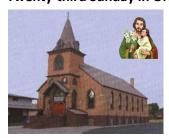
#### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 4—September 10, 2022



St. Joseph's Catholic <u>C</u>hurch
710 N Custer Avenue
Hardin, MT 59034
Father Kiran Kumar
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 Email: stjosephparishhardin@gmail.com Facebook: St Joseph Catholic Parish—Hardin

#### **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**

Sat., Sept 3: For good health of Jan Vandersloot

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Sun., Sept 4:

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

## **VOLUNTEER**

Commentators and Lectors
NEEDED
Saturday evening Mass

Sunday morning Mass

**Contact Father Kiran** 

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**

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>
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, tak-

en 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, lifelong 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/newsevents/

# Tickets- \$30 for children, \$40 for adults, and Group Discounts Available!

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