St. Joseph's Catholic Church
710 N Custer Avenue
Hardin, MT 59034
Father Callistus Igwenagu
406-665-1432

Mass Schedule
St. Joseph's Church – Hardin
Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.
Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday—Friday
St. Mary's Mission – Custer
Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

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Facebook: St Joseph Catholic Parish—Hardin

Pastoral Staff Volunteers
Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak
Parish Secretary: Celeste Geier
Bulletin: Patty Kepp
Website Editor: Julie O'Dell
Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the
Sick, please contact Father Cally
Contact Numbers:
Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions
Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

Mass Intentions

Sun., Sept 1:	For the People
Mon., Sept 2:	No Mass
Tues., Sept 3:	†For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Wed., Sept 4:	_____
Thurs., Sept 5:	_____
Fri., Sept 6:	_____
Sat., Sept 7:	_____

Calendar
Tues., Sept 3: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Sept 4 : Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Sept 6: First Friday of the month Healing Mass, 5:30 pm
Sat., Sept 7: Rosary Novena #1 of 9, 5:20 pm, led by the Catholic Daughters
Mon., Sept 9: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting with installation of new court officers and initiation of new court members beginning at 5:30 pm in the church.

Offertory Collections:
Sat., Aug 24: $ 142.00
Sun., Aug 25: $ 951.00

Month of July, 2024
Income: $ 6,331.05
Expenses: $ 8,079.22
$ (1,748.17)

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 4th Stage of Awakening. **Don't give up without learning about the 4th 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 18, 2024. 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 & names are held in strictest confidence.

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Aug 31	Richelle Link	Patty Kepp	Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Sept 1	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Sept 7	Larry Johnson	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Sept 8	Visencia Ramirez	Paula Bowler	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Sept 14	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Larry Johnson
Sun., Sept 15	Angela Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells

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all the time:
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A Message From the Catholic Bishops of Montana Regarding Abortion Ballot Issue Constitutional Initiative (CI-128)

Dear People of God,

On May 3rd of this year, we issued a pastoral call to reject Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) and prevent it from appearing on the November ballot in Montana. Sadly, after large amounts of out-of-state funding, Planned Parenthood and its associates have succeeded. This grave threat to unborn children, mothers, and families will be on the ballot. As followers of Jesus and faith-filled citizens of Montana, we are compelled to speak boldly in defense of the infinite dignity of every human life.

We implore voters to scrutinize the full text of CI-128. Through the careful use of undefined terms, it nullifies Montana's current abortion regulations and safeguards while creating some of the most radical constitutional provisions for abortion in our Nation.

The ballot language, or voter's summary of CI-128, is grossly insufficient and misleading. Furthermore, the full text of the initiative, which voters will not see at the ballot box, clearly raises grave moral and ethical concerns. The full text of CI-128 will place expectant mothers at risk and enshrine extreme abortion procedures in our Montana Constitution.

In section one, the full text of CI-128 establishes abortion as a right that may not be "burdened" by the government if in any way this would interfere with a mother's "autonomous decision-making." It clearly follows that any regulation of abortion can be characterized as a burden that conflicts with autonomous decision-making.

Any of the following could easily present such a "burden":
- Limitations on late-term abortion of babies who feel pain
- Any restrictions on partial birth abortion
- Any parental notification requirements of abortion procedures on minors

Montana's Supreme Court has recently struck down a law requiring parental consent. CI-128 goes even further by eliminating Montana's current requirement that parents be notified of an abortion procedure on their minor child. This initiative isolates pregnant girls when they need their parents most.
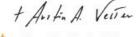
CI-128 would create significant risk in Montana for underage pregnant mothers by:
- Imposing a culture of secrecy that would undermine families
- Exposing underage mothers to exploitation and coercion
- Providing cover for those who would victimize underage women by committing abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes

We believe that Montana's children have a fundamental right to life and to grow up safely in our State. We ask all Catholics to continue to pray, abstain from meat on Wednesdays, and share the disturbing truth about CI-128 with the people that God has placed in our lives. Again, we implore all people of good will to read the full text of CI-128 in your voter guide, search and form your conscience, stand with our children against CI-128, and vote **NO** on your ballot.
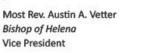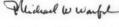
In Christ,

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Fleming
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings
President

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena
Vice President

Most Rev. Michael W. Warfel
Bishop Emeritus of Great Falls-Billings