



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
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### Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept 3: For good health of Jan Vandersloot by Pearl Vandersloot  
Sun., Sept 4: For the people  
Mon., Sept 5: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Sept 6: For good health of Dale Vandersloot by Pearl Vandersloot  
Wed., Sept 7: For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
Thurs., Sept 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fri., Sept 9: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat., Sept 10: For good health of Corinne Buechler by Pearl Vandersloot



### Offertory Collections:

Sat., Aug 27: \$ 395.00  
Sun., Aug 28: \$ 771.00  
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 11,277.44

Month of July, 2022  
Income: \$ 6,408.00  
Expenses: \$ 6,094.90  
\$ 313.10

### 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.

**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

Wed., Sept 7: Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Novena Prayer to St. Joseph, 5:30 pm  
Mon., Sept 12: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Tues., Sept 13: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement  
Mon., Sept 19: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

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



### Mass Servers

|               | Commentator      | Lector           |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sat., Sept 3  | Patty Kepp       | Katie Fuchs      |
| Sun., Sept 4  | Candy Wells      | Angela Ramirez   |
| 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 |

Today's readings challenge us to the true Christian discipleship of total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives.

**Scripture lessons summarized:** The first reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and strength from the Holy Spirit so that we may do the will of God as His true disciples. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), instructs true disciples to lead holy lives by remaining constantly aware of the brevity and uncertainty of life. The second reading, taken from St. Paul's letter to Philemon, teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. As a responsible Apostle and zealous disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus, and return him to his master. As a new disciple of Christ, Onesimus had to leave Paul, face his owner as a runaway slave, and accept the consequences. Today's Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ because the cost is high: true Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one's relationships). In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship. **1)** Renounce too much attachment to family, giving priority to God and His commandments. **2)** Break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessings with others. **3)** Be ready to carry the cross and follow Jesus by i) gracefully accepting and lovingly offering our pains and suffering with Jesus on the cross for the salvation of all of us ii) sharing our blessings sacrificially with others iii) accepting the pain involved in controlling our evil habits and tendencies and iv) by welcoming the pain and humiliation we suffer in professing our faith in public and in practicing it in daily life, standing with Jesus, his ideas and ideals. **4)** Calculate the cost involved in following Jesus. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says we must think long and hard about Christian discipleship before we commit ourselves to Jesus in this full, life-long surrender.

**Life messages:** We need to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it. We do so: **1)** by daily recharging our spiritual batteries through prayer, i.e., by talking to God, and by listening to Him through our meditative reading and study of the Bible; **2)** by sharing in God's life through frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration; **3)** by practicing the spirit of detachment and the renunciation of evil habits; **4)** by giving our time, talents and resources generously, for the Lord's work in the Church universal, and especially in our parish community, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, **5)** by loving all God's children,

especially the less fortunate ones, through humble, selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and service; **6)** by showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, for example, by fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice in our living and profession.

*Lord on this Labor Day,  
we thank You for the blessing of work.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.  
We ask Your guidance  
for everyone seeking employment,  
and we ask that  
You be with those whose faces  
we might never see  
but who work tirelessly each day  
for the good of us all.  
Amen.*

From Our Sunday Visitor



### 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).



## VOLUNTEER

**Commentators and Lectors  
NEEDED**

**Saturday evening Mass  
Sunday morning Mass**

**Contact Father Kiran**

*Worship Assistants*