

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Oct 5: No Adult Catechism class
Tues., Oct 7: Parish Council meeting, 6:00 pm,
church basement
Wed., Oct 8: Religious Education classes, 3:45 pm
Mon., Oct 13: Catholic Daughters monthly
meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Mass Intentions

Sun., Oct 5: For the People
Mon., Oct 6: No daily Mass
Tues., Oct 7: No daily Mass
Wed., Oct 8: No daily Mass
Thurs., Oct 9: No daily Mass
Fri., Oct 10: No daily Mass
Sat., Oct 11: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's
Sat., Sept 27: \$ 451.00
Sun., Sept 28: \$ 807.17
Month of July, 2025
Income: \$ 8,237.09
Expenses: \$ 9,389.41
\$ (1,152.32)

St. Mary's
Sun., Sept 28: No Mass

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

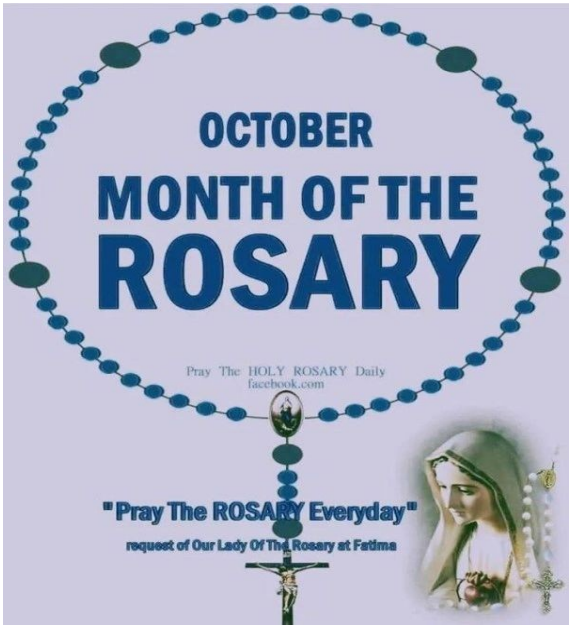
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	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Oct 4	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Oct 5	Angela Ramirez	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Oct 11	Celeste Geier	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Oct 12	Genne Taganahan	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Oct 18	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Oct 19	Liezel Ferido	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora

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



Religious Education classes have begun
Please contact Celeste Geier,
Director of Religious Education
for further information 406.679.1679



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Lect 141—Year C)

Destruction. Violence. Strife. Clamorous discord. The words of Habakkuk from around 600 BCE sound as though they could have been written in our era. What can be done? The Lord answered Habakkuk, assuring him that “the just one, because of [their] faith, shall live” (2:4). Our faith in God is key, allowing us, like the Israelites of the first reading, to see past the calamities around us. Faith, even the size of a tiny mustard seed, can allow us to do great things. If faith can uproot a mulberry, a tree with an extensive root system, it can also uproot prejudice, racism, sexism, greed, hate, and all the societal evils with such twisted roots that they affect our individual attitudes and actions each day even though we cannot see them. Faith, therefore, enables us to have hope—to be pilgrims of hope—to reveal victories over evils, meaning in suffering, salvation from sin. We do this when we embrace the mission Jesus left his disciples, preaching the gospel in word and deed, serving those in need, and bearing our share of hardships, as Saint Paul encouraged Timothy to continue to do. As Jesus tells his disciples in the Gospel, this is what we are obliged to do.

As a pilgrim of hope, how do you offer hope to those discouraged or victimized by the evils and miseries of our era?

**Father Cally will be on vacation to
Nigeria thru October 23rd.**
We wish him a safe trip!
*While Father is gone we will have substitute
priests from St Dennis Parish in Crow
Agency to celebrate the weekend
masses. Welcome!*
There will be no daily Mass or Adoration.

Good News!

October 5, 2025
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 /
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Childhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety. Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church’s rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk’s day, we may bemoan, “I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ and you do not intervene” (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God’s vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said.] “The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late” (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God’s. ●

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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.

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

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