

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 6 - 7

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

Sept 8 - 14

Mon NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tues 12:00 Noon Our First Responders

Wed 12:00 Noon +Bob Hones

Thurs 12:00 Noon Those lives affected by the events of 9/11/2001

Fri 12: 00 Noon +Souls in Purgatory

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

Sun 9:30 a.m +Deacon Jesus Juarez

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

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!

Attention

Pastoral Council Meeting this coming Monday, September 8 at 6:00 pm in the church meeting room.

Finance Council Meeting September 15 at 6:00 pm, also in the church meeting room.

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 11 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33

It may still be difficult to understand why we can't have both....(Jesus AND "our stuff"). Let us consider the question in Wisdom: "Who can conceive what the LORD intends?" (Wisdom 9:13). God's ways may seem foolish or shocking to our limited imaginations, but we are asked to trust in God, to accept that God's wisdom is greater than we can conceive.

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!

Jubilee Year Retreat Four

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Grandparents Day – September 7, 2025

"A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend." Unknown

Wisdom from Siri:



"I don't care who dies in the movie, as long as the dog lives." Unknown

Last Week--

August 30 and 31 collections:

First collection: \$2,074.52

Second Collection: \$486.00

This week's collection will benefit our building upkeep.

NEXT WEEK, SEPT 13 & 14 THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE

NATIONAL RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.

This fund is aimed at supporting elderly and retired religious who have dedicated their lives to religious service and often lack retirement savings or pension plans.

Living and Giving in Christ 2025

(As of 9/2/2025)

	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Sage</u>
Goal	\$28,770	\$2,341
Pledges	<u>(\$14,170)</u>	<u>(\$1,200)</u>
	\$14,600	\$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 is now at **\$5,100.97**

(We received several more donations this week!!)

9/11 Tribute

Remember and honor the fallen & our local heroes

Carbon County Courthouse lawn

415 W. Buffalo

Thursday, Sept 11 at 5:30 pm

Hosted by Tink Day & Rawlins Fire Dept



“In the same way,
every one of you
who does not
renounce all his
possessions cannot
be my disciple.”

LUKE 14:33

When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country’s Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel’s imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel’s command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of “What would Jesus do?” is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●



NANCY WIECHEC / CNS

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



ANNA NASS / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1-11
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12-17
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

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>

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-pilgrimsofhope>.

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!