

Weekly Calendar

Tues., July 28: Bible Study, 6:00 pm,
church basement
Wed., July 29: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Tues., Aug 4: Parish Council, 6:00 pm,
church basement
Fri., Aug 7: First Friday of the month
Healing Mass, 5:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Sun., July 26: For the People
Mon., July 27: No Mass
Tues., July 28:
Wed., July 29:
Thurs., July 30:
Fri., July 31:
Sat., Aug 1: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

The Offertory Collections
for all weekends during
the month of July will be
posted in the bulletin on
August 2nd.

Month of April, 2026
Income: \$ 8,510.75
Expenses: \$ 8,481.53
Profit \$ 29.22

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., July 25	Julia Ramirez	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 26	Genne Taganahan	Cherinda Hopes	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 1	Richelle Link	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Aug 2	Cherinda Hopes	Sue Seykora	Nancy Krebs & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., Aug 8	Celeste Geier	Julia Ramirez	Kent Harrington & Richelle Link
Sun., Aug 9	Juvi Mula	Genne Taganahan	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora

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



To everyone
born in July

Choir members
needed.
Also, those who can
play an instrument. Contact
Julie O'Dell @ 406.665.5178



Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and
I were married civilly. She goes to a
non-denominational church but is not
baptized. Someone said we would have
to get our marriage "convalidated." Why?
And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be
understood as good pastoral practice and even
more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a
legal point of reference, your marriage took place
outside of the canonical structure of the Church.
It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it
cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official
Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them
as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically
become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good
decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question
and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Thursday	Saturday
July 27 Weekday Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35	July 30 Weekday Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53	August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12
Tuesday	Friday	Sunday
July 28 Weekday Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43	July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58	August 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21
Wednesday		
July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 15:10, 16-21 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42		

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to
cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word
may penetrate our minds and our hearts;
at the same time, we are required to speak
with God, not to communicate to him what
he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to
ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which
we are called to live and to cultivate friendship
with the Lord.

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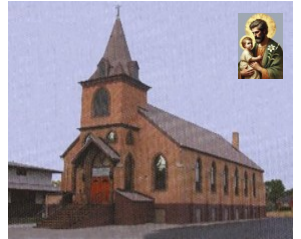
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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!

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 3:5, 7–12 / Romans 8:28–30 / Matthew 13:44–52 or 13:44–46

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Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●