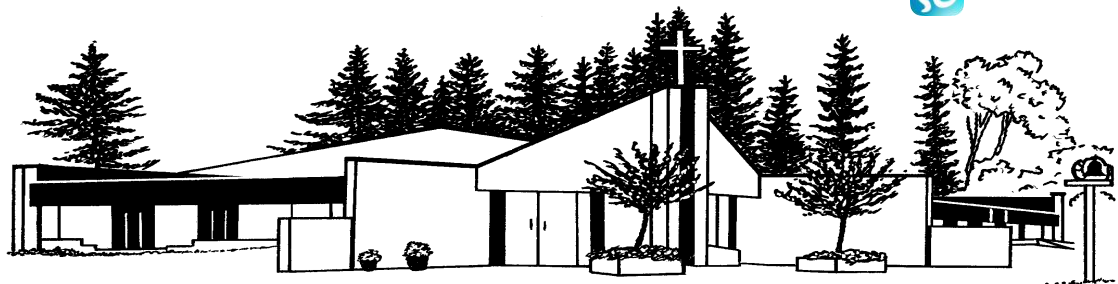


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Mike O'Neil, Maintenance, 253-1464

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY.....April 23, 2017

Saturday, April 22, Mass for the month of April Intentions..... 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 23, Mass for the Parish 9:30 am

Monday, April 24, Mass for the Soul of Alice Hunter, rb Don & Theresa West 8:45 am

Tuesday, April 25, Mass for the Soul of Jim Dennis, rb Don & Theresa West 8:45 am

Wednesday, April 26, Mass for the Int. of Maria Super, rb Jane Super 12:10 pm

Thursday, April 27, Mass for the Soul of Jeff Norick, rb Russell & Marcia Bowman 9:00 am

Friday, April 28 NO MASS

Ministry Schedule, April 29 & 30

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, April 29, 5:00 pm	Sunday, April 30, 9:30 am
Plate Minister	Neil Heino	Vicki Walbruch
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Connie McCubbins
	Patti Slack	Deacon Floyd
Lector	Andrea Wright	Leah McGraw
	Maureen Neitzling	Dixon Rice
Greeter	Don & Linda Zimmerman	Denny & Bev Falcon
Server	Bert Eickert	Zachary Lapke
	Abby Mitchell	Carter Lapke

PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	22	Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed 20 minutes before Mass	4:40 pm
	23	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed 20 minutes before Mass	9:10 am
		Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion.....	3:00-4:00 pm
		CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION	
	24	Adult Bible Study	6:30 pm
	25	Choir	7:30 pm
	25-29	Lifetouch Directory Pictures	Sign up
	26	Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00-5:30 pm
		Religious Formation Grades 7-12.....	6:30-8:00 pm
	27-29	Knights of Columbus Convention	
	30	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
May	1	Adult Bible Study	6:30 pm
	2	Choir	7:30 pm
	3	Foundation Estate Planning Education St. Matthew's Parish.....	2-3:30 pm
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6, End of Year Party	4:00-5:30pm
		CYRO End of Year Barbeque	
	6	Ladies Luncheon	11:45 am
	7	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	8	Adult Bible Study	6:30 pm
	9	Pastoral Council	5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus	6:30 pm
		KC Ladies dinner	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:30 pm
	11	Food & Fellowship, Evergreen Applebee's	11:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

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** for leading the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy before Masses; **The decorating committee, especially Mark and Susie Fredenberg, Dean and Brenda VanDeHey, Laurie Brandon, Toni Gunnerson and Sandie Waverek** 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** and the **Risen Christ choir** 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.

April 15 & 16, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$765
Building Envelopes	15
Easter Envelopes	4950
Mass & Stole Gifts	45
Total	\$5775

THANK YOU



Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. You can bring it to Mass or bring it to the office during the week.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund 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.

TEAM RCIA

Friday, April 28, 6:30-9:00pm and

Saturday, April 29, 9:00-4:00 pm

Sponsored for the Diocese of Helena by blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Missoula with assisting grants from the Diocese of Helena & the foundation for the Diocese of Helena.

This institute will equip your team with the skills they need to plan, implement, and evaluate powerful RCIA rituals. Register online at www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org

LADIES LUNCHEON

Please sign up in the social area if you would like to attend the Ladies Luncheon on May 6th.

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 2:42-47

Those who believed shared all things in common.

1Peter 1:3-9

He gave us new birth which draws its life from the resurrection.

John 20:19-31

Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.

Faith implies more than mere declaration; it implies action-conscious decisions that reflect Christ's love and concern for the poor, the suffering and the persecuted among us.

To be disciples of Jesus requires that we continually go beyond where we now are. To obey the call of Jesus means separating ourselves from all attachments and affiliations that could prevent us from hearing and following our authentic vocation. To set out on the road to discipleship is to dispose oneself for a share in the cross (cf. John 16:20). To be a Christian, according to the New Testament, is not simply to believe with one's mind, but also to become a doer of the word, a wayfarer with and a witness to Jesus.

♦The Challenge of Peace, 276

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are:

Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill and Loren Vranish

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

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

May 19 & 20, 2017 at Immaculate Conception, Polson, Montana

To register, go to ShowMyEvent.com

National speaker and EWTN & Catholic Answers favorite: **MATT FRADD**

Bringing Men Together In Christ!

SPARROW'S NEST OF NORTHWEST MONTANA NEED

We have received our building permits and materials to start renovation on the Kalispell house and are now in need of construction workers. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping with framing and carpentry, please contact the Sparrow's Nest office at 406-309-5196 or see Kelli in the parish office.

FOR OUR YOUTH

BIBLE STUDY: Thursday mornings 7:00 am, Wheat Montana, **Kalispell**

High School Search: April 21-23

End of the Year CYRO BBQ: May 3rd at 6:30 Risen Christ Parish

SON LIGHT RAFFLE

Help support youth in our diocese and parish by purchasing a raffle ticket to win a brand new 2016 Subaru Crosstrek 2.0i Limited. Tickets are \$25 each available in the Parish Office. The drawing will be held Friday, October 6, 2017 at the 12th Annual Son Light Celebration. Register to attend at www.showmyevent.com. (Winner need not be present to win.) Risen Christ Youth will receive back \$5 for each ticket sold.

POSITION OPENING

Would you like to accompany the faith journey of the young Catholic faithful?

Is your heart calling you to service with young people in your community?

THE DIOCESE OF HELENA:

We believe that we are called to transform our lives and the world around us, bearing the Light of Christ into places of darkness, extending a preferential option for the poor, and committing ourselves to walk faithfully with the living Christ, sharing from the abundance that we have received.

THE POSITION:

We are looking for a Manager of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. You must have a master's degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry or a related field (an equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered), three years' experience and demonstrated successful leadership in a parish or diocesan ministry. SALARY - \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year depending on experience and education.

LOCATION:

515 N. Ewing, (Chancery) Helena, MT

WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY? Because these things are important to us:

Generous benefit package.

Team collaboration.

Open communication.

Learning opportunities.

Spiritual growth.

INTERESTED?

Please send resume to Carmae Fawaz either by mail or online.

Diocese of Helena, P.O. Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624-1729 or

cfawaz@diocesehelena.org

Applications will be accepted through midnight on Friday, April 28, 2017.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2017

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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
Gerald Luther, rb Bruce and Carol Trimble
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Ron Anderson, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Ron Anderson, rb John & Connie Babb
Ron Anderson, rb Roy and Sandra Beheler
Elmer Alger, rb Babe Alger and Family

LIFE TOUCH DIRECTORY

The date for our LifeTouch Directory is April 25-29. The website is now available for you to sign up. On the weekend of **April 22 & 23** there will be sign-up sheets in the social area.

Go to <http://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9qt9hzk2/> to access the website. After you are in and have selected your day and time and personal information, you will need to enter a **personalized login and password**. If you need help, you can call the parish office and we will be happy to help.

By participating, you will receive a free 8 x 10 photo, a printed directory and an online directory.

If you aren't available for any of these dates and would like to submit your own photo, there will be a charge of \$10.00 per photo. Checks to be made out to Risen Christ Parish. Bring your photo to the office and we will scan it and submit it for you. Military personnel can submit a photo for free.

FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Legendary Lodge on Salmon Lake, **July 21-22, 2017**
Open to women 21 and up. Limited to first 80 registrants
Cost is \$100 per person. Register at ShowMyEvent.com

CATHOLICS COME HOME

Discover the history, beauty, spirituality and accomplishments of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago. We are Catholic. Welcome home!
<http://www.catholicscomehome.org/>

WINE

Women In the New Evangelization Presents INTO THE DEEP

Growing in Intimacy with God through Silent Prayer

May 3, 2018, St. Matthew Church

6:00 pm - Social in the Doran Center

7:00 pm – Presentation in the Church

Presented by Fr. Jeremiah Shryock, CRF

“Silence, Our Greatest Need”

All are welcome



Father Jeremiah Myriam Shryock, CFT, entered into the Community of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal in 2002 and was ordained a priest in 2011. He has served in various roles of formation and is currently a Spiritual Director residing at the House of Prayer in Monticello, New York.

FLOWERS

We invite anyone who wishes to designate money to our flower fund to send a check or drop by the parish office. We will use the money throughout the year to purchase live flowers to adorn the altar area.

ROSARIES

We have available for sale rosaries of fine quality hand made by one of our parishioners. They are available in the parish office for a suggested donation of \$7.00-\$10.00.

All proceeds will go to Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana.



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.

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for the home
April 23, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter
John 20: 19-31

I must be honest. This is one of my favorite gospels. Perhaps because I too can be a doubting Thomas. I have studied the theology of faith for almost a half century. I have come to realize that the act of faith is far from simple. And for each of us, it can change as the years pass. How I believed as a child, as a teen, as a young adult, as a middle adult and now, as an older adult, has been altered by events in my life and by all that I have learned about God and myself and the created universe.

What if we doubt something related to faith? Let's go to one of the deepest questions of faith: Did God create the universe? When I began the study of contemporary science, there were times when I wondered about the God of creation. Scientists would say there is no scientific proof of a Creator. Maybe it all came to be by chance. I learned about the Big Bang. Did God create that? Is there any evidence that God created the spark that set off the Big Bang? What about how the universe developed. Is there any proof that God had a hand in it?

All of this might suggest that one might doubt the need for God or for an act of God in explaining the universe. As I learned more and more about this, I began to wonder. And doubt. Maybe there is no need for "a God" to explain anything?

I realized that I had to reformulate my idea of God as I learned more and more about the history of the universe. What I came to was an idea of God that was much more wondrous than I had ever imagined. For me God changed from being the biggest thing imaginable to one who could create the biggest thing imaginable. A God who in some sense is infinitely far away from us and at the same time, closer to us than we are to ourselves. This was the teaching of St. Augustine, one of the greatest theologians of the early Church. This was a challenging idea!

I faced the question of exploring and explaining why there was something and not nothing at all. The answer for me was because God is and God wanted to create the universe with all its amazing processes and particularities, the trillions of stars and billions of galaxies which changed matter and energy and eventually there came to be you and me. Out of dust. Out of tiny molecules, out of sub-atomic particles. And God did this because God loves! I learned this wonderful truth because a few years back I too became a second doubting Thomas. And like the first one, my faith was strengthened.

David M. Thomas, PhD