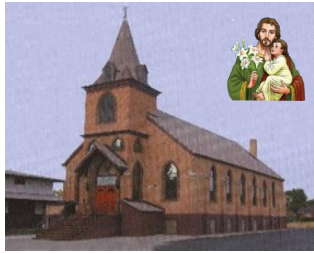


Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 2—October 8, 2022



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.
 Weekday Mass – 8:00 a.m. M-F
St. Mary's Mission – Custer
 Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

Website: stjosephparishhardin.org
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Facebook: [St Joseph Catholic Parish—Hardin](https://www.facebook.com/StJosephCatholicParishHardin)

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 2: For the people
Mon., Oct 3: _____
Tues., Oct 4: _____
Wed., Oct 5: _____
Thurs., Oct 6: For Connie Medhus
 by Lowell Medhus
Fri., Oct 7: _____
Sat., Oct 8: For Corrinne Bodane
 by Rose Schindler



Offertory Collections:
Sat., Sept 24: \$ 795.00 **Month of August, 2022**
Sun., Sept 25: \$ 1,002.67 **Income:** \$ 6,691.57
Annual Catholic Appeal Expenses: \$ 10,643.61
to date: \$ 11,277.44 **\$ (-3,952.04)**

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase – During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation, you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. 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.

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

Wed., Oct 5: Religious Education Classes begin at 3:45 pm.
Wed., Oct 5: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm
Fri., Oct 7: First Friday of the month Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Mon., Oct 10: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Tues, Oct 11: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement
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

Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>
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
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

Welcome Father Callistus "Fr. Cally" Igwenagu

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH IN OUR LIVES

Today God calls us to deepen our faith in him. In the first reading from the book of prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, the people of Israel were confronted with challenges of life- difficulties in the land of exile. They were in exile in Babylon suffering. They prayed to God for deliverance, but it seemed to them that God was delaying in answering their prayers. They were getting discouraged. So, Habakkuk the prophet of God encouraged them to be patient and wait on God. He told them that the time of God's deliverance is coming. Even if the time delays it will surely come and they will surely be delivered from their bondage. Habakkuk concluded by telling them that those who put their faith in God and wait on him shall live.(Cf. Hab. 2:3-4). God eventually delivered his people from Babylonian captivity.

As human beings at times we face difficulties; we find ourselves helpless and hopeless. When we face life challenges, what is required of us is faith, a persevering faith that God will surely intervene in our situation. The scripture says that "the righteous lives by faith" (Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:38). The righteous here is one who remains good and faithful despite life's difficulties. Without faith we see only the ugly and dark sides of life. Without faith we remain helpless and slaves to despair and hopelessness. Faith liberates us and helps us to see the power and love of God at work in our lives. Isaiah 40:31 says "Those who put their trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not grow weak."

God can never fail or disappoint those who trust in him. He answers our prayers. In Jeremiah 32:40 He said unto us "I will never stop doing good to you." Eph. 3:20 "I am able to do more than you can imagine for you." Rev.21:4 "one day I will wipe away all your tears." These are words of the Lord and we need to believe them. Faith is "assurance of things we hoped for, things yet to be seen"(Heb. 11:1). Luke 1:45 says "Blessed is the one who believed that God's spoken words will be fulfilled."

St. Paul in the second reading (2Timothy 1:6-8;13-14) encourages us to remain strong in the faith which is a gift we received from God.

We first received the gift of faith at baptism. This was made stronger at confirmation and First Holy communion and then other sacraments. The journey of life is the journey of faith. This faith must be lived out and must be demonstrated through good actions because "faith without good work is dead" (James 2:26).

In the Gospel (Luke 17:5-10), the apostles in humility acknowledged their lack of faith and they prayed to Christ to increase their faith. We all need bigger and stronger faith and thus should pray with the apostles that God may increase our faith. Due to lack of faith or little faith some Christians have gone astray; some have been moving from one church to the other seeking for miracles. Due to lack of faith there are some who even stopped coming to church entirely. So we pray that God may increase our faith so that we may continue to serve him better for "nobody can please God without faith"(Heb. 11:6).



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Billings, MT – October 7th, 2022

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and

Bishop Jeffrey Fleming

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