

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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### Church Office

New office location behind the school (307) 328-5024

Office Hours 9:00 am-12:00 Noon M-F

### Elissia Petersen

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday 4:15 PM  
Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 AM  
July 6 – Aug 17 9:30 AM ONLY  
Daily Tuesday thru Friday 12:00 Noon  
**NO MASS ON MONDAY**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptisms: Scheduled by appointment

Marriages: Please contact Father Mark at least six months before proposed wedding date

### FUNERALS

Before announcing plans, please call the office to make arrangements and verify with Father.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (307) 324-7002

Suicide & Crisis Hotline Dial 988

Project Rachel (307) 222-8430  
(Healing after abortion) (call or text)

**Hour of Adoration**  
**August 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Aug 2 - 3

Sat 4:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Sun 9:30 a.m. Cristobal Gonzalez

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Aug 4 - 10

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon +John and +Leone Hay

Wed 12:00 Noon Past and Present  
Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Thurs 12:00 Noon +Eppie Medina and +Family

Fri 12: 00 Noon +Linda Lujan

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Art, +Leonor, and +Mike Jaramillo

Sun 9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph's

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) Parishioners of  
Our Lady of the Sage

A NOTE FROM FATHER MARK:

### St. Joseph's 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

is the 114th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church. For all these years it has nourished the faith of the people in our part of Wyoming.

This date is important for us as a church and is a **Solemnity** for our parish. That means it has the importance of a Holy Day. Please join us:

12:00 pm Holy Mass

Followed by Lunch in our Parish Hall

RSVP to 307-328-5024 or 307-324-4631

**August 3, 2025**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Again and again, Jesus warns us about inheritances. Remember the prodigal son? His troubles begin when he takes his share of the inheritance and squanders it on dissolute living. In another parable, he tells of wicked tenants who kill the vineyard owner's heir so that they will get his inheritance. Today it's a person in the crowd who's upset because his brother received an inheritance and not him. Jesus could have said that fairness demands the inheritance be split in half. Or he could have asked if there may be a good reason he wasn't given a share of it. Instead, he cautions us all about greed. Possessions, inherited or not, are not the goal of life. As we have seen, inheritances can lead to tragedy and often do. As Saint Paul wrote later, "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1Timothy 6:10).

**July 26 and 27 collections:**  
**(Last week)**

**First collection: \$2,465.50**  
**Second Collection: \$685.00**



This week's second collection will be sent to the  
 Diocese as our Parish's gift to the  
**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL.**

This appeal provides support to small, often rural,  
 parishes and dioceses in the U.S. that struggle to  
 offer basic pastoral services.

*Living and Giving in Christ 2025*  
 (As of 7/29/2025)

**St. Joseph's**

**Our Lady of the Sage**

Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$9,610)</u>	<u>(\$1,200)</u>
	\$19,160	\$1,141

Wisdom from Siri:



*"The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog." M.K. Clinton*

**ST. JOSEPH RUMMAGE SALE**

**August 23, 2025**

We appreciate your huge response in  
 bringing items for the church rummage sale.

**PLEASE.... NO MORE DONATIONS**

*Thank you to the group of ladies that have been  
 busy sorting, cleaning and pricing. You are angels!*

The week starting Aug 18 we will need help moving tables and setting up for the day of the sale. Please contact Cathy MacPherson at 307-321-2515 for details, questions....or to see how YOU can help!

**EDUCATION NEWS**

(Yes, it's that time already!)

Religious Education Registration starts this weekend. Registration forms will be available after each mass in the church meeting room... and are available in both English and Spanish. There will also be forms at the back of the church.

**DON'T FORGET THE PARENT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27 AT 5:00 PM IN THE**  
**SCHOOL GYM .**

*The Funeral Vigil/Rosary for **Julia Gomez**  
 will be Aug. 8 at 7:00 pm, followed by her  
 Funeral Mass on Aug. 9 at 9:00 am.*

*Please keep Julia and her family in your  
 prayers.*

During the months of August & September, for every  
 \$2.50 *Fight Hunger* reusable bag purchased from City  
 Market...a \$1.00 donation will be made to our very own

St. Vincent dePaul!

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**One Sunday Mass at 9:30 am**  
**through Aug. 17**



[Jesus] said to the crowd,  
“Take care to guard against  
all greed, for though one may  
be rich, one’s life does not  
consist of possessions.”

LUKE 12:15

## Remember This

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**R**emember this: Jesus said, “one’s life does not consist of possessions.” But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you’re best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into

bed with you at two in the morning because she’s frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one’s possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God. ●

### Reflect

***What is more important to me than possessions?  
Does my life reflect this?***



# Dear Padre,

*Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a “Bible church” with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?*



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The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in “one mind and in one spirit.” It is an act of unity, a real “communion.” Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10
St. John Vianney, Priest	Weekday	Transfiguration of the Lord	Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b–15	Mt 12:1–13	Dn 7:9–10, 13–14	Nm 20:1–13	Dt 4:32–40	Dt 6:4–13	Wis 18:6–9
Mt 14:13–21	Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14	2 Pt 1:16–19	Mt 16:13–23	Mt 16:24–28	Mt 17:14–20	Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12
		Lk 9:28b–36				Lk 12:32–48 or Lk 12:35–40



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 4, 2019

## **INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

**LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EN SEPTIEMBRE**

**A PARTIR DEL SÁBADO 2 DE AGOSTO LOS  
FORMULARIOS DE INSCRIPCIÓN ESTARÁN  
DISPONIBLES DESPUÉS DE CADA MISA EN LA  
SALA DE REUNIONES**

**LOS FORMULARIOS ESTARÁN DISPONIBLES  
EN LA PARTE TRASERA DE LA IGLESIA**

**LOS FORMULARIOS ESTÁN EN INGLÉS Y  
ESPAÑOL.**

**LA REUNIÓN DE PADRES SERÁ EL  
MIÉRCOLES 27 DE AGOSTO A LAS 5 PM EN EL  
GIMNASIO DEL EDIFICIO ESCOLAR  
COMUNITARIO.**



