

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 30 - 31

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

Sun 9:30 a.m. +Ben Sanchez

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

Sept 1 - 7

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon The Homebound

Wed 12:00 Noon +Bob Hones

Thurs 12:00 Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Fri 12:00 Noon +Anna Lascano

Sat 4:15 p.m. +Art, +Leonor, +Michael Jaramillo and the Jaramillo Family

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

Sun 1:30 p.m. (BAGGS) +Lonnie Hedges

PLEASE NOTE

Since the one Sunday Mass time of 9:30 am seems to be working well, we will continue one Mass time for the time being. Please watch this space for updates. Make your opinion known!

EDUCATION START DATES

CCD Classes.....September 3, 2025

Pre Confirmation.....September 7, 2025

Confirmation.....September 7, 2025

OCIA.....September 9, 2025

Please contact Elissia Petersen with any questions:

405-778-9795

PASTOR Father Mark Kusmirek (307)324-4631
(Parochial Administrator)
In case of emergency (936) 218-6710

Church Office

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

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

Elissia Petersen

Director of Religious Education (405)778-9795

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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

September 4 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord. Sirach 3:18

Meanwhile, the challenge Jesus issues to his host is to invite those who cannot reciprocate. Reach out to those on the margins of society. This is consistent with the beatitudes, which laud the poor, the meek, the unjustly persecuted, the shunned. How much more would it mean to someone such as this to be invited, whether to a dinner, to receive a gift, or even to offer an opinion, than to someone who has grown to expect such invitations! On this Labor Day weekend, let us commit ourselves to work to lift up those who find themselves forsaken by society and others, for in them we can find the Lord.

The **First Friday** of the new month will be this coming Friday. Father Mark will offer Sacramental Anointing of the Sick at the Noon Mass.

HOURS

To apply for grants to help our parish we need data. This data includes **ALL VOLUNTEER HOURS** spent in service to our parish. Examples are lectors, ushers, servers, food pantry, funeral dinners, maintenance, money counters, rummage sale prep, CCD teachers and helpers, and on and on.

Record your name, the activity and number of hours. Either email to or turn into the church office on a weekly or monthly basis.

Thank you for your help!

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Thank You to the unsung heroes whose labor goes unnoticed but is essential for our way of life.

Wisdom from Siri:



"Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant."

Mark your calendars for next year...

August 26 IS National Dog Day....

August 23 and 24 collections:

First collection: \$2,323.42

Second Collection: \$468.00--

(Sent to the Diocese at the request of the USCCB and Bishop Steven to aid the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.)

This week and next the second collection will once again be for our Building maintenance fund.

Living and Giving in Christ 2025

(As of 8/18/2025)

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$13,170)</u>	<u>(\$1,200)</u>
	\$15,600	\$1,141

IT WAS A SUCCESS

Thank you to the many helpers that made the rummage sale a success! It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Whatever your part...praying the Novena, organizing, selling, attending, cleaning up....know that what you did was important and appreciated.

****THANK YOU****

The total amount raised to benefit the upkeep of our beautiful buildings was
\$4,875.97

Jubilee Year Retreat Four

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Life Out of Focus

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I found myself angry the other day, as we all do, I suppose, whenever we put our foot in our mouth, or forget about an important engagement, or scramble whatever it was we had hoped would be picture-perfect. What I had scrambled was a homily. For some reason, the image came out wrong, or the example did not fit, or it just did not come together the way I had hoped. And I was angry with myself to the point that it caught me off guard. It was an unexpected glimpse of what I didn't want to admit: the fact that the way people might perceive me as a preacher had taken on more importance than preaching God's word. Life had gotten out of focus. A perspective had been lost.

It happens to us all in the course of our lifetimes,

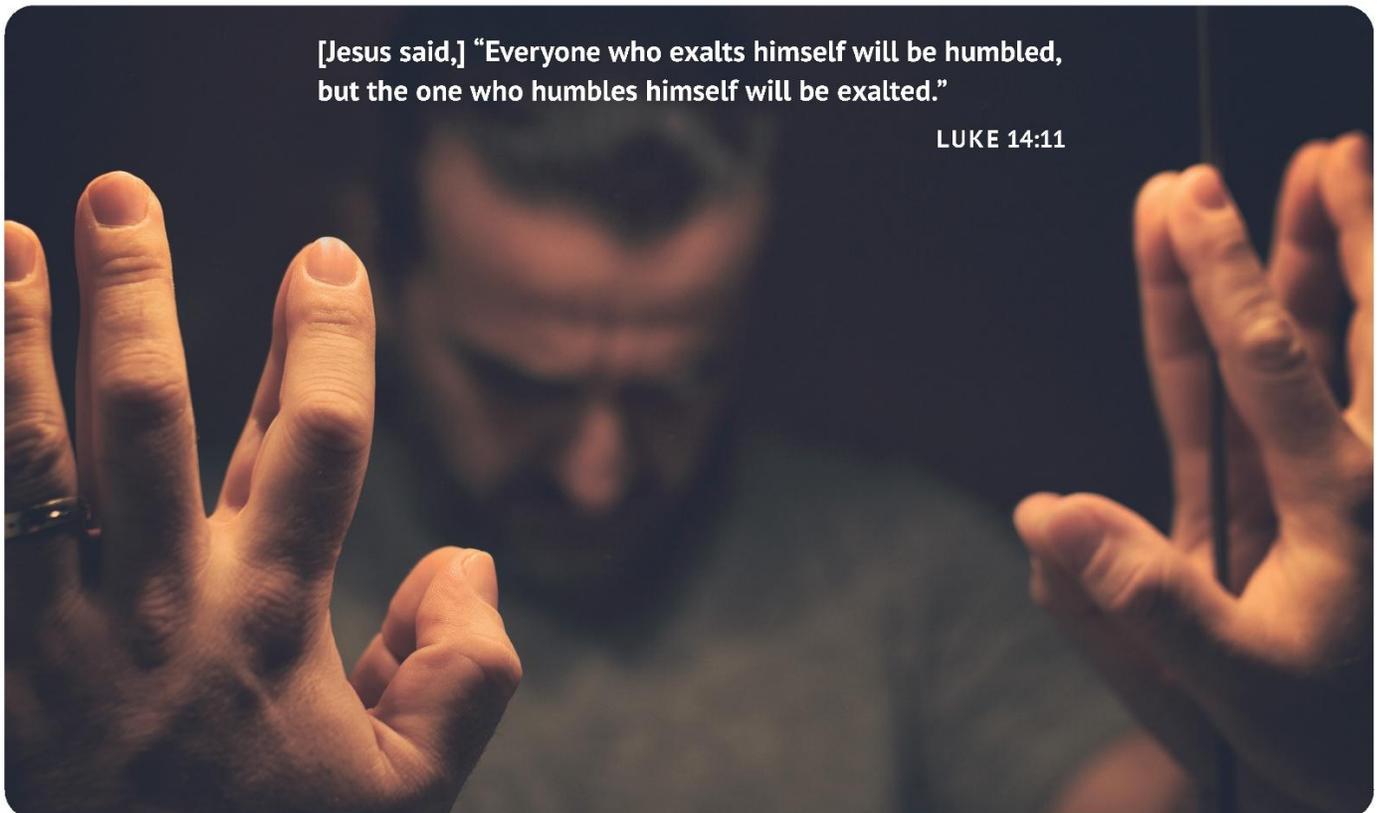
and more than once. Grades become more important than learning, or being right more important than the relationship, or the address of where we live more important than the people living together. It happens between parent and child when a parent places greater significance on the son's or daughter's profession than on that son's or daughter's happiness. Like in the parable of Jesus, where we sit at table takes on greater meaning than the people who gather or the meal that is shared. That is what pride does. It distorts what is real and shifts the focus of life to ourselves. The antidote? A prayerful awareness of who we are and who God is. ●

Reflect

What is more important to me than it should be?

[Jesus said,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 14:11



Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



TACIO PHILIP SANSONOVSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, 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*.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To follow [Jesus]...means “carrying one’s cross”: shouldering, like him, one’s own burdens and those of others, making one’s life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.

HOMILY, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

GOOGLE GEMINI



Monday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 4

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 5

Weekday

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 7

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13–18b

Phlm 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

ANUNCIO DEL BOLETÍN – CUARTO RETIRO DEL AÑO JUBILAR

Todos están invitados al cuarto Retiro de Peregrinos de la Esperanza del Año Jubilar, el sábado 27 de septiembre de 2025, en la Iglesia de San Patricio, Casper, comenzando a las 9:00 a. m. y terminando con una misa a las 5:00 p. m. El retiro se centra en la esperanza de paz en el mundo y los migrantes. Este tema coincide con la *Spes Non Confundit*, párrafos 8 y 13. El Obispo Steven abrirá el retiro hablando sobre la esperanza y sus fuentes: la Palabra de Dios, el Espíritu Santo, el Misterio Pascual y los Santos de la Esperanza. Los participantes participarán en la Exposición Eucarística y la Bendición, y participarán en la Conversación Espiritual y una Hora de la Misericordia.

Este será un retiro bilingüe y se ofrecerá almuerzo.

Para fines de planificación, la diócesis solicita que quienes deseen asistir confirmen su asistencia a más tardar el **15 de septiembre de 2025**, escaneando el



código QR o llamando al 307-638-1530, Ext. 102.

Para leer la Bula Papal, acceder a la agenda del retiro, obtener información sobre las indulgencias y más información sobre el Año Jubilar, visite: <https://dcwy.org/jubilee2025-pilgrimsofhope>

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT – JUBILEE YEAR RETREAT FOUR

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This will be a bilingual retreat, and lunch will be provided.

For planning purposes, the diocese requests that those who wish to attend should RSVP no later than September 15, 2025, by scanning the QR Code, or calling 307-638-1530, Ext. 102.



To read the Papal Bull, access the retreat agenda, learn about indulgences, and learn more about the Year of Jubilee, go to:

<https://dcwy.org/jubilee2025-pilgrimsfhope>.

Opportunities

Young Catholic Men (ages 16-30) who are open to discerning priesthood are encouraged to attend the **Men's Discernment Retreat** at our Lady of Fatima in Casper, WY, Sept. 20-21.

This retreat is FREE to attend.

Contact Fr. Brian Hess to register at

bhess@dcwy.org



Young Catholic Women (High School age) who are serious about their faith are encouraged to be part of the **Annual Nun Run**, Sept. 25-28. Please email

Theresa Meuer at tmeuer@dcwy.org



The September Institute is Sept 16-18 at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. Parish Lay Staff, catechists, etc. are invited to attend.

Contact the office to register!