

Weekly Calendar

Tues., July 21: Bible Study, 6:00 pm, church basement

Wed., July 22: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

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

Mass Intentions

- Sun., July 19: For the People
- Mon., July 20: No Mass
- Tues., July 21: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
- Wed., July 22: Healing of Brianne Uffelman by Colleen Schaak
- Thurs., July 23: Healing of Brianne Uffelman by Colleen Schaak
- Fri., July 24: Healing of Brianne Uffelman by Colleen Schaak
- Sat., July 25: Healing of Brianne Uffelman by Colleen Schaak



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 18 | Celeste Geier    | Julia Ramirez   | Kent Harrington & Richelle Link |
| Sun., July 19 | Visencia Ramirez | Genne Taganahan | Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora       |
| 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  |

Choir members needed.

Also, those who can play an instrument.

Contact Julie O'Dell @ 406.665.5178



Monday

July 20  
Weekday  
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8  
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 21  
Weekday  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20  
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 22  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Sg 3:1-4b or  
2 Cor 5:14-17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

July 23  
Weekday  
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13  
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 24  
Weekday  
Jer 3:14-17  
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 25  
St. James, Apostle  
2 Cor 4:7-15  
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday

July 26  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 14:20 kjv

Good News!

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. "He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfil what had been said through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]'" (Matthew 13:34-35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn't force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: "Whoever has ears ought to hear" (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it's his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn't God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it's difficult to tell the difference. Those who are "wheat" should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be "weeds." The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God's own time. ●

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

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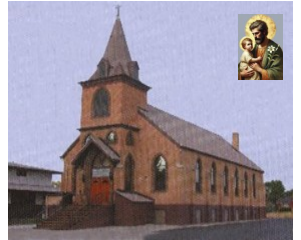
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,  
please contact Father Cally

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

July 19, 2026

***My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?***

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

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