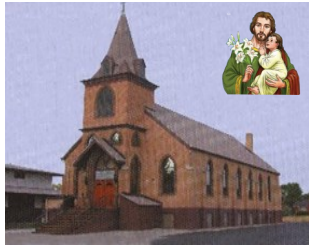


Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 10—16, 2023



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Sept 10: For the people
Mon., Sept 11: _____
Tues., Sept 12: No Mass
Wed., Sept 13: No Mass
Thurs., Sept 14: No Mass
Fri., Sept 15: No Mass
Sat., Sept 16: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections

Sat., Sept 2: \$ 1,060.00 Fiscal Year ending 6.30.23
Sun., Sept 3: \$ 734.00
Income: \$ 96,416.60
Expenses \$ 104,547.68
\$ (8,131.08)

Month of July, 2023

Income: \$ 8,858.38
Expenses: \$ 9,254.04
\$ (395.66)

Have a safe trip Fr Cally and enjoy your vacation!

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Sept 9	Richelle Link	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Sept 10	Angela Ramirez	Paula Bowler	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Sept 16	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Sept 17	Sue Seykora	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Sept 23	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Sept 24	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Angela Ramirez



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.

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

Calendar

Mon., Sept 11: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Mon., Sept 18: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Father Cally will be on vacation
Sept 12th — October 18th.

We will have substitute priests
for the weekend masses.

There will be no daily masses
during this time.

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

"Owing love to one another fulfills the law. The commandments are summarized by loving your neighbor as yourself, for love does no evil and is the complete fulfillment of the law."
Romans 13:8-10

NATIVITY OF MARY

What is the significance of the Nativity of Mary?

Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25th), the Nativity of His Forerunner, John the Baptist (June 24th), and the Nativity of His Mother on September 8th. Thus, the Church uniquely honors the three principal figures connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. Mary's birth lies at the confluence of the two Testaments – bringing to an end the stage of expectation and the promises, and inaugurating the era of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ. The birth of Mary is ordained in particular toward her mission as Mother of the Savior. Her existence is indissolubly connected with that of Christ: it partakes of a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan regarding the Incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary, as that her Divine Child, is inserted at the very heart of the History of Salvation.

What is the story behind Mary's birth?

Although their story is not in Sacred Scripture, according to a pious tradition, Saints Anne and Joachim had been infertile throughout their married lives. Then, like Sarah (Genesis 21:2) and Elizabeth (Luke 1), Saint Anne conceived in her old age. This child was the Blessed Virgin Mary.

What day is Mary's birthday?

The Church celebrates Mary's birthday on September 8. This feast day is exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The Church makes no claims as to the historical merit of either date. Rather, the dating serves a liturgical purpose in recalling the mysteries associated with Mary, in the same way as the nine months on the calendar between the Annunciation and Christmas.



OCIA is the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. This class begins in the fall and concludes with Easter Vigil celebration on March 30, 2024. This is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. This class is offered to anyone who wants to learn more about catholic faith, desires to be a catholic, wants to be baptized as an adult, or wishes to complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and First Eucharist). If you are interested please contact Fr. Cally (406) 665-1432 or the Director of Religious Education, Celeste Geier (406) 679-1679.

Inviting all Married* Couples and Priests!

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an experience for married couples and priests who value their relationships and desire a richer, fuller life in their marriage and priesthood.
- Attend a Marriage Encounter Experience and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage and priesthood strong and thriving.
- For over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped millions of couples and priests find new ways to thrive together and live their vocations in love.



- This is an invitation being offered to all married couples and priests who are looking for a way to enrich their relationships through an online opportunity.
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Northern Illinois is hosting a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience being held on Thursday evenings starting October 5th through November 16th.
- The sessions run for 2 ½ - 3 hours each evening starting at 7:00 PM CT.
- Zoom access is required and you must be available to attend all 8 sessions.
- Early application is required in order for the materials for the experience to be mailed to you ahead of time.

3RE Virtual Experience - Thursday Evenings starting October 5 – November 16, 2023

For more information and to sign up for an Experience visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or wwme.org or call 888-574-5653

*WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.