

Weekly Calendar

Tues., July 7: Parish Council, 6:00 pm, church basement

Wed., July 8: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

There is no "Growing in Faith" program during the summer months.

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 5: For America as we celebrate our 250th Anniversary

Mon., July 6: No Mass

Tues., July 7: For return of the missing Sa'Wade BirdinGround by LKH

Wed., July 8: _____

Thurs., July 9: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus

Fri., July 10: _____

Sat., July 11: _____

Offertory Collections

St. Joseph's

Sat., June 27: \$ 452.00

Sun., June 28: \$ 1,763.50

Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 10,840.00

St. Mary's

Sun., June 28: \$

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak

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Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

Mass Servers

	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., July 4	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 5	Genne Taganahan	Cherinda Hopes	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora
Sat., July 11	Julia Ramirez	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
Sun., July 12	Cherinda Hopes	Sue Seykora	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., July 18	Celeste Geier	Julia Ramirez	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., July 19	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora



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

Bible Study Classes will begin on Tuesday, **July 14th**. We will be studying the **Gospel of St. John.**



Choir members needed.

Also, those who can play an instrument.

Contact Julie O'Dell @ 406.665.5178



Month of Mar., 2026

Income: \$ 8,979.45

Expenses: \$ 9,649.08

Loss \$ 669.63

Month of April, 2026

Income: \$ 8,510.75

Expenses: \$ 8,481.53

Profit \$ 29.22

Good News!

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zechariah 9:9-10 / Romans 8:9, 11-13 /

Matthew 11:25-30

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The invention of the yoke 6,000 years ago marked one of the great advances in human history. The yoke—a wooden beam fitted across the neck—harnessed the energy of two cattle pulling in the same direction, hastening the tilling of soil and transport of goods.

It is easy to see why, among many ancient peoples, the yoke became a symbol of subjugation. When the Roman army won a battle, they forced defeated soldiers to walk beneath a “yoke” of spears to indicate they were now in a state of servitude. The prophet Jeremiah once walked through Jerusalem wearing a yoke to warn the people they were about to be conquered by Babylon.

In Judaism, however, the Torah was also sometimes referred to as a yoke. It was a law to be submitted to, but it also was a way of life that offered an alternative to the cruel “yokes” imposed by kings. The Book of Sirach encourages youth to “Take [Torah’s] yoke upon your neck; that your mind may receive her teaching.... See for yourselves! I have labored only a little but have found much” (Sirach 51:26-27).

It is unclear exactly what Jesus meant when he invited us to accept *his* yoke, but it is likely that he was echoing the invitation of Sirach. He wanted us to know that following God’s law makes it possible for us to work together, accomplishing much that we could not do on our own. And that God’s law is a gentle law—one that enables rather than oppresses. Are you willing to receive Christ’s gentle teaching and make it your own? ●

Monday

July 6

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22

Mt 9:18-26

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Tuesday

July 7

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

July 8

Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

July 9

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

July 10

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

July 12

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23 or

13:1-9



Charity Sport Shoot to benefit Catholic Social Services of Montana

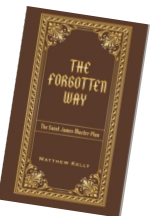
July 25, 2026
Billings Rod and Gun Club

Come “bust” some clays for a good cause!

Learn more and register by visiting www.essmt.org/sport-shoot/, scan the QR code, or call (406)442-4130

“THE FORGOTTEN WAY”, The Saint James Master Plan, by Matthew Kelly is available.

This spiritual book is on the table at the entrance and everyone is welcome to take one. There is no charge.



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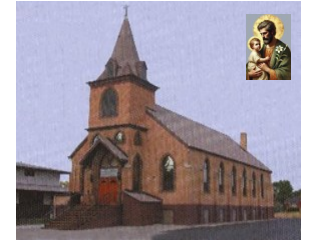
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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,

Is it appropriate to display the American flag in our church?

A diocesan bishop—who often delegates this matter to the discretion of the pastor—determines regulations on whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic church. Displaying the flag, and a book of remembrance for those serving in the armed forces, seems to have originated in many US parishes during World War II. The practice has continued through subsequent wars and national tragedies.

While the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy advised that national symbols should not be *permanent* fixtures of a worship space, they may be appropriate at worship services on a civil holiday, etc. This same committee discouraged pastors from displaying the American flag within the sanctuary itself—a space reserved for the altar, ambo, presidential chair, and tabernacle—but instead to place the flag in the vestibule of the church together with a book of petitions for the living and deceased.

Fundamentally, a church building is where the liturgical assembly gathers as one body in Christ—the same Christ of the Eucharist who is beyond time and place, who came to unite our divisions. “The church building is a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God—who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place” (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Built of Living Stones*, 2000). ●



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