
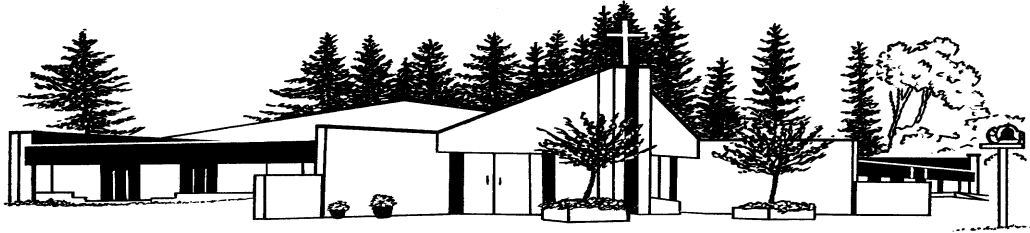


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Saturday, February 17, Mass for the February Intentions **5:00 pm**

Sunday, February 18, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**

Monday, February 19, Mass for the Int. of Mary Burke, rb The Super Family **8:45 am**

Tuesday, February 20, Mass for the Soul of James Barrett, rb Tim & Diane Slobojan **8:45 am**

Wed. February 21, Mass for the Soul of Dollie Mendenhall, rb Ron & Margarite Bauer ... **12:10 pm**

Thursday, February 22, Mass for the Soul of Pat Lutz, rb Tim & Diane Slobojan **9:00 am**

Friday, February 23 **NO MASS**

Ministry Schedule, February 24 & 25, 2018

MINISTRY	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30am
Plate Minister	Sandi Waverek	Kathie Ackerly
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Roger Ackerly
	Maureen Neitzling	Lilia Hattel
		Connie McCubbins
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Dixon Rice	Kim Wakefield
	Joe Riska	Sam Loudon
Greeter	Denny & Bev Falcon	Hauf/Siebenaler Family
Server	Mike O'Neil	Ron Boespflug
	Kaitlyn Brockman	Keegan Siebenaler

PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Black and Indian Mission Collection	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Parish breakfast, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus	after Mass
		Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
	20	Choir	7:30 pm
	21	Religious Formation, grades K-6	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12.....	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	22	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	23	Stations of The Cross	7:00 pm
	24	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Confirmation Class	10:45 am-12:30 pm
		Evening Prayer.....	7:00 pm
	27	Choir	7:30 pm
	28	Religious Formation, grades K-6	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12.....	6:30 – 8:30 pm
March	1	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	2	Fish Fry Supper, sponsored by Knights of Columbus	5:30 pm
		Stations of The Cross	7:00 pm

PARKING SPACES FOR SENIORS

Please leave the parking spaces bordering the building and the row just west of that, for seniors or others who have trouble navigating our icy parking lot.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Family of the Month, The Knight's of Columbus have chosen Jamie and Sherry Miller's Family of the Month for January. Jamie and Sherry are being honored for their dedication and service to Risen Christ Parish, Knight's of Columbus and Saint Matthews School.

Knight of the Month, the Knight's of Columbus have chosen Bob Dye as Knight of the Month for January. Bob is being honored for his dedication and service to Risen Christ Parish, and the Knight's of Columbus.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Gateway Community Center, North Entrance C
1203 HWY 2 West Kalispell, MT

February 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2018 6:00-9:00 pm

This is a free event open to all. Facilitated by gloryforashes.org Each day covers a different topic. Please see flyer in the Social Area for more details.

~OUR GIFT TO GOD ~

“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received.”

(1 Peter 4:8-10)

Thanks to everyone who so generously supports our parish.
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

February 10 & 11, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$4868
Ash Wednesday	15
Mass & Stole Gifts	40
Total	\$4923

BOOKS FOR LENT

There are free books in the social area which have been donated by a parishioner to help you grow in your spiritual life during this Lenten season. Each different book provides food for thought and has a brief explanation posted near it; to hopefully guide you to reading what might be best for your journey. Please take one book per family initially since there are limited amounts and then a week or two later, feel free to take another if there are any remaining.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Today, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, (including our diocese). Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are:

**Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, Loren Vranish
Wally Walbruch and John Gunnerson**

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your Pastoral Council is always interested in your concerns. Take your questions about the future of the parish, your hopes and needs, to a

Pastoral Council member:

Jamie Miller, 257-9636 and Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter
Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas
Poat & Roberts Family, rb Chris Beyer
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Karel & David Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Gary Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson
Willard Grenier, rb Ken Barrett
Willard Grenier, rb Risen Christ Parish

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Curtis Gomes, rb Risen Christ Parish

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY

Shannon Augare

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SEMINARY, DENVER

Matthew Christiaens

Tyler Frohlich

Codi Krueger

Nathan Scheidecker

Kyle Tannehill

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY, WESTON, MA

T. Aidan Toombs

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

WINTER WARM UP CENTER—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Neighbors In Need Winter Warm Up Center continues with construction and all work is by volunteers. We could use your help! Volunteers are needed on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 8:15 to 12:15. The Center is located at the Gateway Mall and you can use the WEST entrance. Help with basic construction work is needed and tools are provided, unless you'd rather use your own. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated including carpentry, sheet rocking, painting, or even just hold a board straight. If you have any other questions, please call Pati Heath (249-8149) or just show up. Thanks for your generous help!

THE PASTORALS ON SUNDAY

A week-by-week resource from the Pastoral Letters of the Bishops' of Rome, of the Second Vatican Council, and of the Bishops' Conference of the United States

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18 You did not withhold your beloved son.

Romans 8:31-34 He who did not spare his own son will grant us all things besides.

Mark 9:2-10 This is my son, my beloved. Listen to him.

Like the apostles we must "come down the mountain" to do the work necessary to bring peace and to preserve the abundant blessings given to us through God's covenant with Abraham.

Let us have the courage to believe in the bright future and in a God who wills it for us-not a perfect world, but a better one. The perfect world, we Christians believe, is beyond the horizon, in an endless eternity where God will be all in all. But a better world is here for human hands and hearts and minds to make.

The Challenge of Peace, 337

VIRTUS (Safe Environment Class)

The next Virtus Training class is March 1st (Thursday) in the school music room at St. Matthew's Parish from 6-9 p.m. with Karen Weaver as facilitator. Please email Karen at rickweaver1@msn.com and she will let you know how to register.

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP



The Risen Christ gift shop is open. You can view the catalog, place an order, or make a purchase of gifts available. There are Scapulars and Miraculous Medals available, including Saint Christopher. Please see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend Masses, or the office during the week.

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE



- Call **Lavine Heuscher**, 752-4007, to ask the Risen Christ Prayer Line to pray for individuals or community intentions or to join this important ministry.

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

- If there is a birth, a sickness or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 250-8610. She will send a card, or a card and flowers if they're in the hospital. But we can't do it, unless you let us know



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OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Evening Prayer—Vespers

Sundays During Lent — 7:00 PM

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Prayed 20 minutes before each Saturday and Sunday Mass

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm beginning February 16

Soup and Bread Supper

Each Thursday, 6:00 pm beginning February 22

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

March 2 and March 23

Penance Service with Individual Confession

Date to be announced

ENCOUNTER MAJD



In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

GUATEMALA MISSION

Our Bishop, George Leo Thomas, visited Mission Guatemala in mid January. Following the pastoral visit, he feels compelled to bring to your attention their needs. The aging infrastructures are 45 years old and need repair. There was an earthquake in Guatemala in July, causing further damage to the school and convent. In response to the infrastructure needs, our bishop is asking for special assistance for the Guatemala Mission during Lent this year. If you would like to donate to the Bishop's special request, please make checks payable to Risen Christ with Guatemala Mission in the memo line. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT, EMBRACING CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN

Help us fill the Treasure Chests located throughout the hospital campus and bring a smile to a critically ill child. These "treasures" are given to a child when they are frightened, in pain, or when they just need to smile and feel loved.

Suggested donations include: ANYTHING PAW PATROL, superhero action figures, simple Barbie dolls, small baby dolls, matchbox cars, toy cars and trucks, baby rattles, BOOKS for all ages, travel sized games, small stuffed animals, crayons, markers, colored pencils, coloring or painting books for all ages - or any item a child might enjoy. For infection control purposes, all items must be NEW. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Please place items in the wagon located in the social area. Thank you for your support of this project!



February 14 – March 25

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN WHITEFISH!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers! **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 21 coordinated campaigns:

- **13,998 babies** saved from abortion
- **170 abortion** workers converted
- **94 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside All Families Healthcare at 737 Spokane Ave.
- **Vigil hours:** 24 hours continuous daily
- **Local contact:** Karen Trierweiler, 406-890-2297 or kals40dfl@gmail.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

40daysforlife.com/whitefish

Risen Christ participation date is Thursday, February 22, 2018

Midnight to Midnight

Please sign up for a time slot

An email is required for an individual participant to sign up themselves. For those without emails, campaign leadership will need to sign them up so contact Karen at kals40dfl@gmail.com or 406-890-2297 (note: she works Mon.-Wed. and may not immediately respond).

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for the home
February 18th, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent
Mark 1:12-15

Don't be fooled by the brevity of today's gospel. Just a couple of lines, but those lines communicate one of the most important ideas in all the gospels. After noting the many days Jesus spent in the desert and his being tempted by Satan, we hear the big announcement from Jesus himself. "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

End of story? No, just the opposite. The Beginning! We will have to read all the four gospels, the many inspired letters of St. Paul and others, to give us the whole meaning of what that entails. Some prefer calling it "the reign of God" because the use of language more fitting to royalty might create the wrong impression. Certainly, Jesus was no king in the usual sense of that word. Also, the word "king" is obviously a masculine designation and the kingdom of God is for *all*.

Most agree that this image or metaphor points to the central message of the gospels. It's also important to keep in mind the significance of Jesus saying that it is "at hand." It's being created by God *right now*, having begun with the life of Jesus on earth. And it continues to be in the process of happening right now.

Let's start by noting what it is not. It's not about a political body like a nation or multi-national organization. It's not a church, which may surprise some. The Catholic Church at Vatican II said that the church is part of or exists in the kingdom of God. But it is not identified with it. Nor is it present just on earth. It is both in heaven and on earth, to use traditional images.

Mostly, the kingdom of God, as meant by Jesus, describes a reality that is within us (a transformed state of mind and heart). It's also unfolding between us in the love we have for each other and for God. It exists wherever the transforming creative power of God's Spirit is present and active. Every day each of us is invited to do something to enhance God's kingdom. The smallest gesture of love for others, especially those we meet each day in our family or work or neighbourhood counts. One act of love at a time. And what we contribute is *never* lost. Lent is a great time to increase our contribution.

I know that says a lot (and much more can be said) but this may help us to understand why announcing God's kingdom was so important to Jesus – and should be to us.

David M. Thomas, PhD