
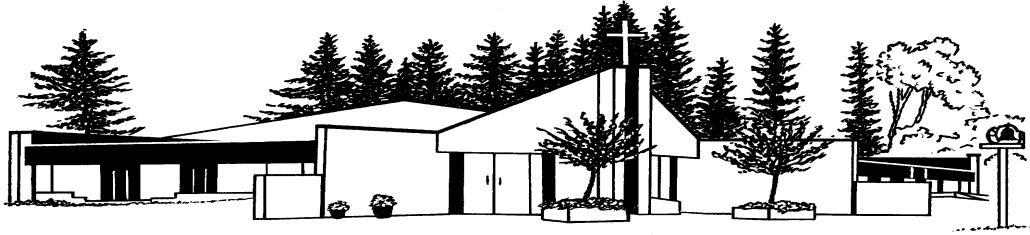


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mike O'Neil, Maintenance, 253-1464

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....DECEMBER 3, 2017

Saturday, December 3, Mass for the December Intentions 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 3, Mass for the Parish 9:30 am

Monday, December 4, Mass for the Soul of Maurice & Jane West, rb West Family.... 8:45 am

Tuesday, December 5 Mass for the Int of Health of Burt Barr, rb West Family 8:45 am

Wednesday, December 6 Mass for the Int. of Robert & Charlotte Hunter, rb West's 12:10 pm

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 2016, Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7 Vigil..... 6:00 pm

Friday, December 8 Mass for the Parish..... 8:45 am

Ministry Schedule, Thursday, December 7, & Friday, December 8, 2017

MINISTRY	Thursday Vigil 6:00 pm	Friday, 8:45 am
Plate Minister	Maureen Neitzling	Ron Bauer
Cup Minister	Connie McCubbins	Margarite Bauer
	Deacon Floyd	Patti Slack
Lector	Carol Jellison	Suzanne Johnson
	Gene Jellison	Diane Slobojan
Greeter	Dave & Mary Jacobs	Arleen Hughes/Kathleen Cotner
Server	Ron Boespflug	Mike Wright
	Olivia McRae	

Ministry Schedule, December 9, &10, 2017

MINISTRY	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30am
Plate Minister	Bert Eickert	Roger Ackerly
Cup Minister	Linda Zimmerman	Kathie Ackerly
	Don Zimmerman	Mike Hanson
		Lilia Hattel
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Pati Heath	TJ Higgins
	Paul Heath	Kim Wakefield
Greeter	Betty & Neil Heino	Mark & Susie Fredenberg
Server	Abby Mitchell	Keegan Siebenaler
		Gabby LeDuc

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Coffee Hour	After Mass
		Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
	5	Choir	7:00 pm
		Pastoral Council	5:00 pm
	6	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	7	Immaculate Conception Vigil,.....	6:00 pm
	8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Holy Day of Obligation	8:45 am
	9	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	10	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Religious Retirement Collection	
		Valley Voices Concert at Risen Christ	3:00 pm
		Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
	12	KC Ladies Dinner at Perkins	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:00 pm
	13	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	14	Food and Fellowship, Evergreen Applebee's	11:30 am
	16	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 10:00-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon, Wednesday. The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

~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.

November 23, 25 & 26, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$3557
Building Envelopes	50
Thanksgiving Envelopes	600
Holyday Envelopes	25
Christmas Envelopes	15
Mass & Stole Gifts	10
Total	\$4257

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

.If you are interested in lighting one of the Advent Wreath candles at the Saturday or Sunday Masses during Advent, please call Anne Mahoney at 406-257-2731.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND EVENING PRAYER

During advent sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please sign up in the social area if you would like to lead the Chaplet.

There will also be Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm on Sunday evenings during advent

PARENTS OF YOUNG VOICES

This Christmas, all young children are invited to process forward with Father Stan to carry the "Baby Jesus" to the manger at the 6:30 pm Mass.

Children should gather in the church social area prior to Mass to prepare for entry, by 6:20 pm on Christmas Eve. We also invite all young children coming to the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass to sing "Away in a Manger" for one of the preludes. Please arrive by 6:00 pm and gather in the entryway with Heidi Durbin, who will assist you. Following the songs you can walk back to prepare for processing with Father Stan.

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 20th at 7 pm: If you would like to sing and can't make that practice, or have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF December, 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

Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb

Ron Anderson, rb Larry & Betty Visocan

Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen

Karel Barrett, rb Ken Barrett

Gary Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble

Judy Carr, rb Reta Sweeney

VALLEY VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Valley Voices Community Choir, under the direction of our own Allyson Kuechmann, proudly presents: "Jingle All the Way". There will be two free performances!

Saturday, December 9th 7 pm at Flathead High School and

Sunday, December 10th 3 pm here at Risen Christ Church!

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

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

SAVE THE DATE-

The 41st Annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Coalition Convention

March 9-11, 2018!

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way of the Lord!

2 Peter 3:8-14

The day of the Lord will come like a thief.

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptizer proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

It is difficult to imagine ourselves following the example of John the Baptizer, stripping away all but the essentials in order to be unencumbered in announcing the Lord's presence. For us to be messengers of God's mercy and models of God's justice, we need to let go of all that holds us back.

At times we will be called upon to say no to the cultural manifestations that emphasize values and aims that are selfish, wasteful, and opposed to the Scriptures. Together we must reflect on our personal and family decisions and curb unnecessary wants in order to meet the needs of others. There are many questions we must keep asking ourselves: Are we becoming ever more wasteful in a "throw-away" society? Are we able to distinguish between our true needs and those thrust on us by advertising and a society that values consumption more than saving? All of us could well ask ourselves whether as a Christian prophetic witness we are not called to adopt a simpler lifestyle, in the face of the excessive accumulation of material goods that characterize an affluent society. ♦ Economic Justice for All, 334

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

"Three to Get Married"

An overnight retreat for engaged couples will be held at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork on Friday, January 26th, 2018. Registration deadline is Monday, January 8th, 2018. Online registration is available at: <https://www.showmyevent.com> under the name "Three to Get Married". For more information please call the Parish Office at 837-4846.

RETRouvaille

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana - February 2-4, 2018

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. 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

RISEN CHRIST GIVING TREE

The Risen Christ Giving Tree will benefit the
Neighbors In Need Sleeping Bag and Tent Project.
Cash donations are welcome and accepted through Advent!
Please make checks payable to Risen Christ.



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.



SPARROW'S NEST OF NORTHWEST MONTANA

"When the Night Comes"

Sparrow's Nest of NW MT is a non-profit and 501 (c)(3) with a mission of providing safe and supportive housing for unaccompanied homeless high school students in the Flathead Valley. Our annual fundraiser **"When the Night Comes"** is soon approaching. It will be held at **St Peter Lutheran Church in Whitefish, 201 Wisconsin Avenue, on December 9th from 7pm to 7am.** We will stay out all night in solidarity with those who are homeless in our community.

If you would like to participate in the sleep out or volunteer for this event, please visit our website, sparrowsnestnwmt.org, call **406-309-5196**, or email us at admin@sparrowsnestnwmt.org.
for all the details and to sign up,

HEART LOCKER

The Heart Locker takes in clothing for our homeless teens. Risen Christ parishioners have been very generous in delivering good, clean used clothing. If you have items to deliver, the location is 514 E. Washington St. right behind Taco Bell (use the door to the far left). The hours that donations are accepted are: Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. and Wednesdays from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. The Heart Locker is not open on school holidays. If you have difficulty delivering your items, please bring them to church and let the secretaries know, and the clothing will be delivered. Risen Christ Parish's donations have been greatly appreciated through the years.

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for the home
December 3rd, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:33-37

Each year God creates a new year. In the Catholic Church this new year begins with this first Sunday of Advent. The expectation is that during this coming year some new opportunities might come our way. The Spirit of God is always active, inviting us to be a part of what St. Paul called “the new creation.” Thus, we are invited in today’s gospel to be on the watch. Be alert to new possibilities. One of Pope Francis’s favorite images is that life (with all its many parts) is a *gift from God*. Each year is a gift. Each day is a gift. Each moment is a gift.

When Mark’s gospel was written, there was a widespread expectation among the early followers of Jesus that Jesus was returning a second time. This belief gave rise to many reactions. Some were hopeful because his first coming didn’t seem to change much. Israel remained under Roman domination, so there was no obvious political change. People still had to work hard to survive, so the great prosperity that many had hoped for didn’t come either. So, a rumour circulated that Jesus was returning “to finish the job.”

It’s now about 2,000 years later and some are still expecting a miraculous return of Jesus. Although, given the temper of our times, many are saying that this time Jesus will come with anger and wrath.

You may wonder what the Catholic Church says about this, so here’s a mini-lesson on this matter. Obviously, the first coming of Jesus has already occurred. We celebrate that historical event each year on Christmas. And based on descriptions in the New Testament, there will be another coming of Jesus at the end of time. When this will be we simply don’t know. From time to time, someone states that they know. Occasionally, they even give a date. All have been wrong.

But there’s a third kind of coming and today that’s where we should focus our attention. Be on the *watch* for the coming into your life of Jesus in the form of an elderly relative, an anxious spouse, a confused teen, a lonely neighbor, a fearful child. Or it might even be you who needs attention. Christ Jesus is with us. Christ has come, is coming and will come again. So, watch! Be alert! New opportunities will come with this new year. Be ready to respond whenever appropriate. Jesus awaits.

David M. Thomas, PhD