

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Feb 8: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm
Mon., Feb 9: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
Wed., Feb 11: Children’s Catechism class, 3:45 pm
Wed., Feb 11: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Mon., Feb 16: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Mass Intentions

Sun., Feb 8: For the People
Mon., Feb 9: No Mass
Tues., Feb 10: _____
Wed., Feb 11: _____
Thurs., Feb 12: _____
Fri., Feb 13: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Sat., Feb 14: _____



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph’s Month of Dec. 2025
Sat., Jan 31: \$ 685.00 Income: \$ 11,323.45
Sun., Feb 1: \$ 1,326.00 Expenses: \$ 8,537.05
St. Mary’s Profit \$ 2,786.40
Sun., Feb 1: No Mass

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

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| | <u>Commentator</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u> |
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| Sat., Feb 7 | Patty Kepp | Richelle Link | Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington |
| Sun., Feb 8 | Juvi Mula | Candy Wells | Sue Seykora & Nancy Krebs |
| Sat., Feb 14 | Celeste Geier | Patty Kepp | Patty Kepp & Richelle Link |
| Sun., Feb 15 | Visencia Ramirez | Liezel Ferido | Juvi Mula & Candy Wells |
| Sat., Feb 21 | Richelle Link | Celeste Geier | Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp |
| Sun., Feb 22 | Candy Wells | Genne Taganahan | Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora |

*God is good all the time:
 All the time God is good!*



Beginning February 10th

BIBLE Study
 Bible studies will be held every other Tuesday in the church basement. The first Bible study is this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the church.

Everyone is invited!

“Let us love one another, for love is of God.”

1 JOHN 4:7



*Wishing you
 a blessed
 Valentine’s Day*



Your Gift Makes a Difference

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, Bishop Fleming can provide leadership and support to parishes throughout the Diocese of Great Falls–Billings. From supporting priests and seminarians to strengthening faith formation and assisting rural parishes, the Appeal helps ensure the Church remains present and active in every community.



In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us: “You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world.” As disciples called to shine Christ’s light and serve others, we are invited to live lives of generous stewardship. The **Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana** helps us to strengthen the Church’s mission for future generations through endowments. May we all strive to let our faith—and our generosity—be a light for others. If you’d like to make a gift to the Foundation or learn more about how you can support the Church in an everlasting way, please visit www.catholicfoundationmt.org or call 406-315-1765.

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| Monday February 9 Weekday 1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13 Mk 6:53–56 | Thursday February 12 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:4–13 Mk 7:24–30 | Saturday February 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop 1 Kgs 12:26–32; 13:33–34 Mk 8:1–10 |
| Tuesday February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30 Mk 7:1–13 | Friday February 13 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19 Mk 7:31–37 | Sunday February 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15–20 1 Cor 2:6–10 Mt 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37 |
| Wednesday February 11 Weekday 1 Kgs 10:1–10 Mk 7:14–23 | | |

Dear Padre

February 8, 2026

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples’ journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn’t have in the older Roman rite. ●

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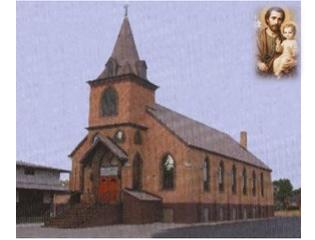
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



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!

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Matthew 5:13-16

ANN M. GARRIDO

Some years ago, I took a crash course in chaplaincy. Chaplains are often called on to accompany people through life's gloomier seasons—be it in a hospital, in a nursing home, in prison, or following a disaster. As you might imagine, our training involved sessions on how to best alleviate the isolation and despair many people experience in these places and situations. Pray with people? Invite them outside into nature? Make sure physical discomfort is mitigated? All of these are good practices, my chaplain supervisor emphasized, but research indicates that the quickest way to lift the heaviness many feel is to get them involved in alleviating the suffering of others.

I suspect neither Isaiah nor Jesus would have been surprised by this research. In today's first reading, Isaiah says that if we feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, if we clothe the naked and care for our family members in need, we will know what it means to have light in the midst of darkness, and our gloom will melt away as if under the noonday sun. Similarly, Jesus describes our good deeds as being like light, meant to be shared generously with others.

In recent years, we have seen an uptick in depression and anxiety, even among the young. We can be tempted to focus more inwardly on our own lives, our own griefs and shortcomings. Self-awareness is certainly a good trait to have! But, perhaps counterintuitively, today's readings remind us that our "wounds shall quickly be healed" more readily when we focus on the needs of others. ●