
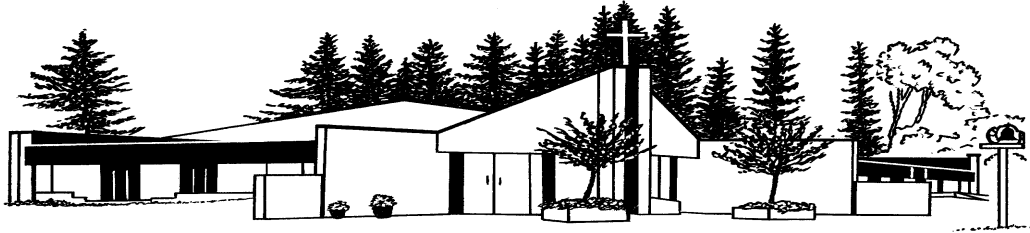


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Mike O'Neil, Maintenance, 253-1464

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY **April 8, 2017**
Saturday, April 7, Mass for the month of April Intentions..... **5:00 pm**
Sunday, April 8, Mass for the Parish..... **9:30 am**
Monday, April 9, Mass for the Int. of Aaron Smith, rb The Super Family **8:45 am**
Tues., April 10, Mass for the Soul of Theresa Darkenwald, rb The West Family **8:45 am**
Wed., April 11, Mass for the Soul of Gil Darkenwald, rb The West Family **12:10 pm**
Thursday, April 12, Mass for the Int. of Travis Sasse, rb The Super Family **9:00 am**
Friday, April 13 **NO MASS**

Ministry Schedule, April 14 & 15 2018

MINISTRY	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:30am
Plate Minister	Mary Grace Galvin	Roger Ackerly
Cup Minister	Brenda Van De Hey	Kathie Ackerly
	Dean Van De Hey	Anne Mahoney
		Lilia Hattel
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Peg Gebhardt	Jack Fallon
	Jim Galvin	Mike Hanson
Greeters	Betty & Neil Heino	Arleen Hughes
		Kathleen Cotner
Server	Gary Hembd	Zachary Lapke
	Olivia McRae	Carter Lapke

PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	8	SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY and SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Coffee Hour	After Mass
		Confirmation Class	10:45 – 12:30
		Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion	3:00-4:00 pm
	9	Confirmation, St. Richard's	7:00 pm
	10	KC Ladies Dinner, Perkins	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:30 pm
	11	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	12	Food and Fellowship, Nickel Charlies	11:30 am
	13-15	CYRO Search Retreat.....	
	15	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Knights of Columbus Breakfast.....	After Mass
	17	Choir	7:30 pm
	18	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	21	Women's "Spa Day for the Soul" Retreat.....	Civic Center, Helena MT
	22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 3:45-4:30pm, or by appointment.



THANK YOU

We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl! You can either put it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the office.

A BIG THANK YOU

Father Stan, the parish office and Pastoral Council would like to thank those who gave of their time and talent to make this Easter season so outstanding.

Thank you to **Pati Heath** for her hard work on the liturgical schedule and presider guides in the preparation for Holy Week; **the Knights of Columbus** and all who lead the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy before Masses; **The decorating committee, especially Sandi Waverek, Mark and Susie Fredenberg, Dean and Brenda VanDeHey, and Jamie and Sherry Miller** for decorating the church and all who donated to our flower fund. Thank you to all the **servers, ministers, greeters and lectors** who made our celebrations run smoothly and to **Maryruth Fallon** the **Risen Christ choir** and the **Trumpet players, Michael Boreson and Betty Visocan** for the delightful music. Thank you also to **Toni Gunnerson** for the egg hunt preparation and **Mike O'Neil** for the Easter fire. And to all of you who participated in the Holy Triduum to deepen your faith and experience the beautiful mystery of our salvation.

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.

March 31 & April 1, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$2412
Building Envelopes	500
Easter Envelopes	6734
Mass & Stole Gifts	50
Flowers	120
Kitchen Project	300
Total	\$10116

CONFIRMATION

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 9th.

Matthew Brockman

Laura Grachek

Gage Cuthbertson

Brendan Henshaw

Amber Durbin

Ethan Tanko

The Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 8th 3 – 4 pm Celebration of Divine Mercy

Join us on Sunday, April 8th from 3:00-4:00 pm for prayer meditation & praise including the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of The Divine Mercy Chaplet, a talk, a few songs, litany to the Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Father Stan will also be available for individual confessions during this time. Your Lenten confession does count toward the indulgence as well as going to confession afterward.

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened”**. Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic church. Jesus promised that **“The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”** He went on to say **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.”** We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 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

Maridona Norick, rb Risen Christ Parish

Joanne Nelson, rb Risen Christ Parish

Rachel O'Boyle, rb John & Connie Babb

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

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:

Judy Stack, 752-4411 and Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Turn to God that your sins may be wiped away.
1 John 2:1-5 We can be sure of him if we keep his commandments.
Luke 24:35-48 Penance for the remission of sins is to be preached to all nations.

In his epistle John has harsh words for those who profess knowledge of Jesus Christ without keeping his commandments. Our bishops echo his statement when they say that words must be accompanied by deeds. In Luke's gospel Jesus exhorts his followers to preach penance for the remission of sins. The bishops respond to his command in this text.

As soon as a local church is established, Christ calls it to share the gospel it has received. Such sharing is essential for the church's vitality, since those who give life to others find it for themselves. So it was with Jesus throughout his life, and especially in his death and resurrection. Sharing is essential to every level of church life; it applies to dioceses and parishes as well as families and individuals.

◆ To the Ends of the Earth, 33

"Come to Me"

Catholic Women's Conference, SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL

Join women from Montana and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship and more!

Our "Spa Day" includes mass.

*Caitlyn VanHorssen and our parishioner, **Amy Eickert** will speak on "The Greatest Adventure: Living Life with Passion and Jesus."*

Saturday April 21, 2018 7 AM- 6 PM Civic Center, Helena Montana

Register online: ShowMyEvent.com. Be sure to visit helenacwc.com

Participants are able to save \$10.00 in registration fees if they register by March 21st.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!! The next Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is April 27-29, 2018 in Great Falls. Sign up now!! Information and registration is available online at **WWW.GREATFALLSCEE.ORG**. Call Brenda & Bill Chafin at 406-771-8658 or Terry and Dave Stukey at 406--452-3542 for more information. A Wedding is a Day: A Marriage is a Lifetime!

FORTY CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a canned food drive during Lent, "**FORTY CANS FOR LENT**" and have extended the date to **April 22**. All proceeds will go the Veterans Food Pantry.

FOR OUR YOUTH
CYRO WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Start your day in an unbelievable way! For all High School Youth, Grades 9-12 **Tuesdays**,
7:00 am at Wheat Montana, Kalispell

Legendary Lodge Registration is now open at www.showmyevent.com
Registration fee is \$345.00

Parish scholarships are available. Contact Fr. Stan

CYRO Search Retreat April 13-15!!

Don't miss this incredible experience!

Any high school youth, grades 10-12 are encouraged to participate.

Visit www.showmyevent.com and click on "CYRO Search 2018" to register today!

ST MATTHEW'S ROUNDUP

St. Matthew's Kindergarten, Preschool & Early Learning Center Round-up, **April 12th 2018**
at St. Matthew's Catholic School

Kindergarten & Preschool Round-up is from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Early Learning Center Round-up is from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Preschool Full Day- **Early Learning Center, 756-6807**, 2-5 years old, Monday-Friday,

Pre-School ½ day, 751-6811, 3 years old by September 10- Tuesday & Thursday

4 years old by September 10- Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Kindergarten, 751-6811, 5 years old by September 10- Monday -Friday

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.



CAMPBELL SOUP AND GENERAL MILLS LABELS

Please continue to save your Campbell Soup and "Big G for Education" labels for the
St Paul's Indian Mission School in Hays MT and leave them in the box in the entry. For all
Campbell Soup Company products, submit proof of purchase only (UPC code).
For General Mills products, submit the box tops for education label.

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP



Your Risen Christ Gift Ministry has available, gifts for Confirmation,
Baptism and First Communion such as small scapulars, cross necklaces,
rosaries, key chains, and holy water fonts. Check it out for yourself! Please
see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend Masses, or
the office during the week.



MARRIAGE MATTERS

Do you need a common sense approach to inviting more joy into your marriage?

“Every Day in Love” is an upbeat series of 4 three-hour sessions which offer positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help couples love smarter, not harder. *Couples are highly encouraged to attend all 4 sessions, but each session can stand alone and will be registered for individually.* Join us for the first session, **Loving Smarter**, April 14th after the 4:30pm Mass at St. John Paul II Catholic Church. Social, and dinner (pizza, salad, beer) from 5:30pm – 6pm, followed by the program until approximately 9pm. \$20 per couple per session \$25 at the door

For Additional Information and
To Register visit

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aba72da2ff2-every>
Or call Dawn at the JP II office (406)837-4846

Every Day in Love at Home (Online Option)

Stream the videos (Use code LENT2018 for a discount!): <https://livinginlove1.vhx.tv/.../every-day-in-love-program-pa...> Order your workbooks: <http://livinginlove.org/materials-order-form-every-day-in-.../>

What are the sessions about?

Session 1: Smart Loving

A proactive common sense approach to inviting more joy into our lives every day. This upbeat, three-hour session offers positive and affirming insights and fun couple exercises to help us love smarter not harder by prioritizing being in love. Gain clarity and freedom from our common “dumb loving” mistakes and fill out a special “gift registry” that will help you discover what makes your husband or wife feel most in love!

Session 2: The Passionate Couple

Take your relationship to the next level! This session offers a paradigm shift from just getting along to being passionately in love, not just for our own sake but for the sake of those around us. It offers keen insights that bridge the gap between how men and women prefer to achieve intimacy and empowers us to be a joyful sacramental couple.

Session 3: Talking with Purpose

This session offers simple strategies to help us avoid misunderstanding and teaches a powerful skill that can achieve an emotional connection so that we can feel close in any situation. Learn practical approaches for reconciling hurts and freeing ourselves from outside pressures. The issue is not the issue; we are the issue!

Session 4: Living the Dream

Learn a fool proof process that can help a husband and wife to come together on any issue while still nurturing the tender atmosphere of being in love. This session can help us absolutely avoid ever having an argument and unleashes an aura of deep respect in our marriage. It will also guide us in discerning and directing our lives intentionally so that we can live in love the way we always dreamt we would.

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for the home
April 8, 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31

Behind locked doors, interesting things can happen, as they did to the disciples of Jesus after his Resurrection. There were two visits by the Risen Christ to them while they were still in Jerusalem. The first one had its own interesting dynamics. Without any warning, with the doors locked, Jesus was suddenly standing there in their midst. While his disciples were probably scared to death, Jesus greets them with a wish for them to be at peace. You can imagine that they were anything but peaceful at that moment.

Once all had settled down, Jesus got down to business. He was charging them with a mission: A mission that would include their being ambassadors for God. They would bring God's merciful forgiveness to those needing that gift.

This was a very important ministry for them. We humans often fail to do our best. Sometimes we even sin. Left alone in our sins, we can lose hope for ourselves and for a better tomorrow. Knowing that we are forgiven can release us to do better. God wants us to feel the touch of God's forgiveness and Jesus wants of his disciples to help in this mission.

Speaking of touch, we also learn about the late arrival of Thomas the apostle who has the unflattering name of "Doubting Thomas." Because that's my last name, people have occasionally accused me of doubting. Thomas the apostle does us a special service by showing us that Jesus is okay with doubters. He doesn't criticize Thomas for doubting. He even goes out of his way to help Thomas move from wondering doubt to wonderful faith.

Then we hear from the doubting one some of the most powerful words in the gospels. He looks at Jesus and with fully strengthened faith he says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God."

The word used here for "Lord" is the Greek word, *Kyrios*. It is a sacred word, reserved for God. Making this confession of faith has its own power. It is life giving. To admit that God is close to us, as Thomas declared, is quite an affirmation. It implies that God is not immeasurably distant from us, but rather, God is intimately close to us. God is present in the Eucharist but also present when we hear God's word, when we care for others in the name of God and when we pray to God.

David M. Thomas, PhD