

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sun., Mar 8:** Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm  
**Mon., Mar 9:** Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Tues., Mar 10:** Bible study, 6:00 pm, church basement  
**Wed., Mar 11:** Children’s Catechism class, 3:45 pm  
**Wed., Mar 11:** Mass & Adoration, 5:30 pm  
**Fri., Mar 13:** Stations of the Cross followed with daily Mass, 5:30 pm  
**Mon., Mar 16:** Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, church basement

**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., Mar 8:** For the People  
**Mon., Mar 9:** No Mass  
**Tues., Mar 10:** For healing of Peg Smith by the Catholic Daughters  
**Wed., Mar 11:** For healing of Breanne Uffelman  
**Thurs., Mar 12:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fri., Mar 13:** †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus  
**Sat., Mar 14:** †For Doug Besel by Kenny & Patty Kepp



**Pastoral Staff Volunteers**

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

**Monday** MARCH 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
 Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday** MARCH 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Dn 3:25, 34-43  
 Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** MARCH 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Dt 4:1, 5-9  
 Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** MARCH 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Jer 7:23-28  
 Lk 11:14-23

**Friday** MARCH 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Hos 14:2-10  
 Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** MARCH 14  
*Lenten Weekday*  
 Hos 6:1-6  
 Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday** MARCH 15  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
 Eph 5:8-14  
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



**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.**

**Offertory Collections**

**St. Joseph’s**  
**Sat., Feb 28:** \$ 540.08  
**Sun., Mar 1:** \$ 1,325.31  
**Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$2,070.00**  
**St. Mary’s**  
**Sun., Mar 1:** No Mass

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

**Christian Men's**

**Lenten Breakfast Schedule**

St. Joseph’s Parish is sponsoring breakfast on **Wednesday, March 11th at 6.30 a.m.** in the church basement  
 All Catholic men are encouraged to attend.  
 March 11th - St. Joseph’s Catholic Church  
 March 18th - Big Horn Calvary Church  
 March 25th - Church of the Open Bible  
 April 1st - First Baptist Church

*Lenten Penance Service  
 Thurs., March 19th, 5:30 p.m.*

**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](http://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.



**Season of Lent 2026**  
 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th and ends before the celebration of Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2nd.

**Stations of the Cross - Schedule**

Dates	Time	Led by
Fri., Mar 13	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Fri., Mar 20	5:30 pm	Parish Council
Fri., Mar 27	5:30 pm	Father Cally
Good Friday, April 3	12:00 noon	Catholic Daughters - Mary’s Way of the Cross

**Come to the Chrism Mass**



The bishop celebrates the Chrism Mass with the priests of the diocese. It is a manifestation of the priests communion with their bishop. At this Mass, the Bishop blesses the holy oils that will be used for the celebrations of the Sacraments throughout the year. This is a celebration of the MINISTRY of all in the Diocese. While our diocese is made up of many different parishes and unique gifts and needs, we are in communion with one another: We are ONE church; TOGETHER we are the ONE BODY OF CHRIST.

The Chrism Mass reminds us that when the Church anoints the Sick for healing, it is Christ who heals. When the Church anoints catechumens for strength in their conversion, it is Christ who gives them strength. When the Church anoints the newly baptized with the Sacred CHRISM; confirms the baptism of men and women in confirmation with the CHRISM; anoints the hands of the priest or the head of the bishop in holy orders with CHRISM; anoints a new altar, the Table of the Lord, and the walls of a new church with CHRISM: IT IS THE GRACE OF CHRIST, THE HOLY SPIRIT, that permeates and becomes one with the baptized, the confirmed, the ordained, the altar, the house for the church.

**We should be at the Chrism Mass because the life of Christ dwells within us, because we have been anointed and we have been sent to Go Make Disciples.**

Bishop Jeff invites and welcomes you to the Chrism Mass — **Tuesday — March 24 at 6:00 pm** St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, 215 N. 31st Street, Billings or join the livestream on the Diocesan YouTube Channel.

*Also, on Wednesday’s during Lent the Children’s Catechism Class will lead Stations of the Cross at 4:20 p.m.  
 Everyone is welcome!*



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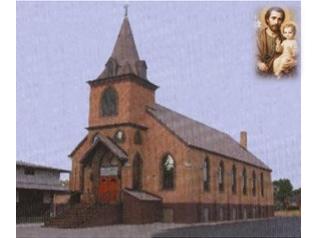
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact Father Cally

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!

March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●