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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	JULY 30, 2017
Saturday, July 29, Mass for the Month of July Intentions	•
Sunday, July 30, Mass for the Parish	
Mass for the Souls in Purgatory, rb The Super Family	
Monday, July 31 – Friday, Aug 4	

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	AUGUST 6, 2017
Saturday, August 5, 2017, Mass for the Month of August Intentions	5:00 pm
Sunday, August 6, 2017, Mass for the Parish	9:30 am
Mass for the Int. of Carolynn Moritz	6:30 pm
Monday, August 7, 2017, Mass for the Soul of Jerrolyn Peters, rb Diane S	lobojan 8:45 am
Tuesday, August 8, 2017, Mass for the Soul of Anthony Herbold, rb Chris	Herbold 8:45 am
Wednesday, August 9, 2017, Mass for the Int. of Sean West, rb The Wes	ťs12:10 pm
Thursday, August 10, 2017, Mass for the Soul of Jeff Norick, rb The Noric	cks' 9:00 am
Friday, August 11, 2017	NO MASS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 – Aug 4 No daily Mass and the Parish Office will be closed

Aug 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

- 13 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 14 No Daily Mass, Funeral Mass for Judy Carr......11:00 am
- 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 - Mass 8:45 am and 6:00 pm

20 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The deadline for bulletin announcements is noon on Wednesdays and the deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursdays.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for food and fellowship on Thursday, August 10th at 11:30 am at Prestige Assisted Living. It's always a fun time and our parishioners there would love to see you!

Ministry	Sat, Aug 5, 5:00 pm	Sun, Aug 6, 9:30 am	Sun, Aug 6, 6:30 pm
Minister of the Plate	Suzanne Johnson	Ron Boespflug	
Minister of the Cup	Bert Eickert	Tom Berquist	Anne Mahoney
	Deacon Floyd	Julie Berquist	
		Connie McCubbins	
		Deacon Floyd	
Lector	Jackie Jensen	Pati Heath	
	Diane Slobojan	Mary Reckin	
Greeter	Lee & Vicki	Betty & Neil Heino	
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Server	Gary Hembd	Matthew Brockman	
	Abby Mitchell	Kaitlyn Brockman	

Ministry Schedule, August 5 & 6

Ministry Schedule, August 12 & 13

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Ministry	Sat, Aug 12, 5:00	Sun, Aug 13, 9:30 am	Sun, Aug 13, 6:30 pm
	pm		
Minister of the Plate	Jovita Kottraba	Roger Ackerly	
Minister of the Cup	Linda Zimmerman	Kathie Ackerly	
	Don Zimmerman	Lois Zebro	
		Joe Riska	
		Deacon Floyd	
Lector	Andrea Wright	Alan Ruby	Carol Jellison
	Suzanne Johnson	Sam Louden	Gene Jellison
Greeter	Robins Family	Arlene Hughes/ Kathleen Cotner	
Server	Mike Wright		
	Olivia McRae		

~<u>OUR GIFT TO GOD</u> ~

"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.

July 22 & 23, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	
Building Envelopes	
Holy Day Envelopes	
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Total

\$4758

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



GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PROJECT

A big **THANK YOU** to Mike O'Neil and his helpers: Fr. Stan, Ron Bauer, Gary Hembd, Mike Hanson, Richard Hanson and Mark Fredenberg. They all worked on the grounds this week, by mowing and preparing several areas to be seeded. As a result, we will have a beautiful lawn by next summer.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that can adversely affect the lives of others. Do we exercise good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Do we share our compassionate hearts with others?

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 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 Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen Don Ryan, rb Dave and Anne Mahoney Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2017

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 Karel Barrett, rb Ken Barrett

RETROUVAILLE

September 29-October 1, 2017

Best Western Plus, Flathead Lake Inn & Suites, Kalispell, Montana Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13	Elijah waits for the Lord.
Romans 9:1-5	I speak the truth in Christ
Matthew 14:22-33	Lord, tell me to come to you across the water.

Given the situations we confront today, lack of faith will be just as disastrous for us as it almost was for Peter. God will always be there to catch us when we begin to sink.

We cannot be frightened by the magnitude and complexity of these problems. We must not be discouraged. In the midst of this struggle, it is inevitable that we become aware of greed, laziness, and envy. No utopia is possible on this earth; but as believers in the redemptive love of God and as those who have experienced God's forgiving mercy, we know that God's providence is not and will not be lacking to us today.

♦ Economic Justice for All, 364



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.

POP TOP TABS

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

ST. MATTHEW'S PRESCHOOL



WE ARE NOW ENROLLING FOR 2017-18 CLASSES!! M W F 8:30-11:30 (KIDS TURNING 4 BY SEPT.10) T TH 8: 30-11:30 (KIDS TURNING 3 BY SEPT.10) SMALL CLASS SIZES WITH CERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT Call today to reserve your child's spot! 406-752-6303



YOUTH MINISTER POSITION OPENING

Risen Christ Parish is looking for a **Religious Formation Coordinator** to lead the 7-12 youth group beginning in September. This is a part time paid position. If you are interested or would like more information about the position, please contact the parish office or Fr. Stan. Applications are available in the parish office.



ST. MARY PEAK PILRIMAGE, STEVENSVILLE, MT.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual St. Mary Peak Pilgrimage Hike on Sunday, August 13, 2017. The rosary will be prayed at designated locations along the trail. Mass will be celebrated at the peak with Father David Severson as celebrant. The hike is about 7.5 miles round trip with 2400' of elevation gain. Participants should be well-prepared for changing weather conditions and have sturdy boots, water, lunch and snacks. The St. Mary Parish Knights of Columbus will be providing a BBQ for participants at the parish following the hike.



The Nazareth Page A gospel thought for the home July 30th, 2017 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matt. 13:44-52

To be an Olympic champion is a great achievement. How overwhelming must be that feeling when standing atop the podium with a gold medal around one's neck. All those sacrifices and countless hours of training were all worth it!

But before the victory, what are the feelings? How does it feel during those countless hours of training when one could have been doing much more enjoyable activities? How difficult it is to give your all before any victory is won. And while preparing, one is not sure of the victory. As we say, "It's all up in the air." No future is certain.

Many philosophers have noted that giving oneself totally *to one thing* can feel very much like a wager. In that sense, one bets that one's effort will result in a specific outcome, which might or might not happen in the future. There's risk. There's uncertainty.

Jesus said that anyone who is committed to him will live in a certain way. Doing the right thing always rules out other possibilities. Today's gospel says it is like selling all that one has, and buying the field that might have hidden treasure, or purchasing a shell that might have a pearl inside. When we dedicate ourselves to following Jesus and serving others, it's like we bet our lives that Jesus is right.

Parents and grandparents and other care-givers know what it means to give up much to help others. The government tries to estimate each year how much it costs to raise one child from birth until adulthood. The figures are high. If parents have more than one child, the cost is even more. Unless they own an oil well or have won the lottery, parents sell all they possess to help support their children.

They give not only their financial resources; they give their time, their energy, their attention, the very substance of themselves for the betterment of their children. Good parents do this continuously and good parents don't count the costs. They are surely part of God's kingdom.

There are other examples of selfless giving for the sake of others. Many teachers, medical personnel, clergy and social workers give up large parts of their own lives so that others may live more fully. Only God knows the number of people who have given their all to follow Jesus. And some day we may be surprised to learn who these people are.

David 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