
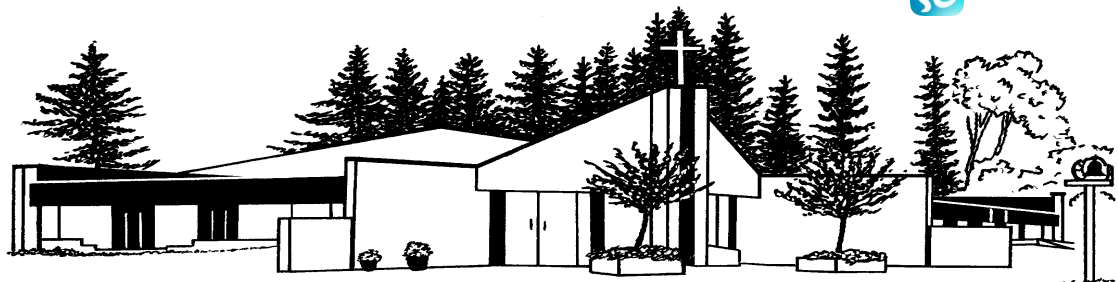


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Maryruth Fallon, Music Coordinator... Diane Slobojan, Pastoral Care Minister

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Mike O'Neil, Maintenance, 253-1464

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER..... May 21, 2017
Saturday, May 20, Mass for the Month of May Intentions 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 21, Mass for the Parish 9:30 am
Monday, May 22, Mass for the Int. of Andy Murphy, rb Don & Theresa West 8:45 am
Tuesday, May 23, Mass for the Int. of Joel Dickinson, rb Super Family 8:45 am
Wednesday, May 24 NO MASS
Thursday, May 25 NO MASS
Friday, May 26 NO MASS

Ministry Schedule, May 27 & 28, 2017

Ministry Schedule	Saturday, May 27, 5:00 pm	Sunday, May 28, 9:30 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Ron Bauer
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Margarite Bauer
		Jon McGraw
		Sandie Eckelberry
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Joe Riska	TJ Higgins
	Diane Slobojan	Leah McGraw
Greeter	Bob & Barbara Vine	Dan & Tammy Newton
Server	Gary Hembd	Ron Boespflug
	Tyler Durbin	Keegan Siebenaler

DATES TO REMEMBER

May	21	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus	After Mass
	22	Last Adult Bible Study	6:30 pm
	24	Choir	7:30 pm
	24 – 25	Priest Business Day, Helena	NO MASS
	28	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
	29	Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed	NO MASS
	30	Choir	7:30 pm
June	4	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
		Coffee hour in the Social Area after Mass	
	8	Food and Fellowship- Wheat Montana	11:30 am

Choir practice has been changed from Tuesday, May 23rd to Wednesday, May 24th.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

It's time to plant the garden and we need your help! This year we had a suggestion to plant only potatoes which will require less weeding and minimal care. If you can help, please call the office, 752-4219.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 1, 2017, Doug Tooke left his position at the Chancery in Youth and Young Adult Ministry after ten years of stellar service.

We have since been involved in a search for someone to follow Doug in writing the next chapter of this important ministry in our Diocese.

I am pleased to be able to share with you that we have offered the position of Manager of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Helena to Kevin Molm, and he has accepted.

Kevin currently works for Christ the King Parish in Missoula in Campus ministry. He will transition to Chancery services on June 1, 2017. Until he moves his family to Helena in the fall, Kevin will be working in both Missoula and Helena, with his base being in Missoula.

I am grateful to Kevin and his family for his resounding “yes” to this challenge, and for his enthusiasm for working in the faith formation of the youth and young adults of this Diocese. Please join with me in welcoming Kevin to this new ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

†George Leo Thomas

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas

Bishop of Helena

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sunday evening Mass will begin on June 18 at 6:30 pm through August 27. We will not schedule liturgical ministers for this Mass, but there will be a sign-up sheet on the reception desk for you to sign up for a ministry.

~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.

May 13 & 14, 2017	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3930
Total	\$3930

SON LIGHT
CELEBRATION



Win Me!



BEGINNING MARCH 17!!
RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR
YOUTH MINISTRY and LEGENDARY LODGE!



**PARTICIPATE IN THE 12TH ANNUAL
SON LIGHT CELEBRATION RAFFLE**

GRAND PRIZE: 2017 SUBARU CROSSTREK 2.0i Limited
(COMPLETE WITH A THULE ROCKET BOX AND REMOTE START)

Again this year! \$5/ticket sold will be distributed to the seller's parish
to fund Formation Services scholarships in the Diocese of Helena.
Over \$69,000 distributed to parishes from 2011—2016!

Tickets are \$25/chance. A maximum of 5,000 tickets will be sold.

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
AT THE SON LIGHT CELEBRATION IN HELENA.

PLACER MOTORS



Visit www.diocesehelena.org Stewardship Services for more raffle and event information.

Thank you for supporting Legendary Lodge and Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Helena.

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

RAGS TO RICHES RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, June 9, 8:00-5:00 & Sat. June 10, 8:00-2:00
St. John Paul II Catholic Church, Bigfork
For more information, contact Donna Danz, 892-2435.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11.
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

The Solemnity of the Ascension brings us to the final days of the Easter season and launches our preparation for Pentecost – the event that will signal a new beginning in the life of the Church. Luke, the author of Acts, recalls Jesus' instruction to wait in Jerusalem for the baptism of the Holy Spirit – which will be different from John's Baptism with water. The gift of the Holy spirit will enable the disciples to be Christ's witnesses "to the ends of the earth." Although they will serve in Jesus' mission, the Holy Spirit will make their work possible.

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:

Jamie Miller, 257-9636 and Judy Stack, 752-4411

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

Maggy McGraw, one of our youth of the parish and also a choir member and cantor, recently won first place at state for the National History Day competition and qualifies for the National competition in June. What an honor for her to represent Montana in Washington D.C.! If you would like to know more about her presentation or would like to help support her, please visit with her at church, or contact her by email lovethebooks14@gmail.com, or phone 890-2515. She also has a Go Fund Me page for fundraising.

FLATHEAD VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Kimberly Goll, a parishioner at St. Matthew Parish is organizing some young adult events for the summer to get to better know the young people from the churches in our valley. She is focusing on couples in their 20's and 30's. There will be some fun social events to meet and gather ideas for the direction she wants to take. The first event is an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 11, 2:00 pm at Lawrence Park. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call or email Kimberly at (472) 841-1509 or email Kimberly.goll01@gmail.com

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 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
Ron Anderson, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Ron Anderson, rb Jackie Jensen
Duane Onstad, rb Jackie Jensen
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen**

POP TOP TABS

Gabby LeDuc is collecting pop top tabs from aluminum beverage cans. This will benefit Ronald McDonald House in Spokane. Please put them in the carton near the literature table.



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.

JOB OPENING

Job opening at St. Matthew Parish for Pastoral Assistant for children and youth. This position administers (designs, develops, directs, and evaluates) the parish faith formation and sacramental preparation for grades K-12 and provides leadership to assist a parish community in building solid foundation for its youth in spirituality, Christian living, ministry and outreach. This is an exempt position with a competitive salary and great benefits. To obtain an application and complete job description email parish@stmattsaints.org.

PROGRAM FOR LAY MINISTRY (PFLM)

Theological Foundations

Gather with Carroll College Theology Faculty for this enriching faith formation series experience as we endeavor to “*Think with the Church*”. Engage in fellowship, excellent instruction and gain a theological foundation through this unique offering.

This course is primarily offered for personal enrichment. Always discuss ahead of time with your pastor if you feel called to volunteer or engage in parish ministry in the future.

Cycle One and Two will be held in the Kalispell Deanery with Cycle One at St. John Paul II Parish in Bigfork. Cycle One will begin October 21-22, 2017 with monthly meetings, completing on May 26-27, 2018.

This course may also be taken for credit through Carroll College. For credit information, contact Dr. John Ries, (406) 447-4334.

Registration is conducted exclusively online at www.showmyevent.com. Credit card payment is due at the time of registration. Refunds are granted only if requested prior to the first class of each yearly cycle.

Fees are \$600 for Cycles One and Two (full payment for course)

\$300 at the start of each Cycle. Payment must be submitted before the start of the Cycle. Commitment to attend both Cycles is expected.

\$150 at the start and mid-way through each Cycle. Payment must be submitted before the start of the Cycle. Payment for 2nd half of a Cycle must be made before January of the Cycle year. Commitment to attend both Cycles is expected.

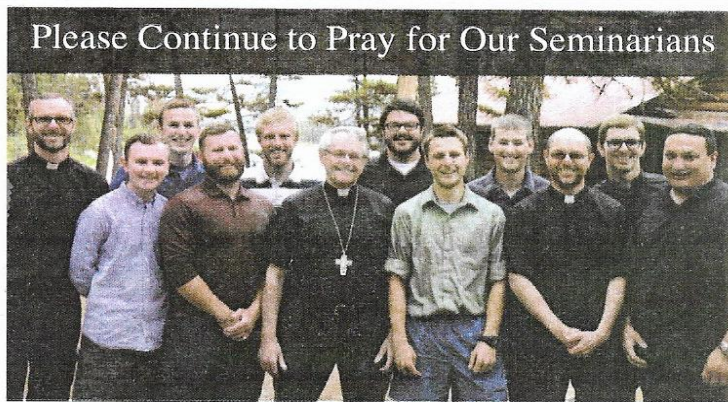
SAVE THE DATE!

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA, “HEALING & HOPE RETREAT”

Rwandan Genocide Survivor, Author of “Left to Tell”

October 6, 5-9 pm and October 7, 8 am – 12 noon, St. Ann’s Church, Butte, MT

For information, go to www.immaculee.com, Click on Shop/Events - Retreats



From Left: Fr. Marc Lenneman, Nick Modrow, Nathan Scheidecker, Tyler Fröhlich, Cody Kruegar, Bishop Thomas, Matthew Christiaens, Kyle Tannehill, Joshua Harrison, Deacon Joseph Paddock, Deacon Kirby Longo, Shannon Augare.

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for the home
May 21, 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 14:15-21

What does it feel like to be an orphan? Due to widespread emigration and forced migration, today's world has an abundance of orphans. Their parents might have been killed in various civil wars or through starvation, which sadly is still rampant in some parts of the world. How ironic this is given that one of the major health hazards in prosperous countries is obesity.

Of course, there were even orphans during the time of Jesus. How many is only a guess but we do know that children who lost both parents were often left to find their own way. We can only imagine how lonely and how frightening it would be to not have the protection and care of a family.

Jesus wanted to assure his followers that God would remain with them no matter what. They would never be left alone. His physical departure from them would initiate another form of God being with them – and with us. God's Holy Spirit would be there – wherever they went, whatever they did. God's Spirit would dwell within their hearts.

So why do we need to be told about this? The answer is simple. We need to be reminded, over and over again, of God's immediate presence because we forget about this! In matters of the spirit, we are terribly forgetful. We all have the disease of *spiritual amnesia*.

The problem is not that God is absent because God is always with us. The problem is that we are often absent from God. We fill our God Spot (as some put it) with junk, with trivia, with idle gossip (Pope Francis recently mentioned this), with useless worries, with statistics of ball scores and batting averages, with noise from the barking of politicians and celebrities, with all the stuff that is sent our way through the media of our time.

So, what's the solution? First, we need to know that our forgetfulness of God's presence is not God's fault. It's ours. Our religious tradition does offer some time-tested remedies for spiritual amnesia. One is silence where we quiet the sounds around us and in us and think of God. Imagine God right next to us, which God is. Knowing this is *our* problem is part of finding God's Spirit within.

David Thomas, PhD



Register Now for Legendary Lodge Camps!

Legendary Lodge camps affirm the great Truths of the Catholic faith for campers during a week-long adventure of fun and fellowship. Salmon Lake is the setting for creating memories, building friendships, and experiencing God's profound love.

Scholarships are available for any youth seeking to go to camp this summer. For more information. Contact Lois Synness at: lsynness@diocesehelena.org (406) 389-7068

To learn more, and register for camp, head to our new website:

legendarylodge.org

