers such challenges will always overcome us. In John 16:33, Jesus said "In the world you shall have tribulations but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Through prayers we share in the victory of Christ over problems of life.

In the first reading (Ex. 17:8-13), the people of Israel overcame their enemy, the Amalekites through the power of prayers. If Moses's hands were raised up in prayers, the Israelites were winning the battle. But immediately the hands came down, the Amalekites began to win. This shows the importance of prayers in our life. We win the battle of life by connecting to God always. Prayer connects us to God and makes us feel the presence of God by our side. The Psalmist in today's responsorial psalm says: "our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121). God fights the battle for us against our spiritual and physical enemies. That's why we should be constantly connected to him in prayer.

Commitment to prayer demands that we support each

other. Sometimes we can be weak and tired in prayers and that's when we need the support of others. The assistance Aaron and Hur gave to Moses in the first reading shows how Christians must support each other in prayers. Family members should support each other. When any member of the family is growing weak, others should help him out. Friends should support each other. Church members should support each other. There are some of our family members and friends who don't attend weekend masses again. They used to in the past. Have you taken time to speak to them and encourage them to attend again? Such fallen Catholics need our help and support. Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer we can say.

In today's gospel Jesus assures us that God answers our prayers. But we should be persistent. Persistence in prayer is a sign of strong faith. Jesus used the parable of the persistent widow in today's gospel to emphasise the importance of being consistent and persistent in prayers. God answers such prayers. Perseverance wins us the crown.

To conclude the month of the Rosary

Rosary Procession

Sunday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m.



*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).*

**2 weeks to Sign Up for Retrouvaille** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? When was the last time you said "I Love You"? 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.