

Weekly Calendar

Sun., July 27: Growing in Faith program, immediately following 9:00 Mass
Sun., July 27: Adult Catechism, 4:00 pm, church basement
Wed., July 30: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., Aug 1: First Friday of the month Healing Mass, 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 27: For the People
Mon., July 28: No Mass
Tues., July 29: _____
Wed., July 30: _____
Thurs., July 31: _____
Fri., Aug 1: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Sat., Aug 2: _____



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's Month of June 2025
Sat., July 19: \$ 543.00 Income: \$ 7,215.50
Sun., July 20: \$ 975.00 Expenses: \$ 13,729.85
St. Mary's \$ (6,514.35)
Sun., July 20: \$ 182.00

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak
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	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., July 26	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., July 27	Leizel Ferido	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Aug 2	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 3	Juvi Mula	Visencia Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 9	Patty Kepp	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Aug 10	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lect. 111—Year C)

Proving that it never hurts to ask, Abraham repeatedly asks God how many innocent people would there have to be in a city to change God’s mind about destroying it. It appears Jesus would agree with this approach as well, as he gives an example of a desperate person awakening a friend’s entire household at midnight to ask for three loaves of bread. That God welcomes persistent requests at any hour is reassuring, but perhaps there is more to be learned here. By effectively asking God to show greater and greater mercy by progressively lowering the number of innocent bystanders, Abraham learns that God is indeed much more merciful than he originally thought. More creative, too. After all the examples Jesus gives of asking and receiving, he tells his disciples that the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Who would have ever thought to ask for the third person of the Trinity? Perhaps Jesus is trying to teach his disciples and us that God answers our prayers in ways both unimaginable and overwhelming. When we ask for “our daily bread” and “forgive us our sins,” God gives us living bread and eternal redemption. No, indeed, it never hurts to ask.

What do you look for as an answer to your prayers?

Fiscal Year ending 6.30.25
Income: \$ 96,494.29
Expenses \$ 110,434.86
Net Loss \$ (13,940.57)

“Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God. Take time to have fun; it is God’s way of teaching you your strengths. Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you. Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you. Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent. Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them. Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.”

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Dear Padre,

Who wrote the Lord’s Prayer? I know the Lord’s Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church’s liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9–13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas’ *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord’s Prayer the “most perfect of prayers” (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

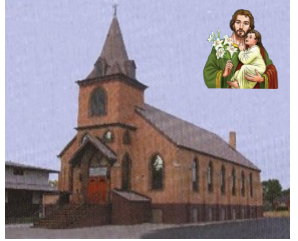
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God is good
all the time:
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Mass Schedule
St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass

and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Good News!

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:20-32 / Colossians 2:12-14 / Luke 11:1-13

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Consider how there are five levels of communication, each level taking us deeper into a relationship and what it means to be human. *One*, the greetings we offer as we pass: Good morning! How's it going? *Two*, a sharing of activities: what we did, what someone said. *Three*, an expression of ideas, as in what we think about raising children or our political opinions or why we believe there may be conflicts in the world. *Four*, revealing our feelings both positive and negative: feelings of love or gratitude or contentment as well as of being hurt or rejected or disappointed. *Five*, a sense of intense closeness and *being with*, perhaps even without speaking or using any words. Each level, then, takes us deeper into a shared relationship.

Consider, then, how ever-deepening prayer may follow that same pattern. *One*, memorized or rote prayer. *Two*, telling God what is on our mind, even though it is a one-sided conversation. *Three*, commonly called "meditation" but, more simply, thinking about God and life and our faith response, as in the musing that may follow spiritual reading. *Four*, often referred to as "praying our feelings," such as reflecting on our human emotions and what they might say about us, our faith, and how the journey of our faith life is unfolding. *Five*, a sense of simply *being with* God, even without words, and simply resting in that holy presence. Each level of prayer, then, leads us ever more into a shared relationship with our God. ●

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