

Weekly Calendar

Sun., May 24: HS Graduation
Mon., May 25: Memorial Day Mass, 9:00 am
Wed., May 27: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm
Fri., June 5: First Friday of the month Healing Mass, 5:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., May 24: For the People
Mon., May 25: No Mass
Tues., May 26: †For James A Stockwell by the Catholic Daughters
Wed., May 27: †For Edgar Turney by the Catholic Daughters
Thurs., May 28: _____
Fri., May 29: †For Connie Medhus by Lowell Medhus
Sat., May 30: For God’s Blessings on Vince & Lisa Hurtig as they move to Minnesota by the Parish Council



Remember your donation to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

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	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>
Sat., May 23	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 24	Liesel Ferido	Juvi Mula	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., May 30	Julie O’Dell	Celeste Geier	Kent Harrington & Patty Kepp
Sun., May 31	Genne Taganahan	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Nancy Krebs & Sue Seykora
Sat., June 6	Celeste Geier	Julie O’Dell	Celeste Geier & Kent Harrington
Sun., June 7	Cherinda Hopes	Visencia Ramirez	Juvi Mula & Sue Seykora



Congratulations!

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



Offertory Collections

St. Joseph’s
Sat., May 16: \$ 795.00
Sun., May 17: \$ 554.75
Annual Catholic Appeal to date: \$ 6,390.00
St. Mary’s
Sun., May 17: \$ 343.00

Month of Mar., 2026 **Month of April, 2026**
Income: \$ 8,979.45 **Income:** \$ 8,510.75
Expenses: \$ 9,649.08 **Expenses:** \$ 8,481.53
Loss \$ 669.63 **Profit \$ 29.22**

Monday

May 25
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14
 Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
 1 Pt 1:10–16
 Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

May 27
Weekday
 1 Pt 1:18–25
 Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

May 28
Weekday
 1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
 Mk 10:46–52

Friday

May 29
Weekday
 1 Pt 4:7–13
 Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

May 30
Weekday
 Jude 17, 20b–25
 Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

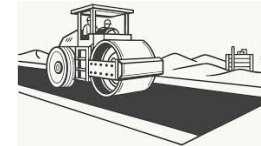
May 31
The Most Holy Trinity
 Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
 2 Cor 13:11–13
 Jn 3:16–18

Three-year Planned Parking Lot Project

Step 1: Surveying, *Completed*

Step 2: Raised basement windows to create positive drainage, *Completed*

Step 3: Repaving with proper drainage, *Currently taking bids*



Employment Opportunity to lead the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is seeking a seasoned philanthropy/development professional with a successful work history, preferably within Catholic organizations, to step into the position of its President. The President must be a practicing Catholic and will oversee all aspects of the Foundation, which focuses on building permanent endowments for Catholic entities within the geographic borders of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. If interested, a full job description can be provided. Please forward your cover letter, resume, and a minimum of three professional references to: forever@catholicfoundationmt.org or PO Box 1345, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Good News!

**May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday (A)**

Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12-13 / John 20:19–23

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When reading aloud today’s passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? “Parthians, Medes, and Elamites.” Where is “Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia”? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God’s protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God’s law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such faraway, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●

Congratulations Scholarship Award Recipients

Catholic Daughters HS Senior
Lucy Fuchs - Maricela Ramirez
Knights of Columbus HS Senior
Lucy Fuchs - Adrian Taganahan
Knights of Columbus College Student
Katelyn Fuchs - Chase Wells
Miles Wells

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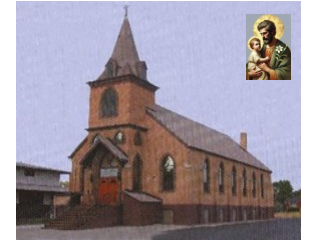
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

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,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●



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