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#### MASS SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	. April 29, 2018
Saturday, April 28, Mass for the month of April Intentions	5:00 pm
Sunday, April 29, Mass for the Parish	9:30 am
Monday, April 30, Mass for the Int. of Agnes Sasse, rb Mark & Jane Super	8:45 am
Tues., May 1, Mass for the Int. of AI & Nancee Olszewski, rb Mark & Jane S	uper 8:45 am
Wed., May 2, Mass for the Int. of Int. of Riley Jochim, rb The Super Family	12:10 pm
Thursday, May 3, Mass for the Int. of Joel Dickinson, rb Mark & Jane Super	9:00 am
Friday, May 4	NO MASS

# Ministry Schedule, May 5 & 6, 2018

MINISTRY	Saturday	Sunday	
	5:00 pm	9:30am	
Plate Minister	Dean Van De Hey	Lilia Hattel	
Cup Minister	Brenda Van De Hey	Kathie Ackerly	
	Sandie Eckelberry	Roger Ackerly	
		Kathy Shanahan	
		Anne Mahoney	
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Andrea Wright	
	Jackie Jensen	Kim Wakefield	
Greeters	Neil & Betty Heino	Richard & Rosemary Brester	
Server	Bert Eickert	Mike Wright	
	Abby Mitchell	Keegan Siebenaler	

PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

# DATES TO REMEMBER

APRII	_ 29	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Valley Voices Fundraiser Concert	3:00 pm
May	1	Choir	7:30 pm
-	2	Religious Formation, Grades K-6, End of Year Party	4:00-5:30 pm
		CYRO End of Year Barbeque	6:00-8:30 pm
	3	Neighbors in Need Prayer Breakfast	7:00-8:00 am
	5	Rosary	4:40 pm
	6	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	•
		Rosary	9:10 am
		First Communion	
	8	Knights of Columbus	6:30 pm
		KC Ladies, dinner at Perkins	6:30 pm
	10	Food and Fellowship	11:30 am
	12	Rosary	4:40 pm
	13	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	·
		Sacrament of Baptism by appointment	
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#### **† FIRST COMMUNION.†**

The Second Grade Religious Formation Class will be celebrating their First Communion next Sunday during Mass. Please include these children in your prayers:

#### Ava Baker, Cassius Keim, Liam Palmer, Kellen Mouat, Bryson Wakefield and Troy Samson

#### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

#### SON LIGHT RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for a 2018 Toyota Tundra SR5 Crewmax 4WD w/4.6L V8 are available in the parish office for \$25.00 per ticket. Unbeatable odds of winning! Only 5,000 tickets will be sold!

All tickets sold by May 15 will qualify for the Early Bird Drawing. The parish designated on the ticket stub drawn will receive a Campership to offer one of their youth for the 2018 Legendary Lodge camp season. The pastor of the parish that sold the ticket and the ticket holder will each receive an early prize of \$100 and the ticket stub will be included in the final drawing for the grand prize!

# 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.

### April 21 & 22, 2018

Sunday Envelopes

\$3803

Total

\$3803

# FUNDRAISER CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE NURTURING CENTER

There will be a fundraiser concert for the Nurturing Center at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Maryruth Fallon and Michael Boreson will be performing as well as other talented local musicians. It will be the first public concert on their new grand piano.

# VALLEY VOICES FUNDRAISER

Benefiting the Flathead Valley Voices Community Choir Sunday, April 29, 3:00 pm at **Risen Christ Parish** Featuring: *Lauren Welch Wei Pai Wai Mizutani Those Guys Andre Floyd* Wai Mizutani Violin – special auction item valued at \$2,000 to \$3,000 Music Pie Auction Silent Auctions Diamond Earrings Raffle.

#### 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 <u>www.showmyevent.com</u> Registration fee is \$345.00 Parish scholarships are available. Contact Fr. Stan

#### **MOTHER'S DAY DATE NIGHT**

May 12, 2018, Split Rock Café, Downtown Kalispell Guest Speakers: Brad & Libby DuPont Marriage/Family Consultants, Archdiocese of Kansas. Social: 6-6:45 pm, Dinner by Chef Terry to follow. \$30 per couple, \$35 at the door. RSVP to St. Matthew Parish, 752-6788, by May 9.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2018

# FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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 Maridona Norick, rb Marcia Bowman Maridona Norick, rb Stuart & Kyla Anderson

#### FOR OUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ken Norick, 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

#### 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: Mark Fredenberg, 756-6142 and Jovita Kottraba, 752-6694

# THE PASTORALS ON SUNDAY

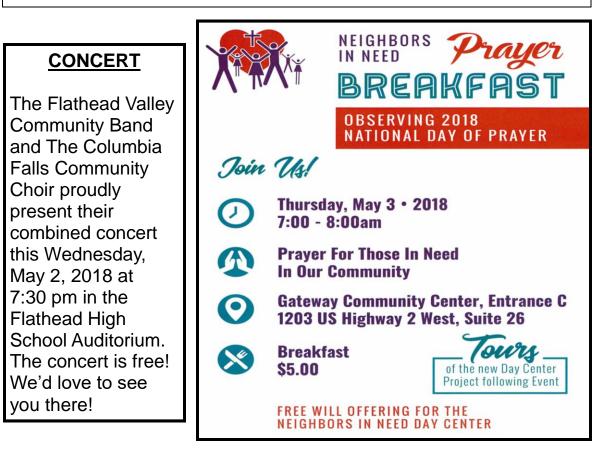
A week-by-week resource from the Pastoral Letters of the Bishops' of Rome, of the Second Vatican Council, and of the Bishops' Conference of the United States

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26God shows no partiality.1 John 4:7-10God is love.John 15:9-17It was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit.

Today's gospel calls us to love one another. Challenge of Peace more fully describes that love.

Jesus also described God's reign as one in which love is an active, life-giving, inclusive force. He called for a love which went beyond family ties and bonds of friendship to reach even those who were enemies (Matthew 5:44-48; Luke 6:27-28). Such a love does not seek revenge but rather is merciful in the face of threat and opposition (Matthew 5:39-42; Luke 6:29-31). Disciples are to love one another as Jesus has loved them (John 15:12).



# **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.

#### HOUSEKEEPING

We want everyone to feel welcome, especially those who are new to our parish, and any visitors.

Enjoy singing and following along with the liturgy sheet that you received at the door.

- Please remember to silence your cell phones.
- If you have little ones who love to play and be active, there is a social area in the back where they can be freer to express themselves. From there you will be able to participate in the entire Mass.

#### <u>Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana</u> <u>The Walls are up!</u>

The walls are up in the Kalispell Sparrow's Nest home. Soon we will be needing volunteers to paint, clean, and transport furniture and sundries from storage to the house. These tasks will extend through spring and summer. If you are interested in volunteering, even if you've done so in the past, please call 406-309-5196 or email to www.sparrowsnestnwmt.org to offer your services.

This Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Sparrow's Nest will be hosting a pint night at the Montana Tap House in Whitefish from 5-7 pm. When you order select brews, \$1 from each will be donated to the organization. Hope to see you there!

# The Nazareth Page A gospel meditation for the home April 29, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter John 15:1-8

Jesus was a brilliant communicator. He illustrated his teaching of deep truths using images, symbols and examples that his listeners could understand. Last week, it was sheep and shepherds. The week before the gospel featured broiled fish. This week we find ourselves in a vineyard. His home land was dotted with vineyards. Not like the large commercial vineyards of California and Washington. But much more local. A few vines connected with ordinary homes. They might be called "backyard wineries." They produced just enough for the family and maybe a few extra containers for neighbors and friends. Still, the vines were precious to those who had them. And they were carefully attended to.

People knew how important it was to care for both vine stock and branches. The substance of the grapes came out of the soil, through the vines and into the branches. Eventually the grapes benefited from this wondrous system of production. All of this needed year-round attention. Nourishing the soil, protecting the vines and pruning the branches could not be overlooked. There was a direct connection between caring for the vines and branches and the wine that would reach the family's table. This was common knowledge.

When Jesus wanted his listeners to understand and appreciate the vital connection between him and them, what better image to use than the connection between a vine and its branches? No one would say that they didn't understand his point.

But what does the connection mean for us? It has to do with vitality and fruitfulness. First, relationships provide us with life. Recent studies of those called "the vital elderly," or those living full lives into their 70's, 80's and 90's, show a clear connection between vitality and healthy human and spiritual relationships. Maintaining close and regular contact with family, friends, neighbors and even strangers contributes to the maintaining of personal liveliness, the joy of living and even overall physical and emotional health. Staying connected makes our lives not only more interesting, but more lively.

The same can be said about our connection with God. Active involvement in a religious tradition, personal prayer, meditation and expressing one's spiritual and religious convictions in active service of others all contribute to personal vitality.

Fruitfulness comes from extending oneself outside the narrowness of just living for oneself. One takes an interest in others, in their views and in response to their needs. It means quite simply actively loving one's neighbor, connecting the vine with the branches.

David M. Thomas, PhD

# **SACRAMENTS**

# Infant Baptism:

The parents must be registered members of the parish. Contact the parish office, 752-4219, Someone will contact you to begin the process of baptismal preparation.

# First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

Preparation for these Sacraments is ordinarily in the second grade in our Religious Formation program. Preparation also includes conferences with parents. Contact Heidi Durbin, 253-4886.

# **Confirmation**

Risen Christ children prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation as late high school students, with the rite being celebrated as needed. Candidates are enrolled in the Religious Formation program. Contact Fr. Stan Rog, 752-4219.

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of inquiring, faith-sharing, instruction, and liturgy for those who seek to become Catholics. All who are interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith are welcome. Contact Fr. Stan Rog, 752-4219.

# Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC):

The process of initiation is adapted to meet the needs of unbaptized children or children who have been baptized but have had no formation in the faith. These are children of catechetical age, who have attained the age of reason and are capable of receiving and nurturing a personal faith. Contact Heidi Durbin, 253-4886.

# Funerals:

Contact, Parish office or Diane Slobojan, 756-6061, Consultation with a priest will be arranged.

# Marriage:

Preparing for marriage is preparing for the rest of your life! Couples who plan to marry in the Diocese of Helena must contact the parish no less than six months before the proposed wedding date. Every effort will be made to accommodate the couples' plans. However, the date of the wedding will not be confirmed until after the initial stages of the preparation have been completed.

# Home Bound Visits

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a home visit, have Communion brought to your home or have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Father Stan Rog, or leave word at the Parish Office. Someone will be in touch with you. Contact the parish office at 752-4219