

Weekly Calendar

Tues., Aug 18: Bible Study, 6:00 pm,
church basement

Wed., Aug 19: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Thurs., Aug 20: School year begins!

Mass Intentions

- Sun., Aug 16:** For the People
- Mon., Aug 17:** No Mass
- Tues., Aug 18:** †For Jim Seykora
by Anonymous
- Wed., Aug 19:** †For Jim Seykora
by Anonymous
- Thurs., Aug 20:** †For Jim Seykora
by Marilyn & Jim Hyde
- Fri., Aug 21:** †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus
- Sat., Aug 22:** †For Jim Seykora
by Marilyn & Jim Hyde



Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's

Sat., Aug 8: \$ 785.00

Sun., Aug 9: \$ 1,675.00

Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 11,390.00

St. Mary's

Sun., Aug 9: \$

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak

Parish Secretary: Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679

Bulletin: Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257

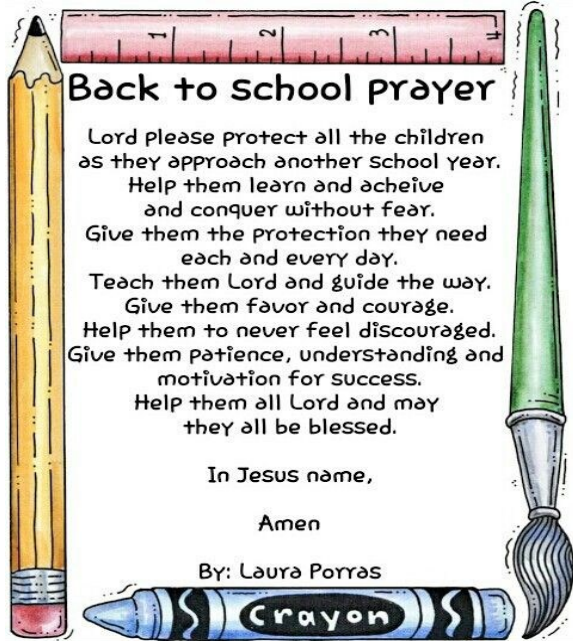
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Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Aug 15	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Celeste Geier
Sun., Aug 16	Liezel Ferido	Cherinda Hopes	Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 22	Richelle Link	Julia Ramirez	Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
Sun., Aug 23	Genne Taganahan	Juvi Mula	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Aug 29	Celeste Geier	Richelle Link	Kent Harrington & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 30	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora	Nancy Krebs & Juvi Mula

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



Month of May, 2026

Income: \$ 8,427.75

Expenses: \$ 12,133.36

Loss \$ 3,705.61

Month of June, 2026

Income: \$ 8,001.50

Expenses: \$ 18,118.73

Loss \$ 10,117.26

Choir members
needed.

Also, those who can
play an instrument. Contact
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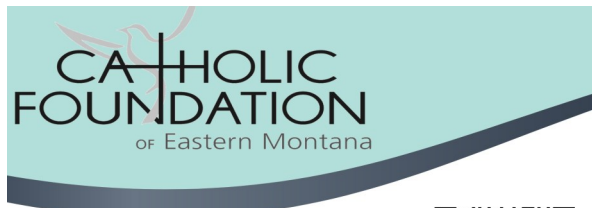
Welcome to the
visiting members of the
Diocese of Spokane,
Washington!

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ's own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior's prayer for the unity of all.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is seeking a passionate, hard-working individual to join our team as a **Support Specialist**. This position will work to support the people, parishes, and ministries of the Catholic church in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.

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Monday

August 17

Weekday

Ez 24:15-23

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

August 18

Weekday

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30



Wednesday

August 19

Weekday

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

August 20

St. Bernard,
Abbot and
Doctor of the
Church

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

August 22

The Queenship
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

August 23

Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

Good News!

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
/ Matthew 15:21-28

ANN M. GARRIDO

Not once, not twice, but three times in today's gospel, Jesus dismisses the Canaanite woman who comes to him for help. First, he refuses to speak to her. Then, he says he has come only for "the lost sheep" of Israel. Finally, he compares her to a dog. In ancient Judaism, dogs were considered unclean animals, and to call someone a dog was a harsh insult. How does it feel to hear Jesus speak to a woman in this way? We must admit that it does not sound like the Jesus we know and love.

With the trajectory of the encounter headed downhill (and picking up speed), it is hard to imagine that anything could be done at this point to change the outcome. If I were in her situation, I would have been so offended after the third dismissal that I would have simply slammed the door on the way out. But, remarkably, the story takes a 90-degree turn when the Canaanite woman enters into a verbal joust with Jesus and jolts him into taking her seriously. Very seriously. Jesus praises her for her faith.

"Faith in what?" one might ask. Perhaps faith that this relationship could still turn around. Faith that the antagonistic plotline of history between Jews and Canaanites could still change. Faith that Jesus could still be something other than a dismissive man. Faith that an ignored voice might still be worth hearing. Do we have the praiseworthy faith of the Canaanite woman? Do we still believe that troublesome interactions can yet be re-deemed? ●



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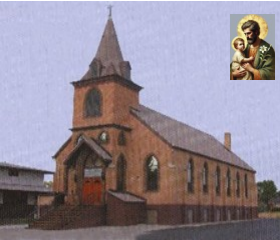
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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.

Dear Padre August 16, 2026

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin’s evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn’t written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

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