
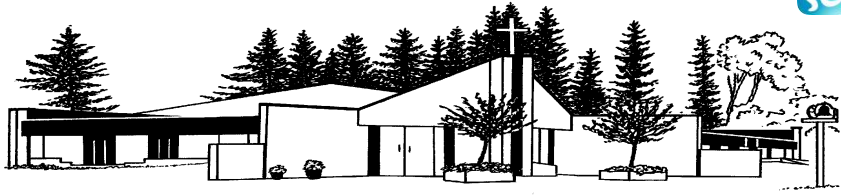

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 16, 2018**
Saturday, December 15, Mass for the December Monthly Intentions **5:00 pm**
Sunday, December 16, Mass for the Parish.....**9:30 am**
Monday-Friday, December 17-21 **NO MASS**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Light Breakfast, sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:10 am
Piano Recital, (students of Maryruth Fallon)..... 1:00 pm
Evening Prayer..... 6:30 pm
Christmas Concert with Wai Mizutani and Friends, JP II Parish..... 3:00 pm

17 RCIA..... 6:30- 8 pm

18 Morning Prayer followed by Adoration 8:45 am
Choir 7:00 pm

19 Religious Formation Grades K-12..... 5:15-6:30 pm

22 Chaplet of Divine Mercy 4:40 pm

23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:10 am
Choir practice After Mass
Evening Prayer..... 6:30 pm

SPECIAL MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday, December 18 at 8:45 am, there will be **Morning Prayer** followed by **Adoration** to pray for the successful resolution for Fr. Stan's immigration status.

Ministry Schedule, December 22 & 23, 2018

Ministry	Sat., Dec. 22, 5:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 23, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Vicki Walbruch	Anne Mahoney
Minister of the Cup>	Linda Zimmerman	Jack Lavin
	Don Zimmerman	Anita Lavin
		Mike Hanson
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Mike Santacroce	Paul Heath
	Mary Reckin	Pati Heath
Greeter	Denny & Bev Falcon	Richard & Rosemary Brester
Server	Mike O'Neil	Matthew Brockman
		Kaitlyn Brockman

Ministry Schedule, December 24 and 25, 2018

Ministry	Christmas Eve, 6:30 pm	Christmas Eve, 11:00pm	Christmas Day, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Don Zimmerman	EM Needed	Dean Van De Hey
Minister of the Cup	Linda Zimmerman	EM Needed	Brenda Van De Hey
	Roger Ackerly	Connie McCubbins	EM Needed
	Kathie Ackerly	Deacon Floyd	EM Needed
	Jovita Kottraba		Deacon Floyd
	Vicki Walbruch		
	Deacon Floyd		
Lector	Kim Wakefield	Mike Santacroce	Sam Louden
	Alan Ruby	Dixon Rice	Jack Fallon
Greeter	Lee & Vicki Walbruch	Richard & Rosemary Brester	Greeter Needed
	Greeter Needed	Greeter Needed	Greeter Needed
Server	Matthew Brockman	Matthew Brockman	Server Needed
	Server Needed	Kaitlyn Brockman	Server Needed
	Server Needed	Server Needed	Server Needed

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday

During advent sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

There will be Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings during Advent - no incense

1st Week – Dec. 2

Prayer for the Selection of Our New Bishop

2nd Week – Dec. 9

Prayer for Vocations

3rd Week – Dec. 16

Prayer for the Successful Resolution to Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

4th Week – Dec. 23

Prayer for All Who Are Recovering From the Sex Abuse Scandal

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.

December 8 & 9, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$5601
Building Envelopes	110
Holyday Envelopes	708
Mass & Stole Gifts	105
Total	\$6524

END OF YEAR CHARITABLE GIVING, TO RISEN CHRIST PARISH

In order for charitable gifts to be credited for the current calendar year, 2018, please note the following: **IRS regulations require checks received by the church after January 1st, to be accompanied by a postmarked envelope dated no later than December 31.** Transfers of stocks or securities must take place on or prior to December 31st.

Diocese of Helena

End of Year Charitable Giving

Will you be making charitable contributions at the end of the year as part of your tax planning? There are ways to structure gifts that will help our parish and save you taxes at the same time - such as the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, charitable rollover from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and transferring appreciated stocks/bonds/mutual funds.

These gifting options can provide you tax savings even if you no longer itemize under the new federal tax reform. Your gift can be designated to support our parish, the diocese, or even a specific ministry.

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. can help you navigate these tax-saving stewardship opportunities. Please contact Foundation Executive Director Jeanne Saarinen at (406) 389-7051 or jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org for assistance. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to sing at the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm: If you would like to sing and can't make that practice, or have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

THANK YOU

Thank you Risen Christ Parish and Father Rog for your donation to the Gift Ministry! We are grateful for your support and donation. Sincerely, Connie and Andrea

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

**FOR OUR YOUTH
CYRO Weekly Bible Study**

Thursday, 7:00 am @ Wheat Montana, Kalispell

Christmas Concert with Wai Mizutani and Friends

Sunday, Dec. 16th, 3 pm @ St John Paul II, Bigfork

Enjoy an assortment of holiday music performed by talented musicians
with refreshments to follow!

Admission is free but a free will offering will be collected to support CYRO youth
program.

CATHOLIC MUTUAL...”CARES”

Church Security suggestions

Catholic Mutual insures the parishes in the Diocese of Helena

“In the wake of many recent tragedies, mass shootings and other violent acts have become all too familiar. Our churches are not immune from shootings and other violent attacks. Yet the data suggests churches are not any more or less likely to be sites of violence in the U.S. What we should not do, is let these acts of terror cause us to be fearful of gathering with our fellow worshippers. The Church can develop and implement plans to keep your property and, more importantly, all of God’s children safe from harm. Among your other ministries, your parish could develop a Safety and Security Committee to address potential violence.” Catholic Mutual Insurance

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

SAFETY PRECAUTION

Due to safety concerns, we invite you always to come to Mass on time because, the entry door to the church will be locked 5 minutes after Mass begins and remain locked during Mass. When the door is locked, you can always get out but if you come late for Mass or have to leave and come back, a designated person will be at the door to let you in.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks

“This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

WORD OF LIFE

“In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

2018-19 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 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 & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Gary Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble
Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb
Clarice Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson
Jim Hamill, rb The Hutchens' Family
Billy Conko Camel, rb George & Colleen Hutchens
Mike Geyer, rb Carol & Bruce Trimble**

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Fr. Stan's Immigration Status, rb Risen Christ Parish

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:

Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170 and Mark Fredenberg, 756-6142



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.



RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP



Your Risen Christ Gift Ministry has gifts available 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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5:1-4

He shall be peace.

Hebrews 10:5-10

A body you have prepared for me.

Luke 1:39-45

Blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Today we focus on two ordinary women, Elizabeth and Mary, who accepted what the Lord had done for them. Mary, unmarried, and Elizabeth, bearing a child at an unusually old age - during our time both these women would be considered candidates for abortion.

In prayer we join Mary in her Magnificat, and show ourselves to be a people of hope, confident that God's promises will be fulfilled. With Mary and the apostles and disciples, we pray to be empowered by the strength of the Holy Spirit as we pursue the church's mission to all nations.

♦To the Ends of the Earth, 60.



The Knights of Columbus: A Catholic, Family, Fraternal & Service Organization.

The Order of the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization with more than 1.8 million members world-wide. Founded in the United States in 1882, we are dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We are men of faith; guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other and in ourselves. We are an organization that is strengthened by our successes of our past and driven by our goals for the future.

Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus Council #8329.

For more information about membership please contact:

BJ Hattel 406-471-1805, Wally Walbruch 406-758-0170, or Mike O'Neil 406-253-1464

ADVENT MISSION, ST. MATTHEW PARISH

December 17 – 19, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

The Floriani Mission

Veni Emmanuel

**REDISCOVER THE ANCIENT BEAUTY OF CATHOLIC SACRED MUSIC
WITH THE FLORIANI MEN'S SCHOLA.**

Monday conference: The history of Sacred Music from Chant to Polyphony
Tuesday Conference: Sacred Music as a doorway to the Divine
Wednesday Conference: A concert of Sacred Hymns and Chants

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Christmas decorating will begin right after Mass on Sunday, Dec.23. Decorating will stop for Evening Prayer and if more work is needed, it will continue after Evening Prayer. Hope many of you can help—making many hands completing the project.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL AUCTION

St. Matthew School and Auction Committee would like to invite your parish to our Blue & Gold Auction on Saturday, February 23rd. We are currently having our early bird ticket sale until December 19th and tickets are \$60. They can be bought at our school office, calling 406.752.6303 or online at <http://stmattsaints.maestroweb.com>

December 24



Risen Christ (Evergreen)

6:30 p.m.: 11:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo (Whitefish)

5:00 p.m.: 7:30 p.m.

St. John Paul II (Bigfork)

4:30 p.m.: 10:30 p.m.

St. Matthew (Kalispell)

4:30 p.m.: 9:00 p.m.

St. Richard (Columbia Falls)

4:30 p.m.

December 25

Risen Christ (Evergreen)

9:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo (Whitefish)

9:00 a.m.

St. John Paul II (Bigfork)

10:30 a.m.

St. Matthew (Kalispell)

12:00 a.m. (Midnight): 10:00 a.m.

St. Richard (Columbia Falls)

Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Traditional Latin Mass): 8:00 am

Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 am

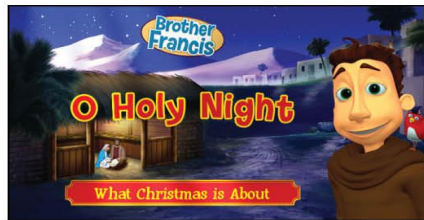


Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

Watch on formed.org



"Awesome for the kids big and small."

—Toby J., Toledo, OH



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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent
Luke 3:7-18

After reading today's gospel, I suddenly feel guilty about what John the Baptist says about preparing to meet the Messiah. After letting people know that he is not the one they are hoping for (apparently, some thought he was), he suggests something along these lines. "Well, if you want to prepare for the coming of the Messiah and you have two coats, give one to someone who has none. And if you have power over someone, let go of that power and be kind and considerate to that person." Since I don't have much power over anyone (our children are on their own – mostly) that suggestion doesn't challenge me that much. But the coat thing does.

I have more than one coat. But I say to myself, I need more than one coat. I live in a part of the world that can be very cold during winter. The temperature goes up and down. Sometimes it snows. Sometimes it rains. I need a coat for every possibility. But it is not just coats. What about my other items of clothing. How many shirts do I need? Pants? You get the picture. I'm sure that I have more than I need.

I have a friend, Susan Vogt, who has been writing about "living lightly" for years. You can google her to read her ideas. She writes as a dedicated Catholic and has served the church in multiple roles as a family minister. A few years back she came upon the idea that all the stuff we accumulate during our lives might be a barrier to our spiritual lives. Or to our lives as responsible Christians. Having "too many things" can block our access to what's more important in life. Plus, others with less, may need some of our unneeded stuff.

Having less, we might live with more. More of what's important, especially our connection with God.

One of the growing businesses in the town where I live are storage facilities. There seems to be a new one built every month. They must be profitable. They seem almost everywhere these days. Sometimes they are needed to store important things we do need, but simply don't have a place to store them. We may be storing items for others. In other words, storage places may be necessary.

I bet, however, there's a lot being stored that is not needed. That if people gave that stuff to those in need, we would all be better off. I wonder, given the words of John the Baptist, whether I might have too many coats and, well, a lot of other things that this Advent, I might let go of and make more space for God and God's interests in my life.

David M. Thomas, PhD