

Weekly Calendar

- Mon., Apr 13:** Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement
- Tues., Apr 14:** Bible study, 6:00 pm, church basement
- Wed., Apr 15:** Children’s Catechism class, 3:45pm
- Wed., Apr 15:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
- Mon., Apr 20:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

Mass Intentions

- Sun., Apr 12:** For the People
- Mon., Apr 13:** No Mass
- Tues., Apr 14:** _____
- Wed., Apr 15:** †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
- Thurs., Apr 16:** _____
- Fri., Apr 17:** _____
- Sat., Apr 18:** †For Doug Besel by Kenny & Patty Kepp



Offertory Collections

- St. Joseph’s**
- Holy Thursday:** \$ 43.00
- Holy Saturday:** \$ 1,475.00
- Easter Sunday:** \$ 2,536.00
- Annual Catholic Appeal to date:** \$3,690.00
- St. Mary’s**
- Easter Sunday:** \$ 178.00

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

- Parish Bookkeeper:** Colleen Schaak
- Parish Secretary:** Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679
- Bulletin:** Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257
- Website Editor:** Julie O’Dell, 406.665.5178
- Director of Religious Education:** Celeste Geier

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Apr 11	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., Apr 12	Sheila Mae Pocard	Liezel Ferido	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells
Sat., Apr 18	Richelle Link	Julie O’Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Apr 19	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Juvi Mula & Candy Wells
Sat., Apr 25	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Julie O’Dell
Sun, Apr 26	Candy Wells	Juvi Mula	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez

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



Kiddos all lined up for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after Mass!



Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter and is a religious observance celebrated mostly among Catholics. This year, it takes place on April 12. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, “It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified.” Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection — his mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after his crucifixion.

Scholarships Available



Elizabeth Brennan Memorial Scholarships and Knights of Columbus Scholarships for High School Seniors and College Students. **Deadline April 15th.**



Catholic Daughters Scholarship and Catholic Daughters Memorial Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors. **Deadline May 1st.**

All applications are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

CUM CHRISTO WEEKENDS

(to be held in Absarokee)
Men's weekend, April 16-19
Women's weekend, April 23-26
Application online at: bigskycumchristo.org
Father Cally is the Spiritual Director for the women’s weekend.
Every one is encouraged to participate. It is a very rich program.



Good News!

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42–47 / 1 Peter 1:3–9 / John 20:19–31

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

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For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
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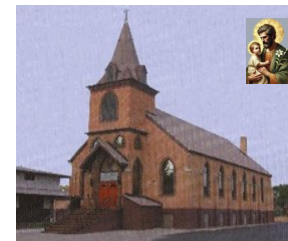
Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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.



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